

Party Piece

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It is the night of Michael and Roma's fancy dress house-warming party and a BBQ is planned. The evening looks to be a lively one until a string of disasters strike, including a distinct lack of guests and food, a marauding Zimmer frame and the prospect of an irate husband on the prowl. Michael's and Roma's patience is further tried by the arrival of their neighbours, the indomitable Mrs Hinson, who brings her own brand of party entertainment in the form of the domestic squabbles of her son (David) and daughter-in-law (Jennifer). Guests Toby and Sandy bring their own brand of sexual tension and eccentricity to the proceedings which end, not surprisingly, in chaos.

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in order of appearance

Michael Smethurst Stuart Tomkins
Roma Smethurst, his wife Laura McClung
Mrs Hinson Jan Hudson
David, her son Phil Embury
Jennifer, her daughter-in-law Colin Bailey
Sandy Anna Price

Synopsis of Scenes

The action of the play takes place in the gardens of the Smethursts and the Hinsons

ACT1

A Saturday afternoon in summer

INTERVAL of 20 minutes

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Seven fifteen, the same evening

Time—the recent past

PRODUCTION TEAM

Jack Griffith Director Frances King & Iain MacFarlane Stage Managers Peter Davis Set Design Aileen Aitcheson Prompt Chris Cathles Lighting and Sound By the Cast Wardrobe Soo Tomkins Properties Members of the Whips Stage Construction Jack Griffith Poster Colin Bailey Programme June Bailey and members of the Supper Night Courtesy of Wills and Smerdon Box Office and Printing Kevin Tomkins Photography

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