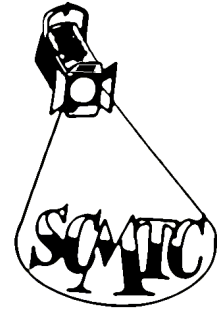


# NOTES



**Sutton Coldfield  
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## Chairman's Notes...

Change.

Something which most people find difficult, and yet as life passes us by, it is inevitable. Ten years ago, I wouldn't have been able to produce NOTES so easily (well, technically-speaking anyway).

Well I believe this is going to be a year of change for SCMTC, and the Board and myself are busy trying to plan for these changes, rather than watching everything change around us.

The biggest change is being forced upon us by the impending closure of the Lichfield Civic for almost two years. We were surprised to have to change our plans for 'The Best Of Times', but this has given us the opportunity to be the last amateur company to perform in the old theatre.

The Board itself is going to have to face some change. Due to new work challenges, we already know that Maggie Jackson and our Treasurer, Keith Dovey, are going to have to stand down in July. Would you be interested in stepping into their shoes?

The good news is that we are looking to regenerate some youth back into the Company. This used to be one of our winning strategies, and with all due respect to the mature members of our Company (of which I have to count myself as I hit the big 50 in July), I'm convinced that we need to

do this to maintain our edge.

So I am pleased to announce that we are planning to produce *Oliver!* in May 2002 at Friary School, Lichfield and will use this as a springboard to re-introduce our own Youth Theatre Group later in 2002. The intention is that this will be run separately from the main Company, as before.

In order to help us plan, if anyone feels that they would like to get involved in a) The Board or b) The Youth Theatre then please talk to me or anyone on the Board.

In the meantime, *The Best Of Times* has been cast (see Page 2) and rehearsals are in full swing. If you're not involved then please support us in May, which should be a memorable ending to our current association with the Lichfield Civic. The new theatre looks as if it will be a very exciting venue, and we look forward to returning in the future.

So embrace the changes as they happen, and don't be put off by the exciting challenges which face us over the next couple of years, leading up to our 70th anniversary in 2003.

Dave Bardell, Chairman

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## Dinner Dance / Red Robins 2001



Congratulations to Terri Bardell & Sam Green for organising the Annual Dinner Dance at The Fairlawns Hotel in January.

General opinion seemed to be that it was an excellent evening. We've booked it again for next year's event.

As usual, the Red Robins Awards were a focal point of the evening, and this year's winners were:

Dave Bardell — Mike Turner  
 Barry Small — Rachel Gibbon — Phil Bourn

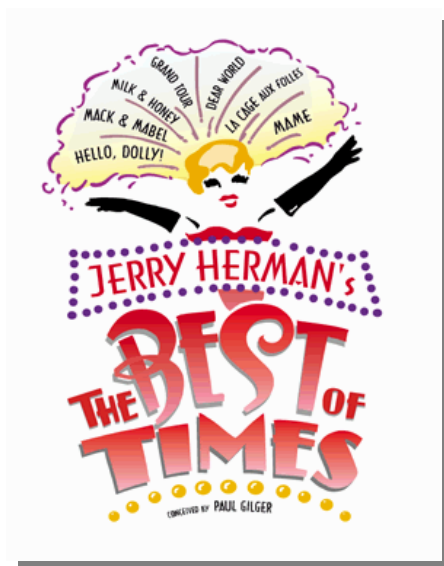
(Who invited Stephen Spielberg ?)



## Best Of Times Principals...

- Man 1 Paul Lumsden
- Man 2 Craig Allen
- Man 3 Mike Turner
- Woman 1 Deb Middleton
- Woman 2 Lynne Hill
- Woman 3 Terri Bardell
- Man at the Piano Dave Bardell
- Featured Singers Sally Baxter  
 Celeste Clark  
 Lindsey McCarty  
 Mike Castree

- Director Cliff Bull
- Musical Director Sheila Pearson
- Choreographer Heidi Cresswell



## Props Needed...

Pam Somers has taken over Props for 'The Best Of Times', supported by Ann-Marie Small again.

Pam would like to get in contact with anyone who has access to the following items:

- 2 wrought iron white tables & 6 chairs
- 4 large potted plants
- 1 Clapper board
- 1 cigarette holder

- 1 small, 1 large candelabra,
- Red tapered candles
- Sandwich boards
- Snorkels, flippers, buckets & spades
- 'A' Frameboard

Call her on **0121 384 3946** if you can help

## Sponsored Sing...

We are planning to NOT have a Sponsored Sing this year, and to give Sheila, Jenny & I an a well-earned break. However, we are now looking for an alternative fund-raising event to make up for the lost revenue, so if you have ideas then please contact Sam Green or any other Board Member.

## Asset Audit...

This was abandoned last November due to adverse weather conditions.

Current plans are to hold the event around Easter at Marian & Rob's barns in Fradley.

Details from Sam Green when a date is fixed.

## Wwwwe're on the www...

Not much happened on the website lately due to workload.

I hope somebody managed to view the Xmas Page and the lovely Xmas melody that went with it!!

There's a new web counter been added, so I can tell whether anyone's looking.

And there's been an interesting offline debate going on with Dr. Commander over apostrophes.

At Mack & Mabel, our beloved Malcolm Webb reminded me that were missing our own catchphrase off the programmes in the past couple of years— Theatre At Its Best. So having reinstated it on the website, we've tried It's, Its' and Its which

we now feel is the correct one. It's certain that MRW will let me know when he's read this!!

A few more people have joined the Members Mailing List and will now receive Notes in glorious colour. Let me know if you join the internet set.

John Barron emailed me from Barbados last month and sends his regards to everyone. For those who don't know him, John joined our past Youth Theatre and he is now a crooner on P&O cruise ships.

Safe surfing!!

Email me on [dpb@scmtc.co.uk](mailto:dpb@scmtc.co.uk)

## NODA Long Service Awards...

My apologies for the delay in sorting out the NODA Awards following the forms you filled in.

Marian Whitbread has now taken on the task of keeping track of the Awards.

We are now attempting to catch up and get them sorted out for presentation in May.

The following Awards are available:—

Ten year badge

Fifteen year badge

Twenty year badge

The Long Service Medal, on blue ribbon, for twenty five years of service. A Certificate is also available, but not separately, at an extra charge.

Silver bars, worn on the ribbon of the above Medal, each one signifying a further five years of service (i.e. 30,35,40 and 45 years).

A fifth and final bar, in gold, worn with the above Medal on a replacement maroon ribbon, signifying fifty years of service (silver bars should not be worn as well). A Certificate is also issued, but not separately.

These badges, medals and bars are awarded for active service given to the amateur theatre. The Awards are intended for those who, week after week, attend rehearsals or spend many hours on backstage or administrative work, and whose

services are essential/indispensable to putting on shows. 'Occasional' service, e.g. just for a show week itself, does not qualify, and generalised descriptions of duties such as backstage, f.o.h., programmes, tickets, committee, officer or helper are insufficient. The grant of Life Membership of a Society is NOT a qualification for a NODA Award, nor is any status which can be achieved by merely paying a subscription — such as 'Patron', 'Associate' or 'Hon. Member'. Receipt of any remuneration — but not refund of actual accountable expenses — disqualifies, and for this purpose remuneration includes gifts above a nominal value : payment for services to the amateur theatre other than to the sponsoring societies however does not preclude the person from being given an Award. Any activity before the age of eleven does NOT qualify for consideration.

These application forms have to be checked against official records and authorised by the appropriate NODA official — please therefore allow at least six weeks before the presentation date.

ANYONE MEETING THESE CRITERIA WHO WISH TO APPLY SHOULD CONTACT MARIAN WHITBREAD ON 01283 791573 URGENTLY.

(This does not apply to those who have already

## 100 Club—Latest Winners (Drinks are on Rita)...

	<i>Nov 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Jan 2001</i>
<b>£50</b>	<b><i>Rita Finch</i></b>		
£25	Margaret Mallett	Rita Finch	Pam Somers
£15	Mrs Ducie	Mr. Baynes	Linda Mann
£10	Mike Castree	Sandra Hill	Pauline Rainsford

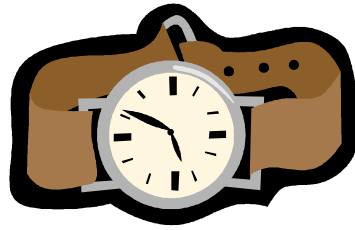
## Patron's Gift Voucher...

We are introducing a Patron's Gift Voucher which will be the perfect gift for your favourite person's Birthday or Christmas present.

So don't bother with that boring old Marks & Spencers voucher, give a SCMTC Patron's voucher instead.

Details from Sheila Dykes, or any Board Member.

## A38 problems...



We understand that the A38 will be severely disrupted from April when BNRR work gets going.

You'll need to bear this in mind on Show Week and we encourage you and your audience to make an earlier start than usual to make sure you get to the Theatre on time.

## London trip...



The trip to see Katie Pinell in 'Notre Dame' in November proved to be a highly enjoyable day out for everyone who went.

A party of members went on the London Eye in the afternoon. Thanks to Diane's friend Andrew for providing photographs from his new Digital camera.



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### The Board of Directors

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**Member:** Maggie Jackson  
**Member:** Sam Green

**Minutes Secretary:** Julie Callaghan  
**Business Manager:** Roger Dykes

### STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Byron Beddoe who is going off to Pontins this summer to become a Bluecoat.  
Hi-de-hi!!

Congratulations to Deb & Jeremy Gillbanks on the birth of Jake Philip on 21st January 2001

### Calendar of Events

**THE BEST OF TIMES**  
Lichfield Civic  
21st to 26th May 2001

**TTNY2**  
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall  
23rd to 27th October 2001

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall  
16th December 2001

**CHRISTMAS CABARET**  
Whittington Golf Club  
19th December 2001

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**  
Fairlawns Hotel  
5th January 2002

**OLIVER!**  
Friary School, Lichfield  
May 2002