

# Milton Musical Society

## November Newsletter

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### EDITORIAL

The thought of Annual General Meetings usually fills people with a feeling of dread! But they are no different to General Elections - if you don't vote then you get the government you deserve!

Our AGM in November is equally important, with big changes in senior officers, as we elect a new Chairman and new Treasurer. The business of the day will not take too long, and then we can relax and socialise!

It is a busy time for the society at the moment with the presentation of 'Love' and then the start of 'Titanic'. We all have a part to play in this either as cast or audience. I hope to see you all!

*Best wishes,*

**John Teather**

## This Thing Called Love

Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th October



### LOVE AT LAST!

Rehearsals of This Thing Called Love are virtually complete and it's **SHOW TIME!!** Please come and support your fellow members by buying your tickets for this fabulous show. The cast and production team have worked so hard to get this show ready and it would be extremely disappointing for them if they play to a half empty room. It will be very disappointing for the rest of us too, as we need to guarantee a profit from this show to ensure Titanic floats. At the moment this isn't looking like a possibility. **SO COME ON!** Grab yourselves a ticket for a fun night/day out, with either a cream tea or fish & chips for your trouble. What more do you want, you lucky people!

Performance times are:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm & 7.30pm and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm – all at St Marks Hall, Highcliffe.**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 7.30pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2.30pm & 7.30pm – all at Brockenhurst Village Hall, Brockenhurst.**

See you there!

*Jo Mansfield*

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## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

And so onto "**Love**"..... It is actually quite scary to think that by the time you read this we will almost be at our first performance.

Tickets are selling but as always we could do with selling more. Saturday Night is almost sold out and Friday is moving as well. There are **STILL** company members who have not booked any tickets and the excuse that "it's hard because I'm not in it". Well that is a load of ""\$£""£\$. Well

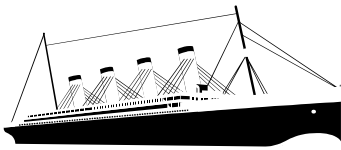
done to Roger C, Pauline, Val, Gaynor and Ray, Les and Sally - who have all managed to sell a table despite not being in the show!! If you are new to the company, through being cast in "Titanic" then please **BUY SOME TICKETS!** It we don't make what we need to on "Love" there will be no "Titanic" so don't say you were not warned!

And finally....as Jo has indicated we have the AGM coming up

shortly and there will be some changes to the Management Committee. I want to thank Roger Dagnall in particular for being our Treasurer for 13 years. He has done a sterling job and has been a real rock as far as the Society is concerned - keeping us on track. Thank you Roger. It is also goodbye from Sian, who has managed our Front of House so well over the last year. The excellent service you will receive at

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# TITANIC



**April 13th -  
17th 2010**

**I am very please to announce that Michele has agreed to become Producer for the show. The split in responsibilities is basically that the Director is responsible for everything on stage - the Producer is responsible for making sure there is a stage! With a big show like this, the sum of the parts is more than parts alone!**

Again, many thanks to all of you who took part in the auditioning process. So, I am pleased to publish the cast list to date. There are still parts that I have been unable to fill - but as I write I am working on this and hope to have completed the casting by the time we start rehearsals on Wednesday 4th November at Barton Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm. I am sorry if you didn't end up with the part you really wanted - but I am sure you will enjoy being part of the crew and passengers.

Those of you who are on email have already been requested to notify me of planned absences before start of rehearsals - this is so that I can try to draw up a meaningful rehearsal schedule.

Also I reminded you that you will need to have printed out a copy of the

libretto by the time we start. There will be no copies at rehearsals for you. Files of both the libretto and score are contained on one of the two CDs available from me for £5 for both. Alternatively I have made arrangements with Colour Copier of 413 Lymington Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5EN 01425 276776 [colourcopier@ic24.net](mailto:colourcopier@ic24.net) to print for you. I have given them a copy of the file and they will do a print, at about £5. This way, it is your copy to keep and scribble over! If you can get together, the more you have done at one time - the cheaper it is. You can place your orders over the phone, email or in person. The full score is too large to print, but there are files of the individual songs on the CD.

Apart from finishing off the casting, my main work has been trying to work out how to get a ship to fit on the Regent Centre stage. I now know how I want to do it - the next bit is to establish if we can afford it!

I hope you are looking forward to our journey as much as I am!

*John Teather*

**The Box Office for the show is now open at the Regent Centre. You can either go online at [www.regentcentre.co.uk](http://www.regentcentre.co.uk) or ring 01202 499199**

Thomas Andrews  
Bruce J Ismay  
Captain EJ Smith  
First Officer Murdoch  
Second Officer Lightoller  
Third Officer Pitman/Major  
Fourth Officer Boxall/Taylor/H Rogers  
Quartermaster Hitchens/Bricoux  
Radioman, Harold Bride  
Stoker, Frederick Barrett  
Lookout, Frederick Fleet  
Joseph Bell / Hartley  
Steward, Henry Etches  
Bell Boy  
Isador Strauss  
Ida Strauss  
John Jacob Astor  
Madeline Astor  
Benjamin Guggenheim  
Mme. Aubert  
John B Thayer  
Marion Thayer  
Jack Thayer  
George Widener  
Eleanor Widener  
Charlotte Cardoza  
Edith Corse Evans  
Alice Beane  
Edgar Beane  
Charles Clark  
Caroline Neville  
Jim Farrell  
Kate McGowan  
Kate Mullins  
Kate Murphey  
Frank Carlson/1st Class Passenger  
Andrew Latimer  
Stewardess Robinson  
Stewardess Hutchinson  
Stevadore/Stoker/2nd Class Passenger  
Stevadore/Stoker/3rd Class Passenger  
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Lee Neal  
Syd Young  
Max White  
Jonathan Shiner  
Jimmy Hardy  
Roger Cooper  
Shaun Flynn  
Lee Tucker  
Matt Tuddenham  
Alex Cook  
Callum Hill  
Michael Pickford  
Martin Mansfield  
Billy Cook  
TBC  
Suzanne Teather  
Henry Champion  
Zarene Bray  
Les Del-Nevo  
Sian Goodbourn  
TBC  
Joanna Welsh  
Oliver Kent  
Nick Squires  
Marie Coltman  
Wendy Mason  
Anne Jagger  
Victoria Clark  
Ian Dupoy  
TBC  
Emily Manion  
Caine Morfett  
Kim Thompson  
Chloe Moore  
Amy Kelly  
Terry Barnett  
Charles Aries  
Roni Notcutt  
Pat Barnett  
Ray Adnett  
Dean Quinton  
Elizabeth Bishop  
Marlene Lewis  
Joanne Mansfield  
Michele Moulin-White  
Sue Neal  
Jill Nuthall  
Jo Taylor  
Pauline Agate  
Sally Crumpler  
Lucy Dupoy  
Nicole Dupoy  
Lucy Kelleher  
Julie Manion  
Donna Raine  
Christine Skidmore  
Emily-Jane Charge  
Heather Davis  
Josie Goodbourn  
Nicholas Lavies  
Frankie Mansfield  
April Winchcombe-Young

## TITANIC-WHAT A COINCIDENCE OR FATE!

Prior to auditions, I studied the score -as you do - and thought to go online to see what other info I could glean about the character I wanted to play. On so many levels the journey of fate had begun for me prior to audition.

I was shocked. I agree some of my links of fate may be a little tenuous, but here goes - you make up your mind!!

Firstly, Alice Beane is a character in the musical based on a real life per-

son called Mrs Ethel Beane. Her real maiden name was.... Clarke! (spooky). She originally lived in Norwich and was heading to New York on Titanic with Edward (Edgar in the musical) on honeymoon. Ethel was born in November -so was I!! (1 in 12 chances of being spooky!!)

When the Titanic hit the iceberg and the ship began to sink, Alice was saved in lifeboat number 13. Alice lived until 1983, when she died peacefully in her sleep. I would have

been 13 when she died and my son Louis was born on the 13<sup>th</sup>! (double spooky). But this is the most creepy fact of all.....

When Titanic the musical opened for the first time on Broadway in 1997, the actress playing Alice Beane was called Victoria Clark. (yee zykes!).

It will be a pleasure to be playing Alice Beane , fate or not.

*Vicky*

## CHRISTMAS SINGERS UPDATE

**Firstly, the dates for ferry visits; Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

Arrive at Red Funnel terminal, Town Quay, Southampton; for 1000hrs. Share cars as parking is limited. Sail at 1030.

One round trip is 3 hours and

we aim to stay on board for 2 round trips and sing for 4 successive loads of Passengers.

You can bring your own refreshments or there is an extensive Cafeteria and Bar on board. We will therefore disembark at 1600hrs.

Land-based singing as organised by Les del Nevo will be on Sunday afternoons, to be arranged.

### REHEARSALS

These are scheduled for the hour before the Titanic rehearsals at Barton Methodist Hall, on the 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Novem-

ber. Please be there by 1815.

We can arrange composition of the group once the singing rehearsals start as some people will not be able to make each and every occasion.

Regards  
*Jonathan Shiner*

## JUMBLE SALE Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November Scout Hut, Caird Avenue, New Milton at 1.30pm.

### JUMBLE SALE & CLOTHES FOR COSTUMES

Final chance to de-clutter your home, (and friends, neighbours & families) of all those clothes and items that are useless to you, but may make money for MMS, for the above sales.

### CLOTHES FOR COSTUMES

Are YOU de-cluttering YOUR wardrobe?

A plead to male & female members of MMS.

As stated in previous newsletters, items of clothing which may be suitable for costumes, are still required to pass on to Anne Ponting. Anne will be providing costumes for Titanic, and is willing to purchase clothes she thinks can be used for costumes in any show. Please continue to sort out/declutter your wardrobes of clothes, (not shoes, T shirts, or mini skirts, unless genuine 1960's skirts/dresses), scarves, hats, accessories, etc., and pass them onto:

•Margot Frost = 32, Barton Court Road, New Milton. Weekend of 31st Oct/1st Nov. or by prior arrangement by telephoning 01425 612127 (Items to be placed in garage)

•Margaret Trickett = by prior arrangement 5, Shepherd Close, Highcliffe, BH23 5PF Tel: 01425 273737

•Vicky Clark = by prior arrangement at 93, Western Avenue, Ensburry Park, Bournemouth. Tel: 07894711607 or email marlene.lewis@talk21.com

•Marlene Lewis at Titanic rehearsal 4th November

•Carol Massey = Phone 01425 619545 to make arrangement

Are there more members who are willing to collect and hold suitable clothing? If so please contact me, Tel: 07894711607.

Anne will be viewing the clothing the week before the jumble sale.

**CLOTHING AND JUMBLE ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED. PLEASE DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOME AND ANYONE ELSE'S HOME, WHICH NEEDS A 'DE-CLUTTER!'**

Help will be needed on the day to either sort items in the morning, help sell in afternoon and tidy up. The hall will be open from **9.00am to start setting up, and open to the public at 1.30pm.** If you are unable to help, why not come and purchase some items! If you can help for an hour or two, (or longer) it would be appreciated.

Are there any members who are willing to collect, or hold items and/or take them to the hall on day of the sale?

If you are able to help in anyway possible please contact me, Tel: 07894711607 or by email [marlene.lewis@talk21.com](mailto:marlene.lewis@talk21.com), or Carol Massey on 01425 619545.

Thank you

*Marlene*

# Annual General Meeting

**This year's AGM is to be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.00pm, at Sopley Village Hall. This is your chance to have your say on who will be running your Society and also the opportunity for you to raise any issues or concerns that you may have.**



## The current Committee consists of:-

President	- Julian Clegg
Chairman	- Michele Moulin White
Vice Chairman/Social Secretary	- Vicky Clarke
Honorary Secretary	- Jo Mansfield
Honorary Treasurer	- Roger Dagnall
Member	- John Teather (Technical Manager/Newsletter/Website)
Member	- Marlene Lewis (Ticket Liaison)
Member	- Lucy Markes (Publicity)
Member	- Sian Goodbourn (Front of House)
Co-opted Member	- Jonathon Shiner (Publicity)
Co-opted Member	- Les Del Nevo (Publicity)

## The following Committee Members are willing to re-stand and have agreed to be nominated for the following roles:-

Chairman	-Vicky Clarke
Vice Chair/Treasurer/Membership Secretary	- Jo Mansfield
Member	- John Teather (Technical Manager/Newsletter/Website)
Member	- Marlene Lewis (Front of House/Ticket Liaison)
Member	- Jonathon Shiner (Publicity)
Member	- Les Del Nevo (Publicity)

## The following Committee Members do not wish to re-stand:-

Michele Moulin White, Roger Dagnall, Lucy Markes and Sian Goodbourn

## The following person has expressed an interest in being nominated:-

Social Secretary - Marie Coltman

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be nominated for any of the Committee positions, then please let a current Committee member know so that we can ensure your interest is known about.

Nomination forms will be mailed out by 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to paid up members of the Society only.

**You may only vote if you are a paid up member.** Membership fees were due on 1<sup>st</sup> October, and you should have received your paperwork regarding this. If you have yet to pay your membership fee, or have paid but **need to return your paperwork**, please do so by 23<sup>rd</sup> October, or you will not receive your voting papers.

Once received, please return your nomination forms to me, **Jo Mansfield, 9 Boreham Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 5BW**, no later than **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**. Please ensure that anyone you nominate is willing to stand for the position that you nominate them for.

Happy Voting!

*Jo Mansfield*

# A Note from your Social Secretary

Firstly, huge thanks to Jo and Martin for hosting our recent Cheese and Wine Party. Thanks also to the members who attended what was, a very enjoyable social after a busy day of prop building (for those that helped with props-thanks for your time).

It was a very posh nosh do, and as we catered for more than arrived, we did not make any funds for the society (although those at Sunday's rehearsal did benefit, thanks for the contributions that saw us break even).

With the recession taking its toll, it is even more important to prudently strive for value for money socials, but these still need your support.

The 2010 dates have been set, please put these in your diary before anyone else books you. If the socials aren't your thing, let us know so we can cater

for all tastes, we want you there!

Have you organised a team yet for the quiz night? There will be a bar with nibbles available, raffle and spot prizes. The last quizzes have been successful, great fun evenings-don't miss out. Call now to book a table and get your team to "gen" up.

Don't forget there is a prize for the member who organises the most teams. Teams should be 4-6 people

Categories for the quiz include: General Knowledge, Music, Geography, Topical, Sports, TV, Films, and Titanic.

If you want to join a team, let me know so I can put you in contact with others looking for a team.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you on quiz night.

Following Quiz Night, is the AGM. We will be running a workshop following the AGM and this will use material from the latest Rice/Webber release, "The Likes of Us". The workshop looks at everyone's contribution to a production. It is designed to offer an opportunity to look at your individual performance and how it adds to the bigger picture. It will be a very informal fun filled evening. You should wear loose clothes and trainers/dance shoes (although you should know this is not an energetic dance class!!)

The AGM is being held at Sopley Village hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov from 7.00pm

More info on the 2010 dates in the next newsletter

Your Social Secretary,

**Vicky x**

<b>Saturday 21st November</b>	<b>Quiz Night</b> with prizes. St Marks Church Hall, Highcliffe, Teams of 4-6 people. Bar opens at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Snacks and Raffle. Only £3 per person. Call/txt or email to reserve your table (07525 389204, <a href="mailto:social@miltonmusical.org">social@miltonmusical.org</a> ) Prize for the member who organises the most teams-book now!
<b>Monday 23rd November</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting - The Likes of Us Workshop.</b> 7.00pm AGM including nominations and election of new committee. Your chance to have a say. 8.30 - 10pm Plans for year ahead. Refreshments, workshop and network £3
<b>December</b>	TBC
<b>January</b>	" <b>A Night to Remember</b> ", an evening of history and nostalgia. More details to follow
<b>February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7.00</b>	<b>Milton Entertains Milton.</b> An evening of entertainment laid on by you! Supper with a variety of performances by members of the society. If you are a newer member, don't be reserved-get on the play list. Song, poems, acting or comedy welcome. More details to follow. Call/txt or email to reserve your table (07525 389204, <a href="mailto:social@miltonmusical.org">social@miltonmusical.org</a> )
<b>March</b>	<b>Skittles Evening</b> TBC
<b>April</b>	<b>Karaoke BBQ</b> TBC
<b>May</b>	<b>Annual Dinner Dance</b> —details to follow
<b>June</b>	<b>Murder on The Med.</b> Date tbc. Supper and "Sleuthing"! An evening of intrigue and suspense. Volunteers needed to play the character parts-call Maggie or Vicky for more info.
<b>July</b>	<b>American Supper</b> TBC
<b>August</b>	<b>Annual Croquet</b> TBC

## LOVE - Front of House

Just a few days until 'Love' now, so just a few last words, as all the last minute preparations are happening. We will have plenty for all to do on show days so anyone, who is holding back on telling me, but really wants to dress up and help out, we will be grateful for any help. Or maybe you have an unusual raffle prize that will encourage our guests to purchase raffle tickets. Or maybe you haven't got round to purchasing your tickets to see the show yet, and I may be bi-

ased, but you really don't want to miss it. We would love to see all Milton members, there and have a chance to catch up with you.

Any last minute offers, gratefully appreciated, so contact me on 07948 494018.

Hope to hear my phone ring soon, *Sian*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* New since last Newsletter

**October** Friday 23rd @ Highcliffe *This Thing Called Love*  
Saturday 24th @ Highcliffe *This Thing Called Love*  
Sunday 25th @ Highcliffe *This Thing Called Love*  
\*Saturday 31st @ Brockenhurst *This Thing Called Love*

**November** \*Sunday 1st @ Brockenhurst *This Thing Called Love*  
Wednesday 4th *Titanic* Rehearsals start  
Saturday 7th Jumble Sale  
Monday 9th Committee Meeting  
Saturday 21st Quiz Night  
Monday 23rd Annual General Meeting

**December** Saturday 5th Carol Singing on Ferry  
Saturday 12th Carol Singing on Ferry  
Saturday 19th Carol Singing on Ferry

**January 2010** \*TBC A Night to Remember

**February** \*Saturday 20th Milton Entertains Milton

**March** \*TBC Skittles Evening

**April** 13th - 17th *Titanic*  
\*TBC Karaoke BBQ

**May** \*TBC Annual Dinner Dance

**June** \*TBC Murder on the Med

**July** \*TBC American Supper

**August** \*TBC Annual Croquet Match

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"Love" is due to her and her team.

And finally, finally.....it is goodbye from me. This is the last "View from the Chair" that I will write. After 3 years it is time for me to move aside for someone else to take the Society on to its next level. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman and am so proud of the way that the Society has risen from the ashes. It is all due to you and your fantastic teamwork and support that we are in the position we are in today and even considering a show like "Titanic". You

are a fantastic group of people and I am so proud of you all. I must also thank Max. He has walked every step of the last 3 years with me and has been as much a part of the committee without even sitting on it! I wish my successor and the new Committee all the best for the forthcoming year and look forward to working with you all in a non-Chairman way!

So one final word from me.....TICKETS!!!!

*Michele*