

# NOTES



## Chairman's Notes...

Welcome to the first edition of NOTES for 2002.

We've had a busy Quarter on both the Production side and the Board.

We started the year with 0 boys and we now have 21 boys and a dog! (see pages 2/3). Once again, we challenge the old adage about appearing on stage with children and animals. Personally, I'm pleased to be playing a human being rather than an animal in this production...

The Member Survey had a moderate return (see page 5), and the Board planned to meet (this week) to review the feedback (postponed due to illness). Having considered all the issues raised, we'll produce a Summary Report and make it available to everyone. It won't be possible to implement everybody's ideas, but I hope you will see some positive reaction to your feedback.

Look out for announcements of our next 2 shows (see page 3 & 5).

We have reviewed Annual Subscriptions for both our members and patrons, and I hope you will not be too disappointed with the increases we have introduced.

Like most organisations, our costs continue to rise and we have held rates for two years. The general opinion seems to be that our subscriptions are not unreasonable.

The Ticket Committee have met and proposed some new actions for the sales process. Paul Lumsden made a presentation to the members at the last rehearsal to give everyone ideas on how to sell (more) tickets.

We did consider changing the 10 ticket rule, but decided that there wasn't a better alternative. However, I have to make the point to every one of our members, both appearing/not appearing in every show that this is your responsibility as a member to meet this obligation. We've calculated that it will take 25 ticket sales to cover the costs of this show for every member on stage. Please don't let us down. Oliver! looks like being another great show and it would be rewarding for everyone if we are able to achieve peak sales and sellout performances.

HAPPY EASTER!  
Dave Bardell, Chairman

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## Oliver!...

**Director:** Helen Gilfoyle

**Musical Director:** Sheila Pearson

**Choreographer:** Jenny Jesson

Rehearsals are well under way for our next production, *Oliver!* In June. The auditions for Fagin's Gang proved highly successful, and we found 21 energetic lads out of nearly 40 who auditioned. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

I think Helen's teaching prowess will be needed to keep this bunch in check!

Congratulations to Terry Ash in getting the main part of Fagin. I'm sure this will be the greatest part he will ever get the chance to play, and he deserves it after missing only one show over the past 20 odd years.

## Oliver Cast...

Oliver Twist	Thomas Paddock
Mr Bumble	John Johnson
Widow Corney	Wendy Edmunds
Noah Claypole	Tom Jones
Mr Sowerberry	Mike Castree
Mrs Sowerberry	Jane Pryer
Charlotte	Amy Dowd
The Artful Dodger	Samuel Carter-Bown
Fagin	Terry Ash
Nancy	Wendy Hawkins
Bet	Sam Green
Bill Sykes	Paul Lumsden
Mrs Bedwin	Diane Worland
Mr Brownlow	Dave Bardell
Dr. Grimwig	Stephen Cowdrill
Bullseye	Daisy Edwards
Old Sally	Carol Bannister

### 'Who will buy' soloists:

Rose Seller	Claire Stephens
Milkmaid	Emma Rainsford
Strawberry Seller	Steve Davis
Knife Grinder	Richard Commander
Lace Seller	Celeste Clarke

### Fagin's Gang:

Charley Bates	James Bartlett
Bruiser	Adam Siggers
Chancer	Thomas Violet
Charmer	Patrick Thornley
Fingers	Matthew Webb
King	Antony Webb
Kipper	Isaac Carter-Bown
Mouse	Tim Harris
Nifty	Jacob Lloyd
Nipper	Thomas Silverton
Pockets	Matthew Smith
Shifty	Oliver Bentley
Smiler	Christy McGoldrick
Snuffler	Marcus Stockton
Stash	Oliver Harris
Stitchem	Max Dowd
Thumbs	Daniel Webb
Tiny	Nathan Wescott
Whistler	Jake Greenfield



## Oliver! Facts...

Fascinating, but we have three Nancy's in the Company at the moment, two are appearing in our current production:

1968 Wendy Edmunds

1982 Lynne Hill

2002 Wendy Hawkins

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In 1982, the part of Bet was played by a teenager, Shona Lindsey, who went on to fame and fortune on the London stage (*Phantom*, *Grease*).

Watch out for Daisy Edwards. I'm told she stole the show the last time she played the part of Bullseye.

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Jane Pryer, Malcom Harris, Paul Wescott are the proud parents of 4 of Fagin's gang.

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Chris Carter-Bown (Dodger's dad) will be videoing the show for us.

## New Board Member...

Thanks to Margaret Mallett who has joined the Board.

She has taken over Board responsibility for the printing of Booking Forms/Programmes as her first task. She's also active on the Promotions Committee.

She will review her position at the AGM in July.

## Welcome to new members...

Many congratulations to those new members who have joined us since the last copy of NOTES. They were all successful in completing their auditions and are now full members of the Company:

Stella Price

Carol Bannister

Hannah Brookshaw

Tom Jones

Zoe Allen

Jo McAllister

Paul Wescott

## And The Winner Is...

I'm pleased to announce the October show will be:

**And The Winner Is—A Tribute to the Oscars**  
**29th October—2nd November 2002**

**Sutton Coldfield Town Hall**

**Director: Cliff Bull**

**Musical Director: Sheila Pearson**

**Choreographer: Heidi Cresswell**

This will be a similar format to *Over My Shoulder*, except the format will be based on films, film music and the glamour of the Oscars ceremony.

The original idea came from Sam Green who has seen a similar show performed very successfully.

Cliff has never been short of innovative ideas, so if you'd like to contribute to the creative content then please get in touch with Cliff or Sam.



## Member Subs...

Having held Member Annual Subs for over 2 years, the Board have agreed to increase Annual Subs as below. Weekly Subs remain the same. 31 April discount period will be strictly applied this year.

### ANNUAL (Due 1st April 2002)

FULL MEMBER	£25 (+£5)
Pay before 31 April	£22.50(+£5)
UNEMPLOYED/STUDENT	£12.50 (+£2.50)
Pay before 31 April	£10.00 (+£1.50)

### WEEKLY

FULL MEMBER	£2.50 (-)
UNEMPLOYED/STUDENT	£1.50 (-)

Payment to Keith Dovey or Pat Fletcher

Patrons subs have also been held for 7 years and will increase as below. Extra benefit is that there now will be a £1 ticket discount for all Show nights.


### PATRONS (Due 1st April 2002)

INDIVIDUAL	£15 (+£5)
COUPLE	£22.50(+£7.50)
Payment to Sheila Dykes, 49, Dyott Avenue, Whittington, Lichfield, WS14 9NF 01543 432537	

### 100 CLUB (Starts 1st June 2002)

INDIVIDUAL	£11 pa (-)
Payment to Marian Whitbread, Haybrook, Brookhay Lane, Fradley, Lichfield, WS13 8RE 01283 791573	

## 100 Club—Latest Winners...

	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Jan 2002</i>
<i>£50</i>	 <i>Meg Griffin</i>	
<i>£25</i>	<i>Rita Finch</i>	<i>Diane Worland</i>
<i>£15</i>	<i>George Baynes</i>	<i>Sarah Clarke</i>
<i>£10</i>	<i>Roger Dykes</i>	<i>Richard Commander</i>
	<i>Feb 2002</i>	<i>Mar 2002</i>
<i>£25</i>	<i>Margaret Baynes</i>	<i>Nicola Arrowsmith</i>
<i>£15</i>	<i>Stuart Wyer</i>	<i>Angela Beddoe</i>
<i>£10</i>	<i>Dee Amos</i>	<i>Iris Cooksey</i>

Please contact Marian Whitbread on 01283 791573 if you'd like to participate. It only costs £11 per year to join. 3 Prizes every month, with special £50 star prize in November & May.

Thanks for your support!!

## Member Survey 2002...

Thanks to all those who returned their Member Survey. We received 29 returns, which is about 30% of our current membership.

The Board have planned a meeting to review the feedback. Actions taken from this will be included in the next edition of NOTES.

Thanks to all those who took the time to complete the form.

## Song for Sutton?...

Congratulations to Charlotte Rowledge on her 'A' Level music composition, "I wonder".

Charlotte requested that the Company record her song for her examination portfolio.

Thanks to Sheila Pearson for giving up three Friday night rehearsals to learn the song, and then to record it.

Good Luck to all our younger members who are leading up to their 'O' & 'A' Level examinations in May/June.

## Wwwere on the web...

There will be a re-designed website available in the New Year (sometime this Year!).

If you have any ideas on what can be added then let me know and I'll try to incorporate in the new design.

Still need help, if anyone's a budding webbie...

## Sponsored Sing...

There will be a Sponsored Sing in the Gracechurch Centre, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday 11th May at 10am-4pm.

We shall be collecting on behalf of the NSPCC, and are hoping for further publicity for Oliver with the support of our Fagin's Gang.

Please come along and support us

## Summer Ball 2003...

In celebration of our 70th Anniversary, we are arranging a special Summer Ball to be held on Friday, 20th June 2003 at Moor Hall Hotel.

There are details attached to this copy of NOTES (contact Julie Callaghan (0121 378 5108) or Sheila Dykes (01543 432537) if you do not have a copy).

As it is a special event, we are pleased to invite our Patrons to join us too.

Book early to make sure of your place.

## 70th Anniversary Show...

I'm pleased to announce that our 100th show, coinciding with our 70th Anniversary will be

**MY FAIR LADY**  
**8th—14th June 2003**  
**Sutton Coldfield Town Hall**

**Director: Lynne Hill**  
**Musical Director: Sheila Pearson**  
**Choreographer: Jenny Jesson**

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### The Board of Directors

Chairman:	Dave Bardell
Vice-Chairman:	Not filled
Hon. Treasurer:	Keith Dovey
Hon. Secretary:	Roger Dykes
Member:	Marian Whitbread
Member:	Pam Somers
Member:	Sam Green
Member:	Margaret Mallett

Minutes Secretary: Julie Callaghan

### STOP PRESS

#### *Internet readers*

Adobe Acrobat Reader has now been upgraded to v5. Make sure you download the latest update, v5.0.5, as the original update caused me problems in Windows XP.

Go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

### Calendar of Events

**OLIVER!**  
Sutton Town Hall  
18th—22nd June 2002

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**And The Winner Is...**  
Sutton Town Hall  
29th October—2nd November  
2002

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**Xmas Cabaret**  
Whittington Golf Club  
18th December 2002

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**Xmas Concert**  
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall  
TBC

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**Dinner Dance**  
Fairlawns Hotel  
4th January 2003

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**My Fair Lady**  
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall  
8th—14th June 2003

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**70th Ann. Summer Ball**  
Moor Hall Hotel  
20th June 2003