

C O S T A R



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Next Production - Crazy for You

Rehearsals start for Crazy for You on Monday 3 September 2007 at 7.30 pm at Coleshill Town Hall.

CRAZY FOR YOU is a stylish, sassy, hilarious romantic comedy featuring a fantastic score including "Someone to Watch Over Me", "I Got Rhythm", "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Embraceable You". Who could ask for anything more?



Principal Characters

- Tess (head showgirl)
- Patsy (showgirl)
- Bobby Child (Showman Wannabe)
- Bela Zangler (Theatre Director)
- Irene Roth (Bobby's Fiancee)
- Mother (Bobby's Mother)
- Perkins
- Chauffeur
- Moose (Deadrock cowboy)
- Polly Baker (Only female in Deadrock)
- Sam (Deadrock cowboy)
- Pete (Deadrock cowboy)
- Harry (Deadrock cowboy)
- Wyatt (Deadrock cowboy)
- Junior (Deadrock cowboy)
- Billy (Deadrock cowboy)
- Custus (Deadrock cowboy)
- Mingo (Deadrock cowboy)
- Everett Baker (Polly's Dad)
- Lank Hawkins (Owner of Saloon)
- Eugene Fodor (Tourist)
- Patricia Fodor (Tourist)

Production Team

Andrew Alton
Director



Kris Byrne
Musical
Director



Pauline Elliker
Choreographer



Louise Terry
Accompanist



Important Dates

Please put the following dates in your diary NOW!!

- **Auditions**—Wednesday 10th October from 7.30 pm
- **Frog Racing**—Saturday 17th November 2007
- **Patrons Evening & Christmas Draw**—Monday 17th December—Any prize donations would be most welcome—please speak to Peter Green
- **Quiz Night**—Saturday 2nd February 2008
- **Dress Rehearsal**—Sunday 13th April 2008

Please remember: Being part of the Society isn't just about appearing on stage, we expect you to support our social events, so please try to attend whenever possible.

Social Events

Frog Racing

A new event which should be great fun and will take place at Coleshill Town Hall on 17 November 2007—further details to be issued at rehearsals.

Quiz Night

Once again we will be holding our annual Quiz—this will be held on Saturday 2 February 2008 at Coleshill Town Hall. Hopefully Andy won't be consulting MENSAs for the questions this year!

Please try to attend these social events—they are for your benefit!

Peter Green—in Profile

Currently President of Coleshill Operatic Society, Peter joined the Society in 1949 and was then conscripted to the RAF for two years and rejoined in 1953. His first show was Merrie England which was performed in the town hall at Coleshill. Peter's first part was Septimus Bunkle in The Rebel Maid in 1955 and from thereon in

Peter has taken over 30 principal parts and produced/directed 16 shows. The first pro-



duction
Peter directed was Merry Widow in 1965 as well as playing the lead male, Danilo!

Awards for Last Year

For those of you who did not attend the After Show Dinner, as usual we presented various awards for the show.

The first of these is the President's Rosebowl, presented each year by Peter Green for commitment to the show. This year it went very deservedly to Pauline Elliker for all her hard work in whipping us into shape as whores, cowboys and American footballers—well done, Pauline!

The Cock-Up cup had to go to George Fletcher this year for his absence during a scene where the key line was "Look, there's Senator

Wingwoah. Where ????"

The temptation to say "in the dressing room" was resisted by the rest of the cast!

Joyce Eyre also gave two other awards—these were to Best Newcomer (David Wilkins) and Most Promising (Joanne Picknell). Well done to both.

For the first time this year we had a new award which will be voted annually by the members for commitment to the Society throughout the year (not just the show). This award is called the Audrey Prosser Memorial Medal after the late Audrey Sheldon (nee Prosser) a long serving member

whose NODA Diamond Bar was donated to the Society by her husband, Ted. The medal has been made into this special award and was presented to Benita Washbourne who relentlessly helps with tea making, costumes and generally anything we ask her to do and I don't think anyone has ever heard her complain—thank you Benita for everything you do.



Centenary Year

Plans for our Centenary Celebrations are well underway. The events will begin in September 2008 and will run through the 2008/2009 season with various celebrations taking place. More details of these will be given in due course but the first thing we want to organize is a logo for the Centenary Celebrations. We have decided to make this a competition so anyone interested in submitting an entry should get their thinking caps on. It needs to be used on all merchandise including T shirts, letterhead, Yearbook, handbills, posters etc. So all you budding designers get your entries in to any member of the Commit-

tee. The prize will be two tickets to the Grand Centenary Dinner to be held during the year which all members, Patrons, old members etc will be invited to buy tickets for.

As well as our usual Spring performance at Solihull Arts Complex we shall also be performing HMS Pinafore at Coleshill Town Hall the first week in July 2009. This will be exactly 100 years to the date when we performed it as our first production in 1909!

Show Choice for 2009

After much deliberation the Committee has finally decided on the show for 2009. This will be Sugar—The Musical Version of Some Like it Hot. This is a comedy which has great music and has never been done at Solihull before. It has been recommended to us as a fun show to do with plenty of chorus.

Congratulations to:

- Claire and Rob Hornsey on the birth of their baby son, Miles William, on 13th June
- Pauline & Geoff Peach on their 40th Wedding Anniversary and the birth of their beautiful granddaughter, Sophie, Ann.
- Krystina and Jason Murtagh on the birth of their little boy Henry in February.
- Andrew Alton who was 40 and Lisa Lilwall who was 30, both in February.
- Karen Swann who won the BFAME Award for Best Female in a Musical for her part of Florence in Chess (with Trinity Players, Sutton Coldfield)

(We apologise that some of these congrats are long overdue!!)

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are £25.00 per annum and are due in by the end of December. If you do not pay these before the due date they rise to £30.00—you have been warned!