



# Milton Musical Society

## MMS Newsletter May 2022

### **Chairman's Update**

It has been quite a time since I sat down to write for the Society newsletter and sadly the intervening months had largely been silenced for reasons beyond our control. However, the Society has bounced back with great productions, delivered despite the COVID concerns, and it is time to reflect on an amazing year so far, as well as an Autumn season in 2021.

Do You Wanna Dance was in the mix for nearly 2 years so when we finally got to start rehearsals it had been thoroughly reviewed by a wonderful team of writers and musician helpers. Auditions were joyful and rehearsals started in September last year with great enthusiasm. The Show, at the end of November, was a resounding success with almost sell out audiences at the Forest Arts Centre every night, so we truly felt like the we had picked up from where we had had to stop in 2020.

Throughout the Autumn of 2021 the preparations for our Spring 2022 production were underway and CHESS, The Musical became my main focus. This was a difficult and challenging show from the get go and there was always an undercurrent that this was not a show that MILTON should be taking on, but I do like a challenge & I had nurtured this musical for several years so I knew how to deliver as well as how it should look on stage. Finding a cast was easier than expected and auditions were popular, with choices for all the lead roles as well as a significant ensemble requirement based on my choice of where to use a chorus in the final production. The sad intervention of the War in Ukraine in February this year was something we could not have foreseen, and initially we considered having to pull the show on the grounds that the politics were too controversial, however support from the world of theatre and The Regent Centre, not to mention the cast made it easier for us to decide to persevere and I'm so glad we did as the result was an amazing production with critical acclaim and wonderful reviews, and despite the huge stress of finding audiences, we did manage decent houses for all 5 shows. However, the icing on the cake is that we have raised £2000 for the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal for UKRAINE!!!

Looking to the future, Plans for WESTENDERS at the Forest Arts are fully formed and KIPPS the New Half a Sixpence is scheduled for April 2023 at the Regent Centre. AND, finally, the winds of change are blowing and both Melva our wonderful Society Secretary and I, are stepping down from committee at the end of the current year.

Kind Regards  
Jon





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## Treasurers Report

Greetings,

I am pleased to inform you that following 2 wonderful & successful shows, 2 enjoyable social evenings, 1 DVD evening for Do You Wanna Dance, purchasing of merchandise, donation in memory of John Teather and 2 donations to charities, Love from Lucy and the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal for Ukraine we find ourselves in more or less the same financial position as we were at the beginning of the financial year. This is largely due to having over 60 members join us throughout the year and the amazing profit made by Do You Wanna Dance.

I want to add my thanks to everyone who has helped make this such a successful year thus far and for all of your support and encouragement. This is after all a hobby for us and we do it willingly for the love of musical theatre.

It is sad to see Melva and Jonathan leave the committee after so many years input. Their knowledge and hard work have been amazing, and they will be missed. We look forward to welcoming new committee members as Milton Musical Society goes from strength to strength.

See you soon,

Olwen Adams  
Treasurer

## Upcoming Shows

Auditions for our next show 'Westenders' will be taking place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. All audition information and material has been sent out to everyone that has signed up so please let us know if you have not received it.

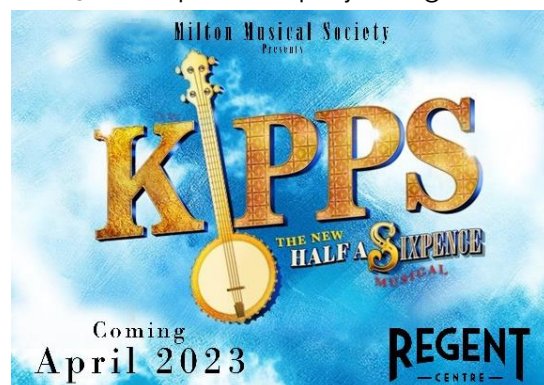
The sign up for auditions closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, so please make sure you put your name down before then by emailing [mmswestenders@gmail.com](mailto:mmswestenders@gmail.com)

If you're unable to be involved, then please make sure you come and support us by buying a ticket. Show dates are Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Forest Arts Centre, New Milton. Tickets will be on sale soon.

As most of you are aware our next spring musical is 'Kipps: The New Half a Sixpence' taking place at The Regent Centre, 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Production and creative team made up of Kirsti Warne, Jess Barras, Shae Carroll and Jo Kent.

Presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7-8pm at Barton Methodist Church and auditions are Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10:30am-4pm at Sopley Village Hall.





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## Social Updates

Don't forget Kirsti Warne will be starting her 5 week basic dance course, teaching us the Waltz and Cha-Cha. Starts Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, every week with the last session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Cost is £25 per person and is held at Barton Methodist Church, Sea Road, 7:30-9:30pm, so please let Kirsti know in advance if you would like to sign up.

Jess Barras is organising a group to see 'Keeping up Appearances' at the Tivoli Theatre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm, which is directed by one of our members, Chris Meineck. All tickets are £17.50. Please let Jess know by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June if you would like to join.

'The end of my Teather' is a concert performed by MMS members and supporters in memory of John Teather. At St Marks Hall, Highcliffe on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm. Tickets are £5, payable on the door and includes refreshments in the interval. Names do need to be on the list along with how many tickets you need as there is limited space. All proceeds are going to HODU unit at Bournemouth Hospital, where John was treated well. Please either message Terry Barnett with your ticket requirements or email him at [terrybarnett04@gmail.com](mailto:terrybarnett04@gmail.com).

Chess DVD night will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 7pm at the Forest Arts Centre, New Milton. Everyone is welcome, so this is your chance to come see the fab show if you didn't manage to make show week or if you just wish to see it again! More details to follow soon.

Jess will also be organising groups to go see The New Forest Players panto 'Robin Hood' at New Milton Memorial Centre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £8 for children.

Also, Highcliffe Charity Players 'Copacabana' on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at The Regent Centre, Christchurch at 7:30pm. Tickets are £18 for adults, £17 for concessions (over 60 and children).

Please let Jess know if you would like to attend any of the above shows, reminders will be put on Facebook nearer the times.

We shall also be organising a summer BBQ which will take place mid/end of August (date TBC), more details to follow in due course.

**MMS DANCE SOCIAL!**

Our very own Kirsti Warne will be putting on a 5 week course to learn a basic Waltz and Cha-Cha routine.

**Dates & Times:**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July from 7:30-9:00pm

**Venue:**  
Barton Methodist Church, Sea Road

**Price:**  
£25pp for 5 weeks (must book in advance)

Contact Kirsti Warne (07739363222) for more information or to book your place!

All profit made will go to the society and future productions



**PROJECT PLAY**

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

ON STAGE

THE DOUGLAS PRODUCTIONS

TIVOLI

VERY EARLY BOOKING ADVISED  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July

Highly at 7:30pm

New Forest Players Present...

**ROBIN HOOD**

The Pantomime

written by Martin Cox

directed by Sarah Kimberfield

28<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> Jul 2022

at New Milton Memorial Centre

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
matinees on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm

Adults £12  
Children £8

for tickets visit:  
[www.newforestplayers.com](http://www.newforestplayers.com)

new forest players  
or call 01425 542414





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## 'The end of my Teather'

A concert celebrating John's love of Musical Theatre



Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> – 2.30 pm

St Marks Hall, Highcliffe, BH23 5AB

Tickets £5.00 (payable on arrival)

Refreshments served in the interval

Proceeds to UHD NHS charity (Bournemouth)

HODU (Jigsaw Unit)



## Committee Updates

It is with great sadness that Jon Shiner and Melva Coe will be stepping down at this year's AGM and as the committee, we would like to thank them for all their hard work that they have contributed to the society over these many years. However, this does mean we will be looking for 2 members to join the committee at this year's AGM, which will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7-8pm at Barton Methodist Church. All paperwork will be sent out by Melva by 26<sup>th</sup> September, which will give all the details on how to nominate new committee members, together with the agenda and any supporting paperwork.

Marie would like to thank all the helpers and cast that gave up their time to help sell programmes front of house during the show week of Chess.

Please find below all details of the current committee members along with their job roles and new email addresses that they can be reached on. So, if you ever have any queries please feel free to drop any of us an email.

Please note there will be a shuffle round of job roles and duties within the committee, so we can use people to the best of their talents/abilities. Communication of what vacancies will be available at the AGM will be announced soon .

Role	Committee Member	Email Address
Chairperson	Jon Shiner	chairperson.mms@hotmail.com
Vice Chairperson	Kirsti Warne	vicechairperson.mms@hotmail.com
Secretary	Melva Coe	secretary.mms@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Olwen Adams	treasurer.mms@hotmail.com
Social Media/Publicity	Jess Barras	socials.mms@hotmail.com
Membership	Tracey Alford	membership.mms@hotmail.com
Technical	Rob Hardy	technical.mms@hotmail.com
Front Of House	Marie Coltman	frontofhouse.mms@hotmail.com

## We want to hear from you for 2024!

We are now looking into musicals to perform in Spring 2024, so please let us know any suggestions you have or feel free to put forward a musical, along with production team to present to the committee.