

Whitby comes to Whitley

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Paris, eat your heart out - a local theatre company are ensuring that the famous "last tango" takes place in the rather less exotic climes of North Yorkshire, courtesy of a heartwarming comedy by Radio 2 regular Mike Harding.

Each winter a group of friends take off to the seaside resort of Whitby for a 'Golden Age' holiday, but Pat has been recently widowed and, although she is determined to have fun, she's not expecting that love will come around a second time.

Her old friends - kind-hearted Jimmy and Joan, gentle, innocent Jessie and Maureen, know-it-all Henry and the out-spoken Kathleen - all rally around her, and the annual holiday kicks off as lively as ever. But when Pat takes to the dance floor with Phil, who has been trapped in a loveless marriage for more years than he cares to remember, the sparks start to fly. To the shock of their friends and family, the pair decide to grab their second chance by the throat and start a new life together...

Packed with characters familiar to anyone who's ever taken a holiday at the seaside, Last Tango in Whitby - which couldn't come at a better time, as England goes ballroom dancing crazy - is performed by Shinfield Players at their Shinfield Road theatre from Wednesday (November 17) until Saturday (20). Tickets are £7. Contact: 0118 926 7135.