

## **Tons Of Money, Shinfield Players Theatre**

Evans and Valentine's classic farce first hit the stage in 1922 and while Alan Ayckbourn's updated version doubtless rendered it more suitable for modern day audiences, it failed to clearly establish just which era the revised work had been set in (apart from it being pre-decimal!).

However, this did not prevent Gordon Bird from having a whale of a time playing Aubrey Allington (plus, in disguise, a succession of other hapless characters) as, egged on by his conniving wife Louise (Hannah Walker), he conspired to get his hands on his late cousin George's fortune.

But was George really dead - and if not, could Jane, George's former wife (Karen Bird) identify him from any impostors by the way he kissed?

The principal characters were well supported by the other members of the cast, with Keith Harding stealing the show each time he appeared in his cameo role as Giles the gardener.