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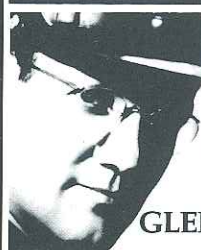
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## NEWCASTLE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

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# THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by  
RICHARD RODGERS

Directed & Choreographed by  
ALAN HULME

Lyrics by  
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Musical Director  
CHRIS KEEN

Scenery by  
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Assistant Musical Director  
LARRAINE HUNTER

Costumes by  
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Suggested by  
"The Trapp Family Singers" by  
MARIA AUGUSTA TRAPP

at  
"THE ROYAL"  
Pall Mall, Hanley  
March 9th to 14th 1998

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## The Background....

With understandable differences for dramatic licence, the story of Maria Rainer follows quite closely the real life story which was enacted in the Villa Trapp at Aigen-bei-Salzburg. Maria had completed the State Teachers' Course for Progressive Education and had entered the beautiful Nonnberg Abbey as a postulant waiting for the time when she would be received into the Novitiate. Then, on the instructions of the Mother Abess, she took the twenty minute bus ride to the Villa Trapp which completely changed her life.

After her marriage to Captain Von Trapp and the birth of two daughters, world events including the Anschluss in 1938 when Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany brought about yet another major upheaval. The whole family, under the subterfuge of mountain climbing in the South Tyrol, managed to escape from their beloved Austria, and eventually made their way to America. After six months and the birth of a baby boy, the family was told that no extension could be granted to their temporary stay permits and sadly they had to leave, embarking on a concert tour of Scandinavia and Holland. They eventually obtained visas for a further six months visit to America arriving back in October 1939 only to be confined on Ellis Island for 5 days before clearance was given for them to stay.

The rest of the story is now history as the family, living very frugally indeed, built up their reputation with concert tours, being accepted as candidates for U.S. citizenship, and finally settling in a permanent home in Stowe, Vermont. It was here that Captain von Trapp died in 1947, but the von Trapp Family Singers continued to tour the world giving concerts.

In 1950 they returned to Austria and visited their old house which, immediately after their departure, had been looted and taken over by the Nazis as the Headquarters of Heinrich Himmler. After the war the family sold the house to an American religious Order who wished to establish a Seminary in Europe.

Maria died in 1987 aged 82 and was laid to rest alongside her husband on the family property in Stowe, Vermont.



# Musical Synopsis



## ACT I

- Scene 1: The Nonnberg Abbey**  
Preludium.....The Nuns of the Nonnberg Abbey
- Scene 2: A Mountainside Near the Abbey**  
The Sound of Music.....Maria
- Scene 3: The Office of the Mother Abbess, the next morning**  
Maria.....Sisters Berthe, Sophia, Margaretta and Mother Abbess  
My Favourite Things.....Maria and Mother Abbess
- Scene 4: A Corridor in the Abbey**  
Reprise: My Favourite Things.....Maria
- Scene 5: The Living Room of the Trapp Villa, that afternoon**  
Do-Re-Mi.....Maria and the von Trapp Children
- Scene 6: Outside the Villa, that evening**  
Sixteen Going On Seventeen.....Rolf and Liesl
- Scene 7: Maria's Bedroom, later than evening**  
The Lonely Goatherd.....Maria and the Children
- Scene 8: A Hallway in the Villa**  
Reprise: The Lonely Goatherd.....Gretl
- Scene 9: The Terrace of the Villa, six weeks later**  
How Can Love Survive?.....Max, Elsa and Capt. von Trapp  
Reprise: The Sound of Music.....The Children and Cap. von Trapp
- Scene 10: A Hallway in the Villa, one week later**
- Scene 11: The Living Room, the same evening**  
So Long, Farewell.....The Children
- Scene 12: A Corridor in the Abbey**  
Morning Hymn.....The Nuns
- Scene 13: The Office of the Mother Abess, three days later**  
Climb Ev'ry Mountain.....Mother Abess and the Nuns

*Musical Director*  
**Chris Keen**



*Asst. Musical Director*  
**Lorraine Hunter**

## ACT II

- Scene 1: The Terrace, the same day**  
Reprise: My Favourite Things.....The Children and Maria  
No Way To Stop It.....Elsa, Max and Capt. von Trapp  
An Ordinary Couple.....Maria and Capt. von Trapp
- Scene 2: A Corridor in the Abbey, two weeks later**
- Scene 3: The Office of the Mother Abbess, immediately following**  
Gadeamus Domino.....The Nuns
- Scene 4: A Cloister Overlooking the Chapel**  
Reprise: Maria.....The Nuns  
Confitemini Domino.....The Nuns
- Scene 5: The Living Room, one month later**  
Reprise: Sixteen Going on Seventeen.....Maria and Liesl
- Scene 6: The Concert Hall Stage, three days later**  
Reprise: Do-Re-Mi.....Maria, Capt. von Trapp and the Children  
Edelwiss.....Capt. von Trapp, Maria and the Children  
Reprise: Sol Long, Farewell.....Maria, the Children and Capt. von Trapp
- Scene 7: The Garden of the Abbey, that night**  
Finale Ultimo.....The Company



*Director & Choreographer*  
**Alan Hulme**

## Synopsis of Scenes

### Act I

- SCENE 1: NONNBERG ABBEY
- SCENE 2: MOUNTAINSIDE NEAR THE ABBEY
- SCENE 3: THE OFFICE OF THE MOTHER ABBESS - The next morning
- SCENE 4: A CORRIDOR IN THE ABBEY
- SCENE 5: THE LIVING ROOM OF THE TRAPP VILLA - That afternoon
- SCENE 6: OUTSIDE THE TRAPP VILLA - That evening
- SCENE 7: MARIA'S BEDROOM - Later that evening
- SCENE 8: THE TERRACE OF THE TRAPP VILLA - Six weeks later
- SCENE 9: A HALL WAY IN THE TRAPP VILLA - One week later
- SCENE 10: THE LIVING ROOM - The same evening
- SCENE 11: A CORRIDOR IN THE ABBEY
- SCENE 12: THE OFFICE OF THE MOTHER ABBESS - Three days later

### Act II

- SCENE 1: THE TERRACE - The same day
- SCENE 2: A CORRIDOR IN THE ABBEY - Two weeks later
- SCENE 3: THE OFFICE OF THE MOTHER ABBESS
- SCENE 4: A CLOISTER OVERLOOKING THE CHAPEL
- SCENE 5: THE LIVING ROOM - One month later
- SCENE 6: THE CONCERT HALL - Three days later
- SCENE 7: THE GARDEN OF NONNBERG ABBEY - That Night

*Maria Rainer*  
*Michaleen Hilton*



*Mother Abbess*  
*Audrey Pretty*



*Sister Sophia*  
*Maureen Davenport*

*Sister Berthe*  
*Dereth Bailey*

*Sister Margaretta*  
*Julee Mountford*



# Cast of Characters

MARIA RAINER .....	Michaleen Hilton
SISTER BERTHE .....	Dereth Bailey
SISTER MARGARETTA .....	Julee Mountford
MOTHER ABBESS .....	Audrey Pretty
SISTER SOPHIA .....	Maureen Davenport
CAPTAIN VON TRAPP .....	Howard Goodall
FRANZ .....	John Highfield
FRAU SCHMIDT .....	Brenda Oliver

## Children

(Mon. Wed. Fri. Sat Eve)		(Tues. Thurs. Sat. Mat)
Rebecca Morrel .....	LIESL .....	Donna Bannister
Christopher Cartlidge .....	FRIEDRICH .....	Christopher Cartlidge
Rachel Morrel .....	LOUISA .....	Gemma Martin
Nathan Berrow .....	KURT .....	Oliver Davies
Hannah Bradbury .....	BRIGGITTA .....	Laura Bowler
Michayla Pass .....	MARTA .....	Nicola Harrop
Rhianne Stubbs .....	GRETJ .....	Samantha Poulson

ROLF GRUBER .....	Thomas Davies
ELSA SCHRADER .....	Linda Slinn
MAX DETWEILLER .....	Brian Hilditch
HERR ZELLER .....	John Steele
BARON ELBERFELD .....	John Byatt
BARONESS ELBERFELD .....	Lily Tildesley
NEW POSTULANTS .....	Ann Mace, Rachel Wild
ADMIRAL VON SCHREIBER .....	Sara Redfearn
	Dennis Oliver

## Other Players

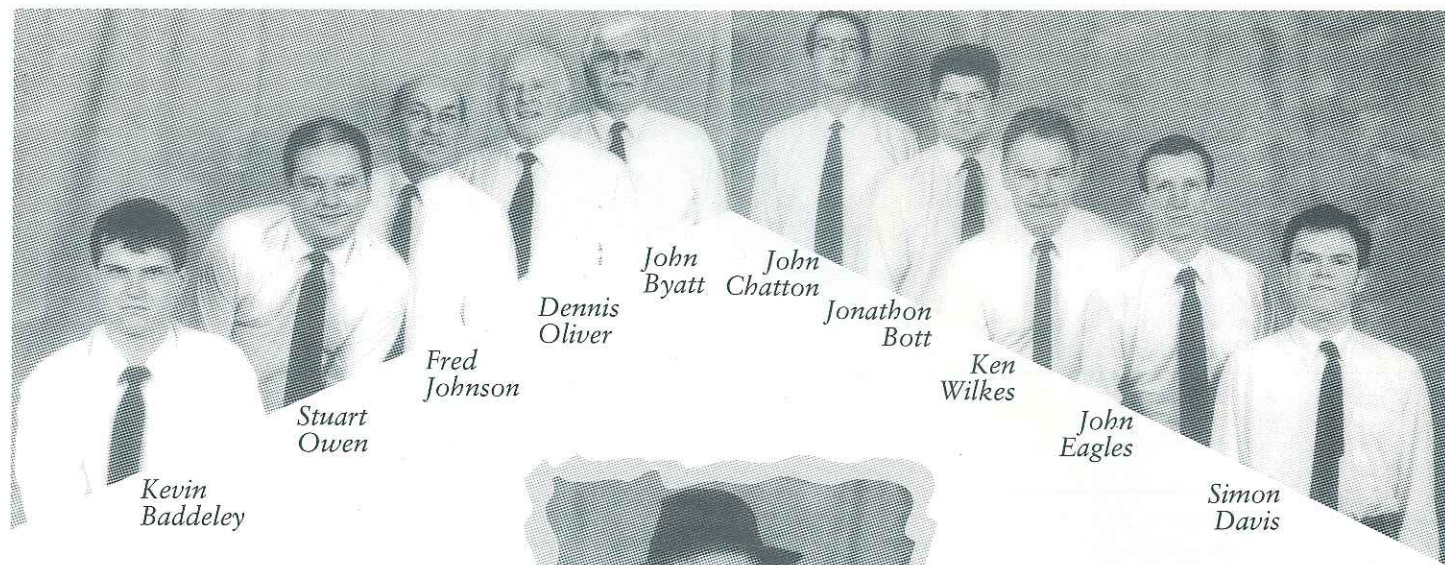
Julie Anthony  
 Nicola Barnett  
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 Alex Griffiths  
 Tamatha Hückfield  
 Barbara Hulme  
 Glenis Johnson  
 Pat Klein  
 Lisa Mason  
 Kelly Sutherland  
 Herta Williams  
 Kevin Baddeley  
 Jonathon Bott  
 John Chatton  
 John Eagles  
 Fred Johnson  
 Stuart Owen  
 David Stephenson  
 Kenneth Wilkes

Maria Rainer -  
Michaleen Hilton

Captain Georg Von Trapp -  
Howard Goodall







Kevin  
Baddeley

Stuart  
Owen

Fred  
Johnson

Dennis  
Oliver

John  
Byatt

John  
Chatton

Jonathon  
Bott

Ken  
Wilkes

John  
Eagles

Simon  
Davis



*Franz (The Butler)*  
John Highfield



*Herr Zeller*  
John Steele



*Admiral Von Schreiber*  
Dennis Oliver



*Rolf Gruber*  
Thomas Davies



*Frau Schmidt*  
Brenda Oliver



*Baron Elberfeld*  
John Byatt

*Baroness Elberfeld*  
Lily Tildesley



*Max Detweiler*  
Brian Hilditch

*Elsa Schrader*  
Linda Slinn

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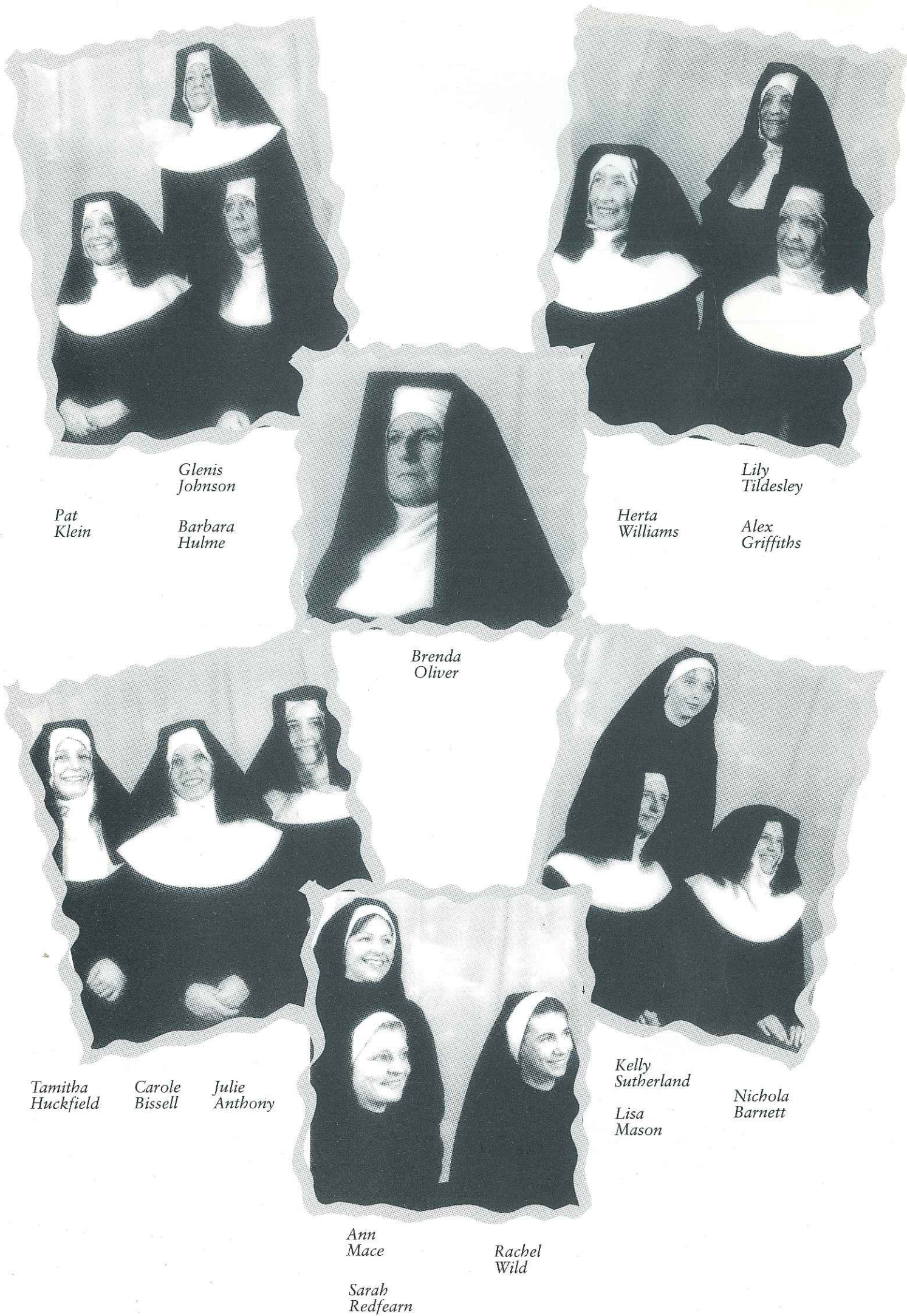


*Liesl*  
Rebecca Morrel

*Rolf Gruber*  
Thomas Davies

*Liesl*  
Donna Bannister





## Acknowledgements

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Our thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the Orchestra.

Our thanks to BHS for their support in running the colouring competition.

Many thanks to the Potteries Shopping Centre for their support.

A big thank you to Susan Talbot and Stephen Hearnson for their help in rehearsals at short notice.

Our thanks to Newcastle Conservative Club for the use of the Committee Rooms.

Our thanks to Poolfields Youth Centre, Silverdale Social Centre, Seabridge Junior & Friarswood Primary School for the use of Rehearsal Rooms.

Our thanks to the advertisers in the programme for their support.

The Society wishes to thank the many friends who kindly and willingly help with Front of House and other duties.

Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who has had any part in the arrangements and achievements of this production in whatever way.

The Society wishes to thank all the friends who have so willingly given their time during this production.



## Previous Productions

1965 Carousel	1983 King's Rhapsody
1966 The Student Prince	1984 The Vagabond King
1967 Rose Marie	1985 Summer Song
1968 Calamity Jane	The King & I
1969 Oklahoma	1986 South Pacific
1970 Desert Song	1987 Fiddler on the Roof
1971 The Vagabond King	The Gypsy Baron
1972 Brigadoon	1988 Camelot
1973 Gypsy Love	1989 Showboat
Old Tyme Music Hall	Calamity Jane
1974 Carousel	1990 Orpheus in the Underworld
1975 Showboat	1991 Carousel
The Gypsy Baron	The Land of Smiles
1976 The Great Waltz	1992 Carmen
1977 Kismet	1993 The Merry Widow
1978 Orpheus in the Underworld	Kismet
The Desert Song	1994 Oklahoma!
1979 Die Fledermaus	1995 Die Fledermaus
Rose Marie	The Great Waltz
1980 The Merry Widow	1996 My Fair Lady
1981 The Land of Smiles	1997 Annie Get Your Gun
Lilac Time	
1982 Brigadoon	

## Members List

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Kate Blackburn	Dereth Hilditch	John Steele
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Judith Dutton	Claire Morrey	Verity Winkle
Dawn Eagles	Julee Mountford	

## Don R.I.P.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death, of Mr. Don Collings, in November. Don was one of our founder members and played a very active part in the society, both by playing parts, and being a member of the committee, and eventually becoming chairman. He was also a very active person outside the society by doing a lot of concerts for charity as a stand-up comic. He also took a great interest in his local community and became a Conservative Councillor. During his last years he became a producer of some standing. Don had a great sense of humour and an enormous zest for life. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and we send our condolences to his wife June and family.

## Congratulation's

To Irene (Alexander) and Chris Altham on the birth of their daughter, Holly on February 13th 1998.



## Management Committee

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Welfare Officer.....	Tina Evans
	Lorraine Hunter

## Production Appointments

Director & Choreographer.....	Alan Hulme
Musical Director.....	Chris Keen
Assistant Musical Director.....	Lorraine Hunter
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## Cast Selection Committee

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Alan Hulme	Georgine Machin	Gill Johnson	

## Wardrobe Assistants and Dressers

Georgine Machin	Ann Copeland	Mae Thompson	Margaret Byatt
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Anne Baddeley	Sylvia Wright	Christine Pass	Margaret Swift

## Make-up

Joyce Willis	Lillian Ratcliffe	Mary Blaize	Mary Cooper
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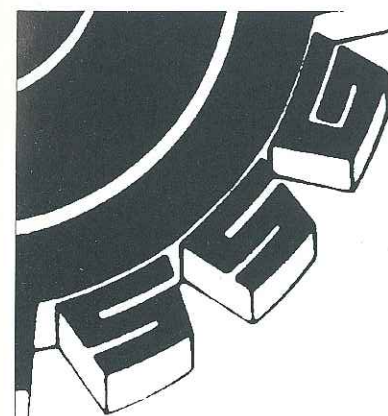
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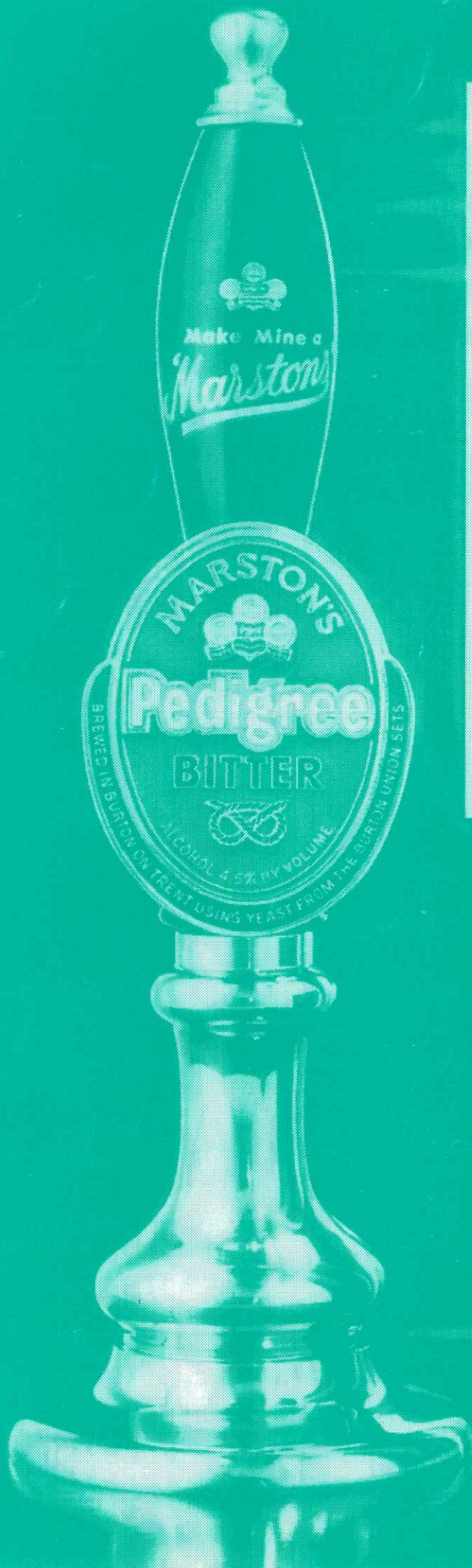
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