



JEAN McCONNELL began her career as an actress and became a full-time professional writer with the success of her first play for television, for which she has since written other plays, children's serials and contributions to various series. She has radio dramas and documentaries to her credit and has published many stage plays and works of fiction. She also wrote the Son et Lumiere for Tonbridge Castle.

She says: "Although I have lived for many years now in Kent, I was born in London and found that in researching the story of the village of Rotherfield - with Catherine Pullein's wonderful book as an important factual source - I became more deeply aware of the rural heritage of England and found it a moving and fascinating experience. Writing this Pageant has been a task of the greatest satisfaction and pleasure."

PETER SOWERBUTTS

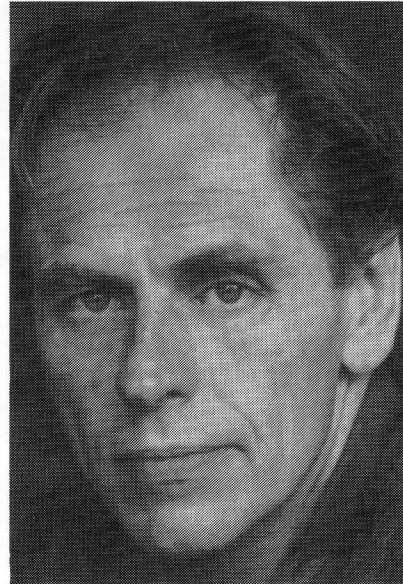
In the autumn of 1991 Peter was a reasonably fit and smooth skinned middle aged man. He was then asked to direct the Rotherfield Pageant. If, this evening, you notice a wizened little figure wandering aimlessly through the village it may well be the result.

The meanderings of his career have seen him playing many times in London's West End with roles including - The Murderer in 'The Mousetrap', another Agatha Christie - 'Cards on the Table', the lead in 'No Sex Please - We're British' and with Dame Judi Dench in Chekov's 'The Cherry Orchard'.

Great enjoyment has been derived from his work on T.V. for children. He read Stories to Bungle, George and Zippy as Peter the Postman in 'Rainbow' and created the role of P.C. Norman in the award winning series 'Supergran'.

More recently on stage, he has begun a liaison with Polka The Children's Theatre playing Sherlock Holmes in a new science based thriller and the entire Roman army in 'Androcles and the Lion'.

Audiences in the South East will also know him from his vast number of appearances for Kent Rep. each summer in the open air theatre at Hever Castle.



Seriously though, dear reader, he proffers a huge 'thank you' to Rotherfield for their trust, support and (thank God) humour. Enjoy your evening.