

Milton Musical Society



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**Wednesday 23rd -
Saturday 26th
November at St Marks,
Highcliffe**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The show will soon be upon us, and it will be great, the singing and dancing is excellent and the sketches fun, we are making good progress and have heard and moved to the CD which we are using for the show with the music & sound effects.

The Act 1 men's costumes will be arriving on Friday 18th so can be collected at the evening rehearsal.

Sunday 20th November from 12 we shall need help with the get in at St Marks, men to help move items off the stage which are heavy and cannot be done by ladies and to

assemble the decking for the front stage, Ladies to put up the flag decorations in the hall and keep us going with tea etc. So, members not in the show please help, let Jonathan or me know the more there the quicker the jobs done and we can leave John to get on with his work.

Remember this is a fund raiser for your next show, so buy your tickets and sit back enjoy the show and your meal, and watch your fellow members strutting there stuff.

During the week we need help with serving the food as the on stage members will be to busy to do this with the heavy costumes on and they will need a rest.

So see you there and I hope you enjoy it.

Margaret Coltman

FROM THE PRODUCER

With less than 6 weeks to go the pace of rehearsals is in-

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View from the Chair

I remember my mum saying to me when I was a child that as you get older your life seems to go faster.

At the time I thought- yeah yeah, but IT'S TRUE. I can't believe that this is the November Newsletter, so much still to do in this year - Annual Dinner, AGM, Milton Entertains, , Oliver, OWALP.....

Well returned and refreshed from our French sojourn I guess it is time to pick up where we left off.

First of all, I would like to give huge congratulations to everyone who was successful in the "Oliver" auditions. It really is going to be a great show and the "buzz" around it has started already, which is always a good sign. In particular, a big well done should go to Josie, in being cast as Nancy. It is

her first lead role, which is always exciting, and I know that everyone will make the experience a special one for her.

I am very aware that recently, we have been pulling on your purse strings a lot, with all the social events and then the requests for tickets sales. We don't make any apology for this. You all know the situation, without all this we wouldn't still be going as a Society.

So that said, we have decided to postpone the Annual Dinner. As I have said we have so much going on at the moment, that the decision was taken to move it into the New Year, when we can include all the new "Oliver" members as well.

The AGM - sadly Emily is not going to

be able to continue as our Treasurer, due to family and job commitments. First of all, I want on behalf of the Committee to thank Emily for all of her hard work and commitment. The Treasurer's job is not an easy one and Emily has steered us through the darkest time in MMS history, with patience, diplomacy and by.... well just being Emily. I know that last few months have not been easy; she has taken much of the brunt from some of our creditors and I want to extend my personal thanks to her, for taking the heat off me at a time when I was just getting my temporary feet back under the table.

We are also losing Vicky from the Committee, another huge loss, as the energy and enthusiasm she generates

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View from the Chair—cont.

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is a hard act to follow. However, if any of you feel that you are able to contribute by serving on the committee, please don't be shy in coming forward. Notification of the AGM will be going out shortly, along with nomination papers. You need to be nominated and seconded in order for your name to go forward to the meeting. Marie details all the positions that we are looking to fill in her section.

I was gutted to miss the trip to Ragtime, which I understand was a fabulous evening. Up until that trip I think I was one of the only people to have seen the show performed. I really hope that the production showed you

all what a fabulous show it is, and WHY it is so right for MMS.

Finally, six weeks to go until OWLAP, which is shaping up to be a really good show. There are some things to iron out with the production, which Producer Jonathon is sorting. The costumes are looking fabulous, and a big thanks to Maggie for as usual, raiding her loft, where I think she has a whole department from Angels and Bermans hidden!!

At the present time we have a large % of the tickets, either purchased or reserved. To those who fall in the former category, then thanks very much – a cheeky, can you do more? To those who fall in the latter, thanks very much, please can you chase pay-

ment so that they are confirmed purchases – and then a cheeky, can you do more? Saturday night is already SOLD OUT, with Thursday going well. Wednesday is dire at the moment so please start pushing your opening night. Remember you can't sell tickets retrospectively!

A big plea to all those in Oliver but not doing OWLAP – we need your input too! Please get onto all your friends and enemies and get them to purchase tickets. Your Oliver role might depend on it!!!!

Michele Moulin-White

OWALP cont.....

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creasing and we now are on 2 days a week, so everyone need to up their regular attendance to keep this show as sharp as it needs to be. There's a lot of movement to learn yet, but the music is now sorted and we know more about the sequence of songs to follow the "plot"!!

Props and scenery are nearly ready and the promised A Board is now safely in my Garage ready to be displayed in Highcliffe next month. I still have 2 A1 waterproof posters to be put up so don't hold back, let me know where you want to stick them!!!

Most of us are sourcing costumes from a variety of places, and Marlene is doing a grand job co-ordinating this. Ticket sales are no doubt mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter but we can all do more to fill those last tables!!!

I shall be at the Jumble sale on the 22nd to sell tickets straight to the general public, so if you want to "Cash in" on this let me know and send your friends and neighbours along too.

Next big organisational JOB is the food service. I do need volunteers to help prepare and dish up the meals that we are offering to go with the shows.

Ideally I want one organiser per session and 3 assistants. No real food preparation is needed as it all comes in frozen, and will just require cooking and plating. Don't wait to be asked, this is your Society and this is a vital part of our earning/ticketing process. We make a good profits from this activity so names to me please as soon as you can. **2 Matinee performances will serve cream teas with cake, and 4 evening shows are offered with Bangers and Mash and Spotted Dick!!**

If you have previous Health and Hygiene experience please let me know too, as we should do a risk assessment for this operation beforehand.

On the Publicity front, we are still planning to do leaflet drops in the immediate area around the Hall in the weeks leading up to ShowTime!!.

This is a Saturday morning event.

_This is another volunteer request as we need to gather a large group of us together for an hour or 2 on each Saturday to drop leaflets into letterboxes around the leafy suburbs of Highcliffe. Cast are in my sights for this so I shall be asking for names at Rehearsals.

The large sandwich board with the waterproof posters will be showing up

soon and leaflets in shops and public places are already out there but MORE can and must be done. Please don't assume I have done it all. Most of this is done by you!!

Programme advertising is going well and we are hoping to fill our allocation this time. If you would like to advertise or know someone who we should speak to, don't hold back. LET ME KNOW.

Some of you will have heard that we got a mention on Elaine Page's Radio 2 show recently. It's a bit of a lottery if you get picked so I took the opportunity to mention the Oliver auditions as well as OWALP. I regularly update media sources with our activities and **Face book** works surprisingly well, too. For those of you who use the internet regularly this means of promoting our activities is not to be underestimated. Please make sure that anything that goes out from Milton gets copied onto your page & shared, so more and more people will see it.

With Oliver not so far away, in production terms, we will not have time to pause for breath. Your **SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!!!!**

Jonathan Shiner

Lionel Bart's Oliver!

A big thank-you to all of you who auditioned for the cast of OLIVER! A very high standard of performance, with so much choice on offer.

The auditions for Nancy were almost as challenging as the BBC programme with the same degree of controversy! Eight people auditioned and they were all very talented. So much so that the audition panel were unable to decide. Out of the two finalists, I have now made my choice.

I still need to audition for more children, and a further audition is being held at the Methodist Church Hall at Barton on Saturday 5th November at 10.00am. The exact composition of who will be in the Workhouse group and those in Fagin's Gang will be made in rehearsal when we can compare sizes and shapes.

It has been a lengthy audition process and I am pleased to report that it is almost finished. So here are the results:

OLIVER TWIST	Joshua Priest
FAGIN	Martin Mansfield
DODGER	Billy Cook
BILL SYKES	Max White
NANCY	Josie Goodbourn
BET	Evie Shiner
CHARLEY BATES	To be cast at rehearsal
MR BUMBLE	Michael Pickford
WIDOW CORNEY	Michele Moulin-White
MR BROWNLOW	Jonathan Shiner
MR SOWERBERRY	Nick Squires
MRS SOWERBERRY	Suzanne Teather
CHARLOTTE	Issy Campbell
NOAH CLAYPOLE	To be cast at rehearsal
DR GRIMWIG	Terry Barnett
MRS BEDWIN	Debbie Clay
OLD SALLY	Jilly Nuthall
ANNIE	Anne Jagger
STRAWBERRY	Margaret Coltman, Christine Eastwood
MILK MAIDS	Anna-Marie Clay, Evie Shiner
ROSE SELLERS	Donna Raine, Joanna Welsh
KNIFE GRINDER	To be cast at rehearsal
CHILDREN	Jordan Abbott, Anna-Marie Clay, Eva Blane, Joshua Booth, Ben Cook, Jack Cobb, Lily Colbert, Jade Creswell, Cayton Francis, Jessica Fulton, Rowan Gillard, Amy Lewis, Meg Lewis, Hannah Morgan, Jordan Small, Francesca Riggs, Molly Trudgett, Charlotte Whittlesea, Jack Ryan
CHORUS	Pauline Agate, Pat Barnett, Tracey Bryant, Marie Coltman, Sally Crumpler, Gwen Doyle, Ian Dupoy, Lucy Dupoy, Nicole Dupoy, Hilary Forest, Laura Lambie, Marlene Lewis, Julie Manion, Carole Massey, Andy McGivney, Sue Neal, Angele Paskins, Michelle Phillips (Pit Singer),
<i>(most will be dancing in some way or the other!)</i>	

A full rehearsal schedule will be available at the first full company call. Because the show is a month earlier than originally planned, we will have to have a more intense schedule to fit it all in. There will be three rehearsals a week, with Wednesdays at Barton, Fridays at Highcliffe and Sundays at Barton. The general format will be adult principals on Wednesdays, chorus and big scenes on Fridays and Children with some principals on Sundays. But in the meantime, these are the rehearsals in December. Times and venues in the diary section on the rear of the Newsletter.

Wednesday 7th	Invited principals
Sunday 11th	Full Call
Wednesday 14th	Adults until 9.00pm when the Christmas do starts.
Sunday 18th	Children with invited principals.

Getting to rehearsals on time is a challenge for us all as we all have busy lives. However, with the shortened rehearsal period, please be aware that a 7.30pm call is the time I will start, it is not the arrival time, and Sundays will start at 2.00pm. So, please arrange your arrival time so that you have sufficient time to check-in and get yourselves ready to start at the appointed time. Absences are a nuisance for us all. At rehearsals will be a master schedule on which you can enter your planned absences. If for any reason you are delayed or sick - you must let me know before the rehearsal starts either by email or text. Make a note of **07802 203410** and john@teather.org.uk. I am going to have to be tough on this, and will re-cast parts if you simply do not turn up.

Under the rules of the society, you will need to be a fully paid-up member by the full call on Sunday 11th and pay your production fee. You can either do this in advance or at the rehearsal. Details of how to pay membership fees are on page 5 of this Newsletter.

I am still working on the exact setting for the show. There are always problems with the Regent Centre that have to be considered. In particular we are unable to get in before 1300 on the Sunday of show week. We are hiring a set from a company in Exeter which only takes three hours to erect. This will help a great deal with timings. I am still considering whether we takes out any rows of seats as we have done before. Against it is reduced tickets sales, and the actual time to remove the seats. However, what I lose is the ability to make entrances from both sides of the auditorium. All in all, I will have got it all decided before we start rehearsals, but I though the background might help you understand the complications.

John Teather, Director

Fundraising Report

Oliver Fleece & Polo shirt ordering

Payment should be made with order by cheque or cash. Cheques made payable to Milton Musical Society.

Premium Polo shirt available in sizes

XS(36), S (38), M(40), L(42-44), XL(46),2XL(48),3XL(50-52),4XL(54)

Children's Polo shirt available in sizes

Age 2(22), 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13(32-34)

Zipped Hoodie available in sizes £25 each

XS(36),S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL

Adult Classic Hoodie available in sizes £20

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Children Hoodie available in sizes £18

Age 2(22), 3-4,5-6,7-8,9-10,11-13

I will be taking orders for the Oliver garments

from now and plan to put in the first order by November 20th. Please bring your orders to rehearsals where we will collate them and have your garment ready for the first rehearsal in December. If you are not attending rehearsals, you can post me your cheque and order to:

Vicky Wharton, 210 Columbia Road, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH10 4DS

Jumble Sale –STOP PRESS- Saturday 22nd October

Bring your jumble to rehearsal, speak to Les about dropping off your donations. Volunteers still required on the day, so please contact Julie or Les to support the society.

Recycling

We are now in the throws of completing the recycling collections of tins and cans. Please still collect these, but we would appreciate it if you could save them and keep them for fur-

ther instructions in the new year, when we will have regular collections. We are still working through the items that have been donated and will publish final details of our recycling in the next news letter.

We can still process cartridges and phones. We will also be collecting scrap metal again in the spring. More details to follow.

Carol Singing

Volunteers are required, please let me know your intentions to be involved. We will have a rehearsal at the end of November and books on the day. Everything will be provided, all you need to give is your time. This is an easy fundraising opportunity and your support is appreciated. The sailings this year are 10th, 17th and 24th of December. If you can make any or all of the dates you are most welcome. Please contact me so I can get enough books prepared.

Vicky Wharton

FRONT OF HOUSE

Raffle

The raffle for OWALP will consist of a grand prize of £100.00, plus wine, chocolates, etc. Please donate generously. Non perishable food items are needed, e.g. tinned food, packets, jars, bottles etc. to make hampers for each performance. Please place an extra item or more into your weekly shopping, and bring them to rehearsals, social events a.s.a.p.

Costumes for OWALP

If any members of MMS have clothes, e.g. hats, helmets, dresses, skirts, trousers, dungarees, army, navy, airforce outfits, etc., which may be suitable to be worn as 1914-1918 & 1940's outfits, inform me now! Both ladies and 'large' gents outfits (especially army uniforms with hats), are needed.

Help is also required with costumes. Please contact me if you can assist.

OWALP Front of House

Join in the fun of OWALP show week, by volunteering to help with FOH. The tasks include preparing and serving food, selling programmes, raffle tickets, etc. Please put your name forward, without sufficient help it will be impossible to cope, also don't forget to ask friends and family to buy tickets and join in the fun. Please let me know immediately when you can help.

Wanted

12 large gravy jugs are needed for OWALP. China preferred. Let me know if you are willing to give/lend/find in charity shops etc. these jugs.

Margot Frost

Margot Frost has been a valued member of MMS since it's very first rehearsal in the 1960's. Unfortunately since she broke her hip last year, she has been unable to help with refreshments at rehearsals, store and provide costumes for shows, assist and run social and fundraising events She is missed. The good news is Margot is 'on the mend'. Although maybe not able to fulfil the roles she has undertaken in the past, she will hopefully be attending some future performances and social events.

We all wish Margot the very best with her recovery.

Marlene Lewis

The AGM on Wednesday 30th November is held to allow members to re-elect and elect members of the Management Committee.

We have four members that will be stepping down this year and therefore we are in need of some other members stepping up. If you

would like to be on the committee there are three easy steps:

1. Get Nominated-using a nomination form available from your Secretary (Marie). It should be signed by a proposer, a seconder and yourself.
2. Post/hand back the form at least 14 days

prior to the AGM (last date for receiving this is Nov 15th.

3. At the AGM an election takes place and if you get elected you are on Committee

The following committee members wish to re-stand:

Vice-Chairman - Nick Squires
 Hon Secretary - Marie Coltman
 Technical/Newsletter/Website - John Teather
 Marketing - Jonathan Shiner
 Front of House - Marlene Lewis
 Social Secretary - Tracey Bryant

You can be nominated for any of these positions as per our constitution, we need to elect a new Chairman and Publicity Manager, a new Hon Treasurer, and a Fundraiser. If you

would like to be nominated, please contact any of the committee who will be pleased to guide you as required.

Please note if you are unwilling to stand for committee, that doesn't mean you are not needed at the AGM. It is your Society, every member is liable under our constitution. If you need to raise any issues, or give feedback at the AGM, please let our Honorary Secretary know so it can be added to the agenda. This

needs to be done at least 14 days ahead of the AGM. You will be expected to attend.

Details of the AGM, including our notice for the meeting will be sent shortly. Please let the Secretary have your apologies, if you are unable to attend.

Marie Coltman, Hon. Secretary

Social Report

Hello, welcome to my very short social report this month.

You may have heard already but unfortunately the committee have had to make a tough decision to postpone the Dinner Awards Ceremony planned for October 22nd due to only a small uptake. We as a team had some great plans to celebrate Milton's individual talents so I hope that you will all be available in the New Year so that we can see our ideas

come to fruition, as this will be a wonderful evening. When a date has been agreed I will of course let you know.

November 12th Cowboy Cabaret.

This is Vicky Wharton and Jo Mansfield's baby so will leave them to tell you all about it, but I'm sure it will be a fun evenings entertainment.

I am now in the process of plan-

ning the OWALP after show party and hope that you would all be happy to go out for a meal.

I will be approaching restaurants in the new Milton - Christchurch areas to get some prices and will get these out to you in the next couple of weeks. I will then obviously be keen to get numbers for the evening to book a.s.a.p, therefore date, time and venue at this point along with menu and price are to be confirmed.

In the meantime please help to raise funds for Milton and support Julie Manion at the Jumble Sale on October 22nd at the Scout Hut Caird Avenue, New Milton, by donating goods to sell or by popping along and making a purchase.

See you all soon,

Tracey x

COWBOY CABARET YAHOO!

Our next big fundraising event is the Cowboy Cabaret cheese and wine evening on **Saturday 12th November, 7.30pm at Beaufort Community Centre, Southbourne.** This show is in collaboration with NAPRA Area Link and will be performed again on **Sunday 4th December, 2pm at Beaufort Community Centre,**

with Mince pie and cup of tea served during the interval.

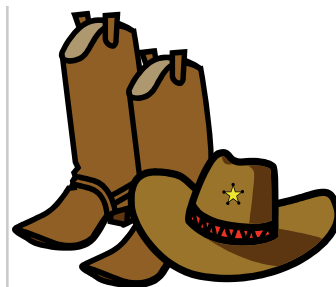
All profits from both shows will be jointly shared with both groups, so please show your support by attending at least one of these dates.

19 of our lovely members are currently hard at work rehearsing for these shows, which is also our annual show in aid of thanking the 'Friends' of Milton Musical Society for their support. So please come along with your friends and family to raise those much needed funds for our society. It promises to be

a fun show with songs from all your favourite western musicals such as Oklahoma and Annie Get Your Gun and also western style popular music and dance. Your toes will be tapping and your hands will be clapping and there will also be a bar on the night of the 12th so your 'spirits' will be flying too!

To book your seats please ring **Jo Mansfield on 07787 534844** or email **joanne.mansfield@hotmail.co.uk**

Ticket prices are:
 Saturday 12th November



7.30pm - £7.50 per person to include cheese and wine

Sunday 4th December 2.30pm - £5 adults (£4 NAPRA members) and £1 children to include mince pie and beverage

Membership Fees

Annual membership fees were due for renewal on October 1st 2011.

Full Acting Member £30
Non Acting Member £15
Junior Member £15
Friends Membership £25

You can still pay late. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Milton Musical Society and hand it to Marie Coltman at rehearsals or you can pay using

BACS giving your name as a reference into the bank. Account Number 61506133 Sort Code 60 15 04 this is a NatWest account.

Your prompt payment of membership fees is greatly appreciated. Many Thanks

Marie Coltman
Hon. Sec.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Entries underlined are new or changed since last Newsletter

OCTOBER	<u>Saturday 22nd at 12.30pm</u> <u>Scout Hut, Caird Avenue</u>	<i>Jumble Sale</i>
	<u>Postponed to later date TBC</u>	<i>Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony</i>
NOVEMBER	<u>Saturday 5th at 10.00pm at</u> <u>Barton Methodist Hall</u>	<i>OLIVER! Children's Auditions</i>
	<u>Saturday 12th at 7.30pm</u> <u>Beaufort Community Centre</u>	<i>Cowboy Cabaret</i>
	Wed. 23rd - Sat. 26th St Mark's Highcliffe	<i>'Oh! Wot a Lov'ly Parade'</i>
	Wednesday 30th at 7.30pm Barton	<i>Annual General Meeting followed by Carols rehearsal</i>
DECEMBER	Saturday 3rd at 7.30pm	<i>OWALP After Show Party TBC</i>
	<u>Sunday 4th at 7.30pm</u> <u>Beaufort Community Centre</u>	<i>Cowboy Cabaret</i>
	Wednesday 7th at 7.30pm at Methodist Church Hall BOS	<i>OLIVER! Invited Principals</i>
	Saturday 10th at 9.30am	<i>Red Funnel Carol Singing</i>
	<u>Sunday 11th 2.00pm-5.00pm</u> <u>at Methodist Church Hall BOS</u>	<i>OLIVER! FULL COMPANY CALL</i>
	<u>Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm</u> <u>at Methodist Church Hall BOS</u>	<i>OLIVER! Adults only then Christmas do.</i>
	Saturday 17th at 9.30am	<i>Red Funnel Carol Singing</i>
	<u>Sunday 18th 2.00pm-5.00pm</u> <u>at Methodist Church Hall BOS</u>	<i>OLIVER! Children and Invited principals</i>
	Saturday 24th at 9.30am	<i>Red Funnel Carol Singing</i>
JANUARY 2012	Saturday 14th at 7.30pm St Marks, Highcliffe	<i>Crescendi Concert to raise funds for MMS</i>
	Saturday 28th at 7.30pm St Marks, Highcliffe	<i>OLIVER! Film Evening</i>
FEBRUARY 2012	Saturday 11th St Mark's Highcliffe	<i>Valentines Dinner Cabaret and Auction of Promises</i>
MARCH 2012	Saturday 3rd St Mark's Highcliffe	<i>Quiz and Bingo</i>
	Saturday 24th St Mark's Highcliffe	<i>Cheese & Wine Race Night</i>
APRIL 2012	<u>18th - 21st</u> <u>Regent Centre</u>	<i>OLIVER!</i>
MAY 2012		
NOVEMBER 2012	Venue TBC	<i>The Top of the Pops Years</i>
APRIL 2013 17th - 20th	Regent Centre	<i>RAGTIME</i>