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Chairman's Notes...

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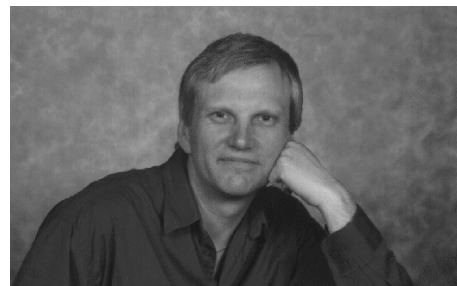
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Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all managed to avoid the 'flu bug at Christmas (I didn't!).

Rehearsals for Most Happy Fella have started, and already Maggie has re-introduced us to the glories of pas-de-bas, ball changes and 'Hello Bob's' (sorry, only the longer-serving males will understand that one!).

Despite the cockups by the local press who printed our advertisement for new members without bothering with the contact details, we are delighted to see so many new faces at rehearsals (see inside). I hope you'll not be put off by the thought of the new member auditions and I look forward to your long term commitment to the Company. I promise you that you will have no regrets. (I always remember Pam Somers' first show as a good reminder of how exciting it can be for a "newbie").

I'm sorry it's taken so long to announce, but we can now confirm that the October show will be Over My Shoulder. Cliff Bull will be directing the show, ably as-



sisted by Sheila & Maggie.

Cliff is still working out details, but our intention is that we will perform song & dance from shows which have been hits throughout each decade of the 20th century (and let's hope that the 21st century brings such a wealth of fine material). Please turn over to page 2 to read a little more about it.

So on with Most Happy Fella which looks to be a change to our recent Shows, and will need real professionalism from us all to maintain our high standards.

Dave Bardell, Chairman

This Month's Notes...

Welcome to the February edition of NOTES.

We're not exactly overwhelmed with input from you, the members, but I hope

you're finding the information we publish in Notes useful and interesting.

Please let us know if you'd like to see anything changed or introduced.

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Barnum...

Having announced that **Barnum** will run for two weeks in May 2000, the Board were aware of rumblings of disapproval from our members.

Thanks to Roger Dykes for coming up with a solution which adds no further effort to members' commitment, but also creates the opportunity to break even financially (see timetable).

We have already met with Lynne Hill to discuss **Barnum** as we recognise that we will need to start early to plan for it.

If you can't juggle today, this could be the chance you've been waiting for, unless you fancy being the bearded lady?

Sun 14/5 – Mon 15/5	Get In
Tue 16/5 evening	Rehearsal on stage
Fri 19/5 evening	Rehearsal on stage
Sat 20/5 afternoon/ evening	Technical Rehearsals
Sun 21/5 afternoon/ evening	Dress Rehearsals
Mon 22/5 – Sat 27/5	Performances, including matinee on Sat 27/5
Sun 28/5	Last Performance, 4pm followed by Get Out
Mon 29/5	BANK HOLIDAY

Over My Shoulder...

Given we are about to enter the new Millennium, we wanted to mark the anniversary in some special way.

Having spoken to Cliff Bull and invited him to direct our Autumn Show, we found him brimming with ideas and he is now busy devising the content of the Show.

The Show will be called **Over My Shoulder**. It will be a celebration of 20th Century music and should create opportunities for many of our members to demon-

strate their talents in acting, song & dance.

But if you're thinking that it sounds like **Broadway Takes A Bow II**, then I think Cliff has a few surprises up his sleeve. I won't expand on that as NOTES goes to our Patrons and I'd hate to spoil their enjoyment.

Rehearsals will begin on Friday, 4th June unless we advise otherwise in the April edition of NOTES.

Christmas Dinner 1998 & The Red Robins...

Thanks to Julie Callaghan & Marilyn Castree for organising the Christmas Dinner at Wychnor.

Some aspects seemed to be below standard this time, so Marilyn is looking for any new ideas for Christmas 1999.

Paul Lumsden and Keith Dovey have paid me a considerable amount of money NOT to publish the infamous photographs in this issue. However, I am open to further bribes to publish next issue.

Congratulations to the Red Robin Awards winners:

Macbeth Award	Heather Adams Terri Bardell Pat Fletcher
Little & Large Award	Paul Lumsden Mark Symonds
Shakin' Stevens Award	Ken Collie
John Inman Award	Mitch

New Members...

Welcome to the new members who have joined us for **Most Happy Fella**.

The following people have successfully passed their membership auditions:

- Stephen Davis
- Beverley Hubbard
- Celina Larkin
- Jan Peel
- Jan Saunders

More to follow next issue.

Social Committee...

After running the social committee for several years, Julie Callaghan has finally decided to get a life!!

Thanks to Julie for her commitment over the years.

Marilyn Castree & Lynne Hill have agreed to take on responsibility for the Social Committee. Their main responsibility will be to organise the Christmas Dinner, but Lynne has already organised a trip to see West Bromwich Operatic's **Barnum** in Wolverhampton in April (too late for tickets if you've not booked).

If you feel you have a burning need for more social events, then you'll have to volunteer to help in the organisation. Talk to Marilyn & Lynne who will give you the benefit of their long-standing experience.

Wedding Bells...

Sarah James & Richard Clarke will be tying the knot on SUNDAY, 30th May (Whitsun weekend) at Boldmere St. Michaels. The wedding starts at 2pm and they would like as many as possible to participate in the choir. We will be performing 'Laudate Dominum' & 'Oh Happy Day'.

Everyone is welcome to attend the evening reception in a marquee at :

Moxhull Hall Hotel, Holly Lane, Wishaw
starting at 8pm.

Anthony Orlick & Rachel will also be tying their knot on Monday, 5th April (Easter Monday).

All are welcome to the evening reception at:
Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford
starting at 8pm.

If you would like to go, please contact Anthony on 0121 686 4561 and he will send a map.

Annual Subs...

Annual Subs have been maintained at the current level since 1995 so I hope everybody will understand that the Board have agreed to the following increases for next year, beginning April 1999. As usual, if you pay in April you will be entitled to a discount.

Pat Fletcher will collect subs starting in March.

Please make cheques payable to SCMTC Ltd.

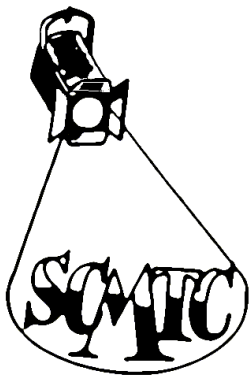
1999/2000

FULL MEMBER	£20
	£17.50 if paid by 30th April 1999
UNEMPLOYED/ STUDENT	£10
	£8.50 if paid by 30th April 1999

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOST HAPPY FELLA (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
11TH - 15TH MAY 1999

OVER MY SHOULDER (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
19TH - 23RD OCTOBER 1999

BARNUM (PUBLIC)
LICHFIELD CIVIC
22ND - 28TH MAY 2000

THE MOST HAPPY FELLA BOOKING OPENS SOON



Tickets will be priced as follows:

Tues	£8
Wed/Thu	£9
Fri/Sat	£10
Sat Matinee	£7

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:

Date: