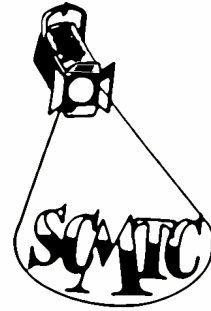


# NOTES



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

This copy ventures into Year 9 of producing NOTES—amazing!

My earliest record goes back to Volume 3 when I became Chairman. In those days, few people had access to email & www and it was all published in paper. Today, only the Patrons and a handful of members receive a paper copy. I'd like to personally thank Bill Gates for making it all possible, as distribution is so much easier these days!

**Summer Holiday** is now in full swing. Sheila & Jenny have been working the cast hard on the singing & dancing before Helen steps in to start directing. A mention for Sally Baxter who is understudying Helen as Director as she would like to become more involved in that side in the future. Given



Helen's recent poor health, it's useful to have someone else who can relieve the workload when needed.

It's time to pay **Annual**

**Subs** again, so please pay as soon as possible. We are maintaining the same rates as last year once again (since 2002 in fact) and remember the discount if you pay by April 30th.

Did anyone go to London and see us in **Acorn Antiques?** See inside for information on our recent claim to fame.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Happy Easter (and Happy Birthday to wife Terri on Easter Sunday!)

Best Wishes to all  
**Dave Bardell, Chairman**

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**SUMMER HOLIDAY****14TH—18TH June 2005, LichfieldGARRICK**

<b>Director:</b>	<b>Helen Gilfoyle</b>
<b>Musical Director:</b>	<b>Sheila Pearson</b>
<b>Choreographer:</b>	<b>Jenny Jesson</b>

<b>THE CAST</b>	
<b>DON</b>	<b>ROB THOMAS</b>
<b>BARBARA</b>	<b>EMMA RAINSFORD</b>
<b>THE BOYS</b>	
<b>CYRIL</b>	<b>STEPHEN COWDRILL</b>
<b>STEVE</b>	<b>DANIEL BARDELL</b>
<b>EDWIN</b>	<b>ED HILL</b>
<b>THE GIRLS</b>	
<b>ANGIE</b>	<b>SARAH CLARKE</b>
<b>MIMSIE</b>	<b>CLAIRE STEPHENS</b>
<b>ALMA</b>	<b>PAULA WALDRON</b>
<b>STELLA WINTERS</b>	<b>JANE PRYER-SMITH</b>
<b>JERRY</b>	<b>BARRY SMALL</b>



14th-18th June 2005  
Lichfield Garrick



Rehearsals are well under way for our next production, Summer Holiday. Congratulations to those people who auditioned and were cast as above.

Some of the cast were jumping for joy when they heard the news.

(Actually, this was a hastily arranged photoshoot with the Evening Mail to support the Acorn Antiques story).

Our Director, Helen Gilfoyle, has unfortunately been through the mill health-wise lately, but I'm pleased to report that she is now well on the way to recovery and will be back in full swing in mid-April.

Tickets from £8-£15 are already on sale at LichfieldGARRICK Box Office on

**01543 412121**

Booking form can be found on the website—[www.scmtc.co.uk](http://www.scmtc.co.uk)

## Promotions...

Mike Castree has become the new leader of the Promotions Committee, with Celeste Clark taking responsibility to report back to the Board.

As an ex-Chairman, Mike has all the experience needed to continue to make the Promotions Committee a huge success. Enthusiasm is already being seen in abundance from the members of the Committee for **Summer Holiday!**

## NODA Day, Sunday, 3rd April 2005...

**Me & My Girl** has been nominated for the 2004 Region 9A award and we are excited at the prospect of going one better than last year when we were one of the runners-up with **Jesus Christ Superstar**.

We'll let you know how we get on—we shall get another certificate whatever. Congrats to Lynne Hill on producing a second award-winning show and to all those who made it happen.

## 2006 Season...

The Board are still planning the 2006 season and I hope to be able to make an exciting announcement on the Spring show soon.

Once again, I have to ask that every member, whether in **Summer Holiday** or not, takes responsibility to sell tickets.

We have a break-even estimate for **Summer Holiday** which means we have to sell 96% of our tickets!

To stay at the LichfieldGARRICK for 2 shows per year will take an enormous effort from everybody to sell, sell, sell.

## Promotions Committee...

**Chairman: Mike Castree**

### Members:

- **Sarah Clarke**
- **Celeste Clark**
- **Paul Cowdrill**
- **Paul Lumsden**
- **Linda Pringis**

## South Pacific...



18th-22nd Oct 2005  
Lichfield Garrick

<b>Director:</b>	<b>Helen Gilfoyle</b>
<b>Musical Director:</b>	<b>Sheila Pearson</b>
<b>Choreographer:</b>	<b>Sarah Clarke</b>

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Clarke has been appointed as Choreographer for our October production of **South Pacific**.

Sarah has previously choreographed **King & I** in 1995, and **TTNY II** in 2001.

## Patrons...

Just a reminder, particularly to new members, that if anyone has a friend or relative who would be interested in becoming a Patron to the Company, we should be very pleased to talk to them. Our Patrons are vital to us, as their goodwill and support helps build up our reputation around Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield and the surrounding area.

Contact Margaret Mallett on

**0121 357 6053**

for further information.

## Welcome...

A warm welcome to new members who have joined us recently:

**James Bartlett**  
**Laura Hallas**  
**Ed Hill**  
**Hannah Platt**

Please support them, and make them feel welcome to the Company.

## Xmas Dinner Dance...

You're probably not yet planning this far ahead, but you may like to make a note that the 2006 Xmas Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, 14th January 2006 at Fairlawns.

We did investigate changing location but felt that this is the best in the area for the price. We are looking to change the menu as some people felt it was too similar to the previous year. Any further suggestions should be passed to Rachel Gibbon who is organising once again.

## Short retirement...

Having announced to the Company that Ian Oakland was taking a break and retiring from doing our Sound after so many years, I'm pleased to report that his brief retirement is now over and he has decided to continue with us, starting with our next production of **Summer Holiday!**

On behalf of the Company, I'd like to welcome him back into the fold!

## New Members incentive...

We are always looking out for new talent, so here is a new incentive for you.

Refer-A-Friend and if they are successful in auditioning to become a new member and appear in a show, you will qualify for two free tickets for our next main Production.

Remember, we need some hunky men to join us for South Pacific, so start chatting up the local talent, girls, and get yourself some free tickets whilst you're enjoying yourself!

## Rehearsal Apologies...

**If you are not able to attend rehearsals for any reason, could you please call Helen King or Sheila Pearson beforehand so that they know you are not going to be at rehearsals:**

**Helen K: 0121 357 8023**

**Sheila P: 01827 875408**

**Thank You**

## Acorn Antiques...

Although nothing came of it, we were able to get some great publicity following the release of Victoria Wood's latest London production—Acorn Antiques.

The show is based around Sutton Coldfield Light Operatic Society and as we were formerly known as Sutton Coldfield Operatic Society, we took the opportunity to write to Victoria Wood and Julie Walters and invite them to become Presidents of the company.

The Evening Mail picked up on the story and published a full page article.

Unfortunately, we received a short note back telling us Julie Walters was unable to take up our offer due to current commitments, and nothing has been heard from Victoria Wood.

Again, the Evening Mail published another story.

With a little journalistic elaboration of what Wiley actually said (!), the final comment stated that "She seems to have got a bit distant from her roots". This sparked a reaction from one of her schoolfriends who has known her for 25 years. She wrote a letter stating that this just wasn't true.

I have subsequently contacted Mrs Sprigg and invited her to **Summer Holiday** as our guest (She is on her Summer Holiday that week!). I've written to her with the actual situation, so maybe it will get through to Julie Walters at some point.

The sting in the tale is that the Sutton News have published an article on Good Friday stating that Tudor Musical have received letters of encouragement from Victoria & Julie for their forthcoming production, **Anything Goes!** Having been invited to their Gala Night, I shall need to be very diplomatic about the situation!

## Member Subs...

It's that time of year again! Annual Subs are due for payment on 1st April, and should be paid to Helen King. Remember there is a discount if you pay by 30th April.

The Board have agreed to no increases again this year, so charges are:

### ANNUAL (Due 1st April 2005)

FULL MEMBER	£25 (-)
Pay before 30 April	£22.50 (-)

UNEMPLOYED/STUDENT	£12.50 (-)
Pay before 30 April	£10.00 (-)

### WEEKLY

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

Payment to Helen King,  
30 Hobhouse Close, Great Barr, Birmingham,  
West Midlands, B42 1HB  
0121 357 8023

### PATRONS (Due 1st April 2005)

INDIVIDUAL	£15 (-)
COUPLE	£22.50 (-)

Payment to Margaret Mallett,  
16A Pages Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham,  
West Midlands, B43 6LL  
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To clarify the definition of UNEMPLOYED/STUDENT to ensure our policy is applied consistently across all members:

- UNEMPLOYED is those persons who are claiming unemployment benefit as they are unable to find employment.
- STUDENT is those persons in fulltime education, ie at school or college/university.

Any issues with this, please discuss with me.

All subs must be paid by end-May. Unpaid Members will not be allowed to perform in the next show.

## 50 Club—Latest Winners...

# £50

The lucky winners of the final 50 Club draw were:

**Mrs. Maskall (Dawn's mum)**

**Mike Turner**

**John Hemming**

## Spring Walk...

Celeste & Jon Clark have organised another Spring Walk on Saturday, 16th April starting at 10:30am in Mickleton, south of Stratford.

They'll be circulating details soon, so in the meantime get out your walking boots and your mileometer; invite friends and their dogs and get yourself fit. Don't worry, it won't be that strenuous and is great fun !



## Bonus Ball...

It was agreed at the AGM that we should close down the 100/50 club this year after several successful years. It was getting more difficult to sell, and we felt it was time for a fresh start. So Stephen Cowdrill will be setting up a weekly Bonus Ball competition (based on the Lottery). The suggestion is that the winnings will be split between the members and charity.

We shall distribute details nearer launch date, which is not yet planned.

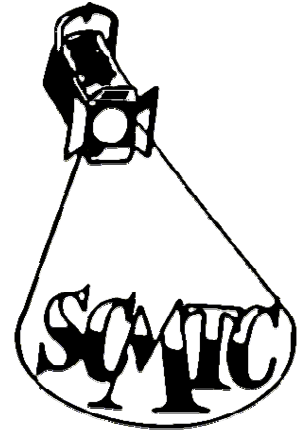
We will keep it open to all our members, patrons and friends as it is now.

Many thanks to Marian Whitbread who has been looking after the 50 Club for us.

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<b>Director (Membership):</b>	<b>Helen King</b>
<b>Director (Patrons/Publishing):</b>	<b>Margaret Mallett</b>
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Sutton Coldfield Town Hall  
3rd April 2005**  
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Mickleton, Nr. Stratford  
16th April 2005**  
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LichfieldGARRICK  
14th—18th June 2005**  
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14th January 2006**  
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