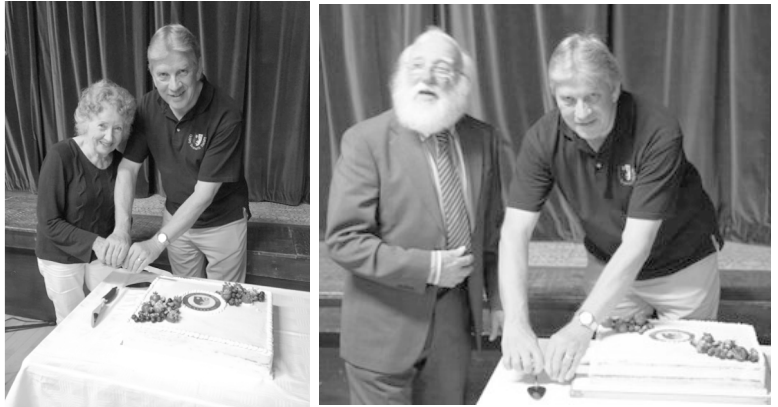


# ODS CELEBRATES BEING 70



A packed hall saw *Ockley Dramatic Society* celebrate its 70th year in style earlier this summer.

The society reproduced two productions from its past: *A World Without Men*, performed in our inaugural year in 1948 followed by *Half an Idea*, (from 1982) by local tv playwright Bob Larbey. Both were comedies and the audience found them as funny today as the original audiences did.

Current chairman Martin Pratt welcomed the audience, giving a brief history and update. Currently the society is in its strongest position with a committed membership of around fifty members. Recent years have seen a concentration on our ever more ambitious pantomimes but our increasing membership means we can now return to two productions a year.

A generous cold supper of breads, salads and cheeses was served in the interval. Two specially commissioned celebration cakes made an appearance, one on each night, to round off the meal.

Pictured are (L) Jane Charman, former member of many years standing and (R) John Dendy, lifelong resident of Ockley, who joined the society in its second year (1949), both of whom helped Martin 'cut the cake'.

The society has ambitious plans for the future, interested folk can call Martin on 628155 for details.