Lots of laughs at stage farce

WE’VE had a lot of farce in this country recently but this one is intended, and intended to entertain.

‘Caught in the net’, presented by Newmarket Drama Group, is Ray Cooney’s hilarious sequel to ‘Run for Your Wife’. This rollicking farce sees Sheila O’Connor making her directorial debut.

Gavin Smith, played by Patrick Breen, son of John (Philip Linehan) and Barbara Smith (Martha Keller), ends up meeting Vicki Smith (Danielle O’Grady), daughter of John and Mary Smith (Teresa O’Keeffe) online.

They feel they have a real connection and discover that their fathers have the same name, occupation and age.

They decide that they have to meet in person but when their dad, John, finds out he enlists the aid of his pal, the not-so-bright Stanley Gardner (John O’Sullivan), who brings along his senile father (Willy John Buckley). The result is confusion, lying, and all sorts of hilarity in a real recession-buster of a play.

Newmarket Drama Group is also featuring two new young actors this year in addition to the more established members who keep audiences entertained on an annual basis. Patrick Breen and Danielle O’Grady have been a welcome addition to the group, which is constantly seeking new members.

Over the past few years the group has been able to donate to St Joseph’s Foundation, The Jenny Begley Marymount Foundation and both national schools in Newmarket. And they are looking forward to seeing large audiences again this year as they strive to provide a great night’s entertainment. The play runs on March 18, 19, 20 and 25, 26, 27 in the C.Y.M.S. Hall, Newmarket. Admission is €10 per person, €6 concession. The play starts at 8pm.