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**Sutton Coldfield
Musical Theatre
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Chairman's Notes...

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Well here comes Christmas – and it seems like only last month that we were on our holidays at Deerlins Holiday Camp!!

Congratulations to everybody associated with 'This Time Next Year' which was a fabulous success for the Company. You can read over the page what the press, the Deputy Mayor of Lichfield and our NODA rep thought about it. We're still counting the pennies, but it looks likely that we'll make a profit exceeding £2000 so thanks for selling the tickets, and also our Patrons for buying them.

Our Christmas programme is extensive this year. We start with a charity concert in aid of the Hawkesley Christian Rumanian Trust on 5th December, followed by the Whittington Golf Club cabaret on the 17th and hopefully peaking at our Annual Christmas Concert with Sutton Coldfield Chamber Orchestra on the 20th at Sutton Town Hall.

Can I encourage you all to then turn up



Hi-de-hi from the Deerlins kiddiwinks....

on 8th January for our first rehearsal of 'Most Happy Fella'. We're planning a Social Evening for new members at this rehearsal and we need as many as possible to support our next production. It's a different show to our recent offerings, and we rely on our current members to support us in keeping up the quality we're associated with.

Finally, I hope everyone has a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Dave Bardell, Chairman

This Month's Notes...

Welcome to the Christmas edition of NOTES. As you can see, we've changed the design again to utilise our new publishing package. We hope you like it..

Please submit any new ideas you may

have to the Editorial Team:

Terri Bardell

Meg Griffin

Julie Callaghan

WHAT THE PRESS SAID ABOUT TTNYP...

Birmingham Evening Mail

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WHAT'S ON

Hi-de-hi musical

This Time Next Year, Sutton Coldfield Musical Theatre Company, Lichfield Civic Theatre

CAN you imagine a musical built around a couple of ordinary families turning up yet again at their favourite holiday camp?

Doesn't sound too promising at first, but the sun soon comes out on this clever show.

The cast really hurl themselves into song and dance routines with music from the 1960s, plus rock 'n' roll.

Director Dave Hill and Barry Small, who plays the owner of Deerlings holiday camp, wrote the story and have every right to feel satisfied with the outcome.

All the principals impress, but my top marks go to Paul Lumsden as Ron Bradshaw, the camper from hell, who creates a bit of mayhem but acts and sings with power.

Nicki Dowd sparkles, too, as Ron's wife, Brenda and Maggie Jackson's slick choreography is seen at its best in the finale, with the camp's "stripecoats" superb.

Sheila Pearson is musical director of the show which runs again tonight and tomorrow.

PAUL MARSTON



WHAT THE LORD MAYOR SAID...

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You must have been very pleased with your production of "This Time Next Year" which Jill and I went to see on Thursday evening. We thought that the show was brilliant, we sat with tears rolling down our cheeks. No doubt you feel that the risks of putting on this show were well worth

taking.

You certainly have a wealth of talent in your company as all the principals were of star quality.

"You certainly have a wealth of talent in your company..."

Thanks you for letting us share in your success by inviting us to the show. We shall await future productions with even greater anticipation.

Councillor Mark N. Taylor
Deputy Mayor of Lichfield

WHAT NODA SAID...

National Operatic & Dramatic Association

Founded 1876

Incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1947
Registered as a company number 2346416. VAT registration number 222 246342

MIDLAND AREA

It was a great show – please convey my congratulations to Dave Hill, Barry Small and all the Production and Direction team! The com-

pany were in top form and put the numbers over in style. A special word of praise for the choreography and for the dancers – they were superb!

Geoff Farnall
NODA Regional Representative

MOST HAPPY FELLA - REVISITED

What's it all about?! My memories, from ten years ago at another place, include a very sore backside, courtesy of Maggie's choreography. One of her bright ideas was to have a 'volunteer' thrown up high in a blanket by the men during one of the big company numbers. Muggins here, even two stone lighter than now, proved too much for the men. More than once the blanket touched the floor with very bruising results!!

Have you got some more bright ideas for the Sutton production, Maggie?

Musically, Most Happy Fella is very challenging. Learning the notes can be quite problematical. If it sounds O.K. then it's probably wrong, and vice-versa!

Chorally though, there's some super music - a good mixture of solo, ensemble and company numbers - comic, lyrical, bouncy, powerful.

The musical has a stronger storyline than many of its contemporaries. Set in the Californian vineyards, Tony, a middle-aged bachelor of Italian origins falls for a waitress. After some confusion over identities, intrusion from a jealous sister, interruption from the yokels, a car crash which paralyses the hero - there is a happy, if not ecstatic resolution.

Be there - it's another great show for SCMTC!

Diane Worland

BRAINSTORM MEETING

The Board met on 17th November for the long-awaited Brainstorm Session. This was an opportunity for everyone on the Board to meet as a team to air views on a wide variety of topics relating to the production and non-production side of the company.

To give you some idea of what was discussed, the following topics were raised:

Chorus co-ordination; rehearsals; auditions; shows; stage management; Most Happy Fella; patrons; sponsorship; Board meetings; company loyalty, communications etc.

As time moves on then I hope you will start to see actions resulting from our discussions. We'll publicise where we can through 'Bullet Points' at rehearsals and/or via Notes.

My thanks to the Board for their contribution

Dave Bardell, Chairman

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T Shirts

Owing to lack of demand, we have had to abandon plans to produce T Shirts with the new logo. Given the cost of producing the plates, it would have made it too expensive and we didn't feel that it should be subsidised by the Company.

Sorry for any disappointment caused.

Diane Worland

Barnum

I am pleased to report that Lynne Hill has accepted the Board's offer to be Director for Barnum in 2000.

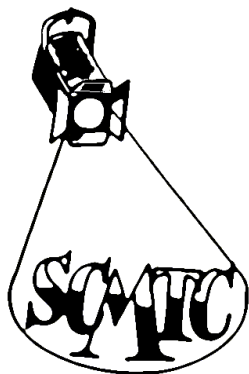
Given the complexity of the show, we shall be working with Lynne early in 1999 to make sure that the show is well planned, particularly in the area of circus skills. More information next year.

Dave Bardell, Chairman

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The Red Robin Awards

See the next edition
of NOTES to find out
who the lucky winners
are...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BENEFIT EVENING FOR ORPHANAGES ABROAD (PUBLIC)
GEORGE CADBURY HALL, BIRMINGHAM
5TH DECEMBER 1998

CHRISTMAS MEAL (MEMBERS ONLY)
WYCHNOR PARK HOTEL
12TH DECEMBER 1998

CHRISTMAS CABARET (PRIVATE FUNCTION)
WHITTINGTON GOLF CLUB
17TH DECEMBER 1998

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (PUBLIC)
SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN HALL
20TH DECEMBER 1998, 4PM/7.30 PM

MOST HAPPY FELLA (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
8TH - 15TH MAY 1999

AUTUMN SHOW - TBA (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
16TH - 23RD OCTOBER 1999

BARNUM (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
16TH - 27TH MAY 2000

Feedback Form

If you have any feedback on this issue of NOTES, or would like to suggest ideas for future issues then please return this form to Terri Bardell, Julie Callaghan, Meg Griffin or any Board member.

Name & Address:

Comments:

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