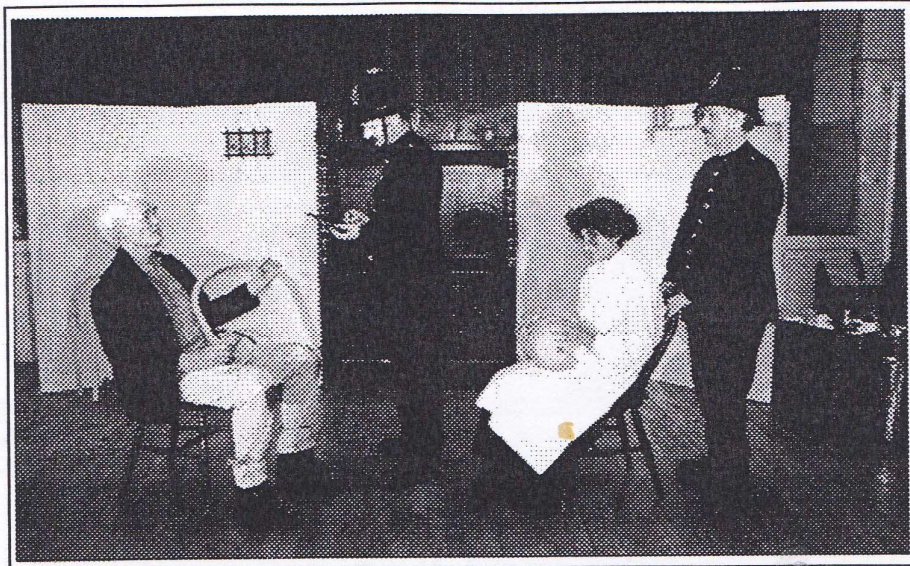


SPEEN SUPPORTERS GROUP

"POT LUCK" raises £1,700 for hospices



The "Pot Luck" cast: l to r Martin Stockley, Jeremy Symondson, Judy Redrup, Wynne Davies

Audiences were treated to an evening of pure Buckinghamshire from "The New Buckinghamshire Players" and friends at Naphill Village Hall in March in aid of the Speen Supporters Group. The event was entitled "Pot Luck" after the short farce of that name written nearly 100 years ago in Naphill by the enigmatic Gertrude Robins, a young and famous actress who was living in Moseley Lodge at the time. When performed in 1910 by local villagers, the play attracted the patronage of such as G K Chesterton, John Masefield and Jerome K Jerome and was previewed by almost all the national press. This time, there was not quite the same exalted attention, but nevertheless local interest was such that the performers had to extend the run to three nights from the original two. The play was directed by Marjorie Stockley and told a lighthearted tale of poaching and pompous policemen. Also on offer were some wonderfully whimsical poems from Stuart King, delivered with humour and feeling in his native Holmer Green accent, and a selection of little heard old Bucks folk-songs from Phil Howell. In between these various entertainments a Bucks meal of Bacon Badger and Cherry Pie was delivered to the tables. The verdict from everyone seemed to be that it had been a truly enjoyable evening. It is very gratifying to report that as a result

over £1,700 was raised for five local hospices.

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