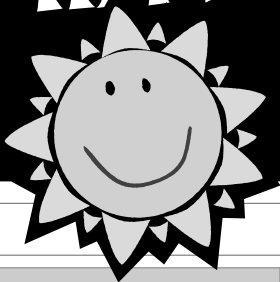


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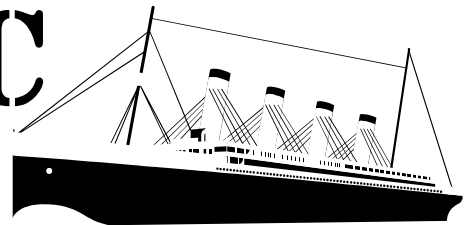
*Summer is now here! Though I expect the usual weather will make if feel more like winter.*

*I hope that all of you who are getting away for a break have a great time. But in the meantime, start sorting out those bits for the car boot sales. It is a very easy way of making money for the society, and good fun too.*

*Then, as we wind up for autumn there are two of our shows to work on. In particular we need to start selling 'Love'. Why not buy a table of 8 and then you have an incentive to get a group together! Either phone our new dedicated box office number, or you can book online and pay by credit or debit card at [www.miltonmusical.org](http://www.miltonmusical.org)*

*John Teather*

# TITANIC SAILS



**April 13th - 17th 2010**

### **After all of the 'will she, won't she' - the decision has been made.**

At last Monday's committee meeting the decision was a unanimous agreement that 'Titanic—the Musical' directed by John Teather will be the 2010 production staged at the Regent Centre.

Having now had a full financial report on the outcome from 'Kate', members felt that there was a good chance that, together with the fund-raising initiatives, the project was viable.

The September edition of the Newsletter will have full details of the casting process, but in the meantime, the two

key dates are the introduction evening on Wednesday 9th September and the all day audition on Sunday 13th. A further evening has been set aside on Wednesday 16th for any additional auditions.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday 3rd November.

The production team so far are:

Director - **John Teather**

Musical Director - **Lee Marchant**

Associate Musical Director - **Alison Peach**

Choreographer - **Jo Mansfield**

Movement Director - **Suzanne Teather**

Production Secretary - **Alison Trow**

Stage Manager - **Jane White**

Rehearsal Pianist - **Alistair Hume**

## *This Thing Called Love* Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th October



### **Tickets are now on sale!**

We have a table plan for the show and some fabulous flyers to hand out that will catch people's attention, as they are nice and bright. Please start selling the show to all your family and friends. It would be great if every member took responsibility for selling at least one table for the show. And remember..... for every table of 8 you book, your table

will receive a free bottle of wine. Just place your order when you book your tickets. Also, every ticket holder will be eligible for our free draw to win two tickets to our next show TITANIC, a Musical. All you have to do is enter your details on the back of your ticket for 'This Thing Called Love' and place it in the collection box on the door. So..... happy selling everyone. To order you tickets phone or email Michele Moulin

White (details on the back of the newsletter) or complete the flyer and send to Michele (address on the flyer)

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## View from the Chair



I thought that when Kiss Me Kate was over that life would settle down and become a little calmer. No chance. Life in Milton Musical carries on at its usual frantic pace – planning for the next show and then the one after that!! Yes **"Titanic"** is afloat and planning for the show starts NOW.

First of all I would like to welcome a new member to the Committee. Jonathan Shiner has been co-opted on to cover Exter-

nal Communications. This is a post that we desperately need covering for all our outside publicity and Jon has some great ideas. We had a good turn out for the Members' Monday and a heap of good ideas were floated and allocated out. The most important thing now is that WE ACTION THEM. So if you have your name next to an item rest assured you will be chased. A new fundraising column is being added to the Newsletter

so that you can keep us all updated as to the activity going on. Following on from that, it was suggested that we have a Fundraising Coordinator (you know who you were!) so names on a postcard please. Of course our next big event is **"This Thing Called Love"** in October and this time we have our own Box Office. We have a total of 512 tickets to sell which if achieved will bring in a very tidy profit. That is 128 tickets per perform-

ance broken down into tables of 8, 6 or 4. Tickets can be purchased through the website Box Office or via the show flyers and members can also reserve tables.

So no prizes for guessing my catchphrase for the next 4 months! TICKETS!

*Michele*

## 'Love' FOH

Well, where is the summer going? We are just weeks away from starting rehearsals for 'This Thing Called Love' and lots of exciting opportunities for all to be involved in, as we will need almost as many people front of house as on stage.

We are hoping that as many people from the society as possible will be joining us for this. We will require, programme sellers, raffle ticket sellers, waitresses, sandwich makers, people to help at the bar,

and all with a welcoming Milton smile, and another chance for us to all dress up and have some fun together, the more the merrier.

We are also asking for anyone who would be happy to loan us any tea-pots, cups and saucers, milk jugs, and/or sugar bowls for the old fashioned high tea that we plan to serve during the matinees.

We will be continuing with the hamper idea for the raffle, but hope to extend it

to include Men's and Ladies cosmetics, so all donations will be gratefully received. Other prizes would be lovely to swell the raffle table. I have already received a free trip to the hairdressers to give as a prize so if you frequent anywhere maybe they will be happy to donate something to such a worthy cause and obviously get a bit of free publicity for them too.

I have already been given the following names as helpers:

Anne, Jilly, Alison Peach, Alison Trow, Marlene, Josie, Jasper, and Elle.

Please get in touch as soon as you can so that I can sort out teams for each night..

Most of you know that I work full time and can't always chat during the day but if you leave a message I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can. 07948 494018. Hope to hear from you all soon.

*Sian*

# New Boy on the Block!

As the newest member of the committee, I feel that I should explore every avenue, to maximise the revenue and exposure that each production the society undertakes receives. To that end I want external ticketing opportunities, Partner business participation, with or without sponsorship, Alternative venues and more actual live show time so that the work the members put in is not all over in 4 or 5 short days. Press involvement in our activities and plenty of material for local media to give the public more chance to learn of

our productions.

Membership issues are another priority, and I have strong views on fees and commitment to the society. We cannot raise our production standards to the level we aspire to if the membership do not come with us. We could do with more active members so that expensive productions are more easily attainable; however the simple truth of money in the bank to make this happen means we all need to be prepared to pay for the privilege. Financially this means upping subscrip-

tions and other fees to match our ambition.

I think that Brockenhurst Hall has significant possibilities for us as a society; and to that end I will be exploring the practicalities of taking our Autumn production there for a week-end run in November.

Lastly, the plans for a Christmas choral group; I need Musical direction and a forum of 12 singing people to produce a medley of seasonal choral music to take out on the "ROAD". Principally as a fund raiser.

Suggestions for organisations who would pay a small (£50) fee for an hour long show, needs to be drawn up. Red Funnel have already expressed an interest on their Car Ferries in the run up to Christmas, but hospitals, community centres and other places where a captive audience exist are all worth looking at. Plenty of Big nursing/care homes in the area.....

I think that's enough for now.....

*Jonathan Shiner -  
External Communications*

## FUNDRAISING CORNER

This is the new column whereby you can keep us informed of all your wonderful money spinning activities. All you need to do is email either myself (Michele) or JT.

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**

Alison Trow has identified this brilliant fundraising website:

It is a portal though to on-line shops which if you access them through this site will donate a % of your purchase to a nominated organisation. It is all set up so that Milton Musical is your preferred "charity" and is pretty easy to use. You need to register your email address and select the organization that you want your % donated to. Then you can go shopping!! There are loads of well-known High Street names there such as M&S, John Lewis, Amazon, Borders etc.. and new ones are being added all the time.

So go and check it out. It doesn't

cost you anything but Milton will get a cut of the money that you were going to spend anyway. It's a no brainer!

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Yes I put my name to this one. So far I have identified about a dozen people and small businesses who are interested in having a stall. I would also like a Father Christmas – any ideas???

Date and Venue still have to be firmed up depending on what else is going on but please if you are interested in a stall or know anyone who might be then put them in touch.

### ARTS COUNCIL AND COUNCIL GRANTS

Forms have been received for these and will be dealt with by the Committee.

### CAR BOOT SALES

An easy way to get rid of all those

things you really don't want and raise funds for the society, and at the same time promote it.

There will be two opportunities on Sundays 16th and 23rd August. The venues and times will be announced later - the cost £5 a car.

If you are interested in bringing your own car, or have nothing to sell but are willing to help with selling or handing out leaflets for our next show - please ring Pat Barnett on 01202 382401 or Suzanne Teather on 01425 610383. Emails are:  
[patbarnett66@aol.com](mailto:patbarnett66@aol.com) or  
[suzanne@teather.org.uk](mailto:suzanne@teather.org.uk)

### JUMBLE SALES

Don't donate to the charity shops keep it for the MMS Jumble sale..... Anyone interested in helping etc.. should contact Marlene on 01202 884758.

## Member's Monday 29th June 2009 at Sopley Village Hall, Sopley

### Present:

Michele, Max, Martin, Richard, Sue, Roger Cooper, Andy, Lee, Sian, Jon Shiner, Roger Dagnall, Margaret, Anne, Jilly, Marie, Alison Peach, Les, Jean, Donna, Terry, Pat, Suzanne, John Teather, Ray,

Michele opened the meeting and presented the members with the an agenda for the evening:

Richard suggested that members should be able to decide on whether they want to be involved in fund raising and asked why it was suddenly felt necessary to raise £5,000 as this had never been done before.

Michele explained that £5,000 was the figure reached by the Committee that would provide good cash flow and a cushion for our next big show.

Jo explained that in the past members have loaned money to keep the company afloat and over £3,500 was borrowed from two committee members to support Kiss Me Kate.

Margaret added that the show standard had been raised. Where set building, props and costumes were often cobbles together in peoples homes. We now hired sets and costumes and aimed for a professional look.

Richard asked why an alternative venue to the Regent Centre couldn't be found. Michele said that if another theatre with a similar seating capacity and offering the same services could be found in the locality, she would be happy to make enquiries, but felt that there was no other alternative venue.

*(John Teather commented that it was a question of aspiration and if members wanted to perform within the funds that MMS have then it would be concerts and village halls. However, if we aspire to the large shows then we have to be prepared to raise the additional funds required.)*

There was lots of talk around the room regarding the membership fees and how little Milton's membership was in comparison to other societies. Suzanne said that other group's she had been a member of a production fee was levied against the cast. Michele responded that the Committee had voted against raising membership fees as the £1 rehearsal fee was an easier amount for people to find. She explained that no member would be forced to help with fund raising but the Committee were asking the member's to help wherever possible.

Andy said everybody should see it as a positive, a chance to spend more time

together doing fun things. He also suggested a separate fund raising sub committee, which is something that the MMS Committee will discuss if there are people who are willing to serve on it.

### Group sessions:

Michele asked everyone to work in small groups around the tables to brainstorm fund raising ideas.

### Collated ideas:

Personal services (Networking) e.g gardening, cake making, plumbing,

Diary of expertise (Members abilities)  
**JM**

Auction of promises (Social event) **JM/VC**

Jumble/garage sale.  
Free ads (For sale of larger unwanted items) **RP**

Rehearsal cakes **SR**

Ebay sales **MC**

20p coins - Loose chains - foreign currency **MM**

Race night (Social event) **VC**

Bingo (Social event) **VC**

Golf Club dinner **RC**

Life stories/talks **RC**

Singing carwash **MC**

Christmas craft fair **MMW**

Fashion show

Come dine with me **RA/GA**

MMS dvd

Corporate entertainment

Entertainment for the red funnel crossings **JS**

Quarterly club nights - inter society talent show - one act plays

Marzipan night Demonstration and have a go! **LN**

Barton church table top sale £5 for a table, keep proceeds  
**JN/AJ**

Titanic sponsorship - e.g Carnival/Sunseeker **JS**

Show production fee i.e £10 **For the AGM**

Become a charity (Gift aid) **RD**

Titanic merchandise **MC/JT**

Christmas Dinner Dance (social event)  
**VC**

20p Smartie tube (£10 to fill a tube)

Sponsored walk in show characters

24 hour singathon

Beetle Drive/ Spelling Bee

Lottery funding/Arts Council grants

Bring a non-member to events

Corporate sponsorship

Car boot Sale **SC/RN/TB**

Milton/Highcliffe carnivals

50 Thrift Club **LD/JM**

Calender Club

Treasure Hunt (Social event) **VC**

### Allocate Actions:

Those events whereby people said they would organise have been marked with their initials.

**JM** - Jo Mansfield, **VC** - Vicky Clarke, **RP** - Richard Paskins, **SR** - Sue Rat-tue, **MM** - Martin Mansfield, **RC** - Roger Cooper, **MMW** - Michele Moulin White, **JN** - Jilly Nuttall, **AJ** - Anne Jagger, **JS** - Jon Shiner, **RD** - Roger Dagnall, **MC** - Marie Coltman, **JT** - John Teather, **SC** - Sally Crumpler, **RN** - Roni Notcutt, **LD** - Les DelNevo, **LN** - Lee Neil, **RA/GA** - Ray and Gaynor

### Implementation:

Each individual will go away and organise their nominated event. Any support they need can be asked for from the members. Any social event needs to be discussed with Vicky in order to avoid clashing dates. The Newsletter will be used to communicate all ideas and help required and to advertise events. Michele set a deadline of the Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July, for first reports back as to progress.

### Jo Mansfield:

Jo informed everybody that the Patron's scheme had been updated and flyer's were available promoting this. Jo asked everybody in the room to try and enrol one patron each into the society, someone that always comes along to see you, your husband/wife, Mum/Dad, Granny, Aunt, brother/sister, son/daughter etc. If 30 members each introduced one patron we would have an annual income of £600 from this scheme.

Jo went on to do a presentation about the Utility Warehouse Discount Club

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and their Community Fundraising scheme. A few people gave their

names to Jo as being interested in the scheme. The Committee will decide at their next meeting if we should go ahead and register for the scheme.

**AOB:**

Their being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 22:15

# Social Occasions

First of all we must give a HUGE "well done" to Vicky and her team for organising our first Summer Dinner Dance. A small but select group met at Shorefields for an excellent dinner and NODA president-elect Margaret Coltman presented the NODA long service awards to quite a few members (we have a lot of catching up to do). A wonderfully nostalgic video montage of

past shows was put together by JT and he skilfully finished off with some tantalising "future" footage from Titanic. Fabulous entertainment from several members punctuated the evening, displaying sides that we did not know existed. Overall, a profit of over £300 was made, bringing the total profit from social events since March to over £1,000.

Our next set of events is listed below, starting with the Croquet on August 9th at the Old Vicarage. This is the third year of this event and Milton need to make sure that this year the Cup comes home! RSVP to Michele please ASAP so that food can be arranged. Family and Friends are welcome. Details below.

**Sunday 9th August at 1200 Noon**



## CROQUET

Games from 12 noon, food from 1.30pm. £5 per person, bring a bottle. Raffle

RSVP Michele - Bring yourself, family and friends

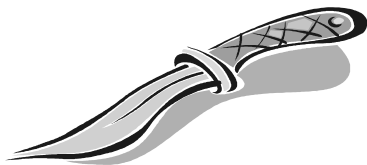
**Friday 21st August  
AIR SHOW SOCIAL  
at Beach Hut 2329 Bournemouth**



Treasure Hunt event finishing in time for the Friday Fireworks whilst indulging on bubbly and strawberries. Bring a picnic/bottle for Tea from 5pm, feast on the Air Show atmosphere and socialise with your friends from the friendliest Society in Bournemouth.

Treasure Hunt will start from 7pm, teams of up to 4 people. Fireworks from 10pm off the pier. Meet at Beach hut no: 2329, just west of Bournemouth Pier. Only £5 incl bubbly, strawberries and Treasure Hunt. Bring everyone you know to what will be fantastic fun!!!!!!

**Saturday 5th September  
MURDER ON THE MED**



Due to popular demand, this fully organised murder mystery will be held at the beginning of September. Volunteers are now being sort to play the characters - call Vicky on 07525389204 if interested.

It is likely that we will use a local venue to stage this event and more details will be available in the next newsletter. There will be a fish n chip supper and bar service available, so you should rally up your team now!! I am taking bookings for tables on a first come first served basis.

**Saturday 31st October  
Halloween After-Show**

Fancy Dress - Post Love - Halloween Party at Boreham Road Southbourne

Supper and Social

**Quiz Night November 21st**

-put this date in your diary, details to follow

Would you be interested in a Christmas shopping trip to London by coach? See the lights? Let Vicky know if this is of interest to you to see if financially viable-text/email or call ASAP

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* New since last  
Newsletter

August	Sunday 9th	Croquet at Sopley
	Monday 10th	Committee Meeting
	Friday 21st	Air Show Social
September	Saturday 5th	Murder on the Med
	Wednesday 9th	<i>Titanic</i> Introduction
	Sunday 13th	Casting for <i>Titanic</i>
	Monday 14th	Committee Meeting
	Wednesday 16th	More <i>Titanic</i> Casting
	Saturday 19th	Barton Harvest Festival
October	Monday 12th	Committee Meeting
	Friday 23rd	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Saturday 24th	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Sunday 25th	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Saturday 31st	Halloween After Show
November	Wednesday 4th	<i>Titanic</i> Rehearsals start
	Monday 9th	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 21st	Quiz Night
	Monday 23rd	Annual General Meeting
December		
January		
February		
March		
April	13th - 17th	<i>Titanic</i>

## 'Love' Set building dates:

**Sunday 2nd August – Saturday 15th August – Sunday 23rd August.**

The set building days will be at my house, 9, Boreham Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 5BW, from 10am – 6pm.

Calling all handy men and women!

If you can help with simple carpentry, painting, tea making

etc. then please come along on any of these dates to offer your services. If you can only help for a couple of hours then that will be brilliant (obviously not as brilliant as coming along from 10-6 on all three dates but every little helps!) All help will be greatly appreciated and I will do my best to make it as happy a day as possible by providing bacon butties & tea/ coffee and maybe even a glass of wine if you're really lucky. Please email me to confirm when you are available to help: [joanne.mansfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joanne.mansfield@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you, Jo.