

# OUR LATEST REVIEW June 2023

**Jake Revolver, Freelance Secret Agent came to Ockley.** In a break with tradition, Ockley Dramatic Society brought us something entirely different. Jake Revolver is a pastiche of the soap operas which began life on American radio in the 1930's ... This production, which was performed on three evenings in the middle of June was part of the celebration of the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Imagine a set which represents a radio broadcasting studio in post second world war America, with a cast reading scripts for a radio programme portraying the actions of our hapless hero Jake Revolver. ....The murder on stage of Jake's narrator provides Jake with a live case which he pursues through the rest of the performance. The antagonistic Lt Dan Anderson arrives to sort what he describes as Jake's mess. Other characters include Angel Fatale and the enigmatic Mr Cray, who provide insights into Jake's private life until it ends with the cliff hanger, essential for the opening of the next episode.

This is not all. Throughout the entire performance we are amused and sometimes startled by the Foley artist, the sound effects man, who entertains us by punctuating the story from the stage with explosions, skidding cars, thunder as well as ominous sounds like creaking doors and ringing phones. We are reminded of the sponsor's commercial interest by what we would now call advert breaks. In this case they extol the virtues of "Jitterz Whole Bean Coffee". To reinforce the message, Trudi, the spokesperson, says "After eighteen cups of Jitterz in the morning I'm alert and ready to tackle the world".

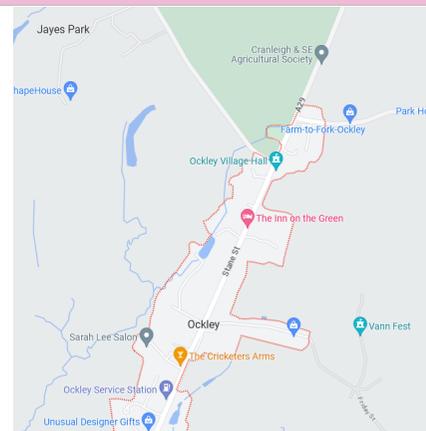
The dialogue is so riddled with puns, double entendres and innuendo as well as completely zany lines that you must pay close attention to catch it all: well worth the effort. Although set in the 1950's, there are frequent strange references to Beatles song titles.

In short, "Jake Revolver, Secret Agent for Hire" provided a complete evening's entertainment, made even more pleasurable by a genuinely delicious meal. Thank you, Ockley Dramatic Society.

Colin Seelig

Where to find us: Ockley Village Hall  
**Satnav:** RH5 5SY  
**What 3 words:**  
<https://w3w.co/convinces.together.skater>

**Parking:**  
at the Village Hall, if full 300 yards away  
at Inn on The Green PH Car Park



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## Open Day Sunday 10th September

We are throwing our doors open with a series of FREE one hour 'drop-in' workshops, open to all. Whether you stay for just the one workshop or decide to spend the day with us, you, your friends and family will all be made very welcome.

10.00: workshop 1	<b>LIGHTS, SOUND, ACTION!</b>
11.00: workshop 2	<b>BE VOICE CONFIDENT</b>
12.00: workshop 3	<b>DANCE FOR ADULTS</b>
13.00 - 13.30: Lunch	
13.30: workshop 4	<b>DANCE FOR CHILDREN</b>
14.30: workshop 5	<b>SING FOR FUN</b>
15.30: workshop 6	<b>MINDFULNESS AND RELAXATION</b>

- **Lights/sound/action:** *a peek behind the scenes our lighting and sound effect capabilities, play with the equipment and create your own effect.*
- **Be voice confident:** *Do you ever need to make presentations at work, stand up in front of strangers? This session concentrates on relaxation techniques, voice projection, becoming a confident speaker.*
- **Dance for adults:** *Ever wanted to properly learn a dance sequence? Gangnam-Style is now over ten years old, come along and (re)learn the dance moves!*
- **Dance for children:** *come along and learn properly how to do the "Wednesday Dance" and bring out your inner Goth.*
- **Sing for fun:** *Nothing beats a good group sing song and Hairspray's finale "You can't stop the beat" is the perfect song to learn even for those of you with 'flat notes'*
- **Mindfulness and relaxation:** *learn techniques to unwind from your day.*

### Who are we?

We are Ockley Dramatic Society, a local group where having fun is as important as putting on productions.

This year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary.

### Why are we doing this?

We want to give something back to the community, and offer you the opportunity to try new things (and perhaps find some new recruits).

### Does that mean we need to join your group?

No, the day is entirely for you to have fun, knowing that you don't need to commit.

Of course, if you enjoy yourself and would like to know more, we would love to chat!

**Interested but cannot make the day?** Just drop us an email and we'll keep in touch: [chairman@ockleydramaticsociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@ockleydramaticsociety.org.uk)