

*Spring Grove Fringe - 2024*

# *Chance Encounters*

*Comedy sketches of conversations  
on a park bench, followed by a Quiz*

*Charity No. 1150982*

# Chance Encounters

by Jay Cundell Walker

**Chance Encounters** maps the conversations on a quiet park bench throughout an ordinary day in October.

**The Break Up** — Our first couple are breaking up. Was it ever love? How can he collect his stuff from the flat without an argument and what about the custody of George?

**Slimming Planet** — Next we discover Lorna, who's a bit overweight and forever trying to lose it. She's on the look-out for love again and hoping that her latest diet will help her find it. Could it be the next person who sits by her?

**The Skateboard** — And whatever is the world coming to these days? Honestly, nobody's got any manners anymore! Two 'mature' ladies have a lot to say, especially about getting older and even more about the youth of today!

**Mrs N** — ... and finally the last visitor to the bench. We've all seen her before haven't we? Quite a lot to say, but is anyone listening?

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## Jay Cundell Walker

Jay (Jamesine) was the Artistic Director of Ilkley Playhouse from 2017–2023. This is a beautiful community theatre on the banks of the River Wharfe in Yorkshire. She was instrumental in putting on at least ten productions a year there in their two theatres. She also directs for other groups, especially musicals.



A graduate in drama and English, Jay spent many years working in education including being a Headteacher in a Primary School. She has always been a writer but moved into play writing when she ran her own touring theatre company the Jay Walkers.

Jay writes about themes from her personal experience which resonate with audiences.

## The Cast

Bobby	Laurie South
Alex	Janice Smith
Lorna	Julia Becker
Marti	James Farrant
Dora	Lynn Charlton
Cissie	Val Boyle
Mrs N	Sandie Glenny
Passers-by	Chris Brooks, Tony Tresigne, Kyle French-Wollen, Becca Knifton

## The Crew

Front of house	Tessa Kind
Sound	Mark Springthorpe
Lighting	Nigel Duffin
Stage team	Tony Tresigne, Kyle French-Wollen
Bar	Jayne Britten, Sandy Gavshon
Catering team	Sarah Richardson, Jenny Robson, Mary Webb, Amanda Shaw
Directed by	Val Boyle and Lynn Charlton

Following this show, donations will be made to the charities  
**Alzheimer's Society** and **MAN&BOY**.

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## Quiz on the Bench

Debuting for the SGF this evening are long term supporters Steve and Tessa, bringing their general knowledge quiz with booby prizes, competitions and hopefully some entertaining musical input.

Certainly a conversation piece! ...

You may be rewarded for good behaviour,  
punished for bad – you have been warned!





## *Alzheimer's Society*

From the moment someone starts worrying about their symptoms, Alzheimer's Society can be there for them.



Dementia Advisers provide critical support to people throughout their experiences with dementia. Their depth and breadth of knowledge mean that everyone affected by dementia can have personalised support that truly meets their needs.

We look to the future as well, investing in ground-breaking research into better ways of treating and caring for people with dementia.

## *MAN&BOY*

Every boy needs a positive male role model in their life, and especially during childhood. This relationship is most commonly filled by their dad but when this isn't possible, another significant man in a boy's life could take this place.



MAN&BOY offer a number of opportunities designed to build trust and confidence between men & boys, to create strong and positive relationships.

MAN&BOY currently operates in South West London and the Surrey areas.

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