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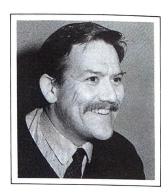
16th-21st March, 1992

Nightly 7.30 p.m. Saturday Matinee 2.30 p.m.

Producer—JUNE THOMAS Choreographer—JOYCE ATLEE Musical Director—DEREK CANFIELD Stage Manager—JOHN MITTEN

# PROCEEDS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

THE



Peter Barber (Tevye). Peter lives in Farnham and has performed frequently in opera, musicals and oratorio in the area. Recent roles include Dr. Falke in Die Fledermaus, Joe in Showboat, Billy Bigelow in Carousel, Caspar in Der Freischutz, the title role in The Flying Dutchman and Timur in Turandot. His first appearance with Farnborough Operatic Society was last September as Frank Maurrant in Street Scene, a much less sympathetic part than Tevye! In real life Peter practices as a solicitor in London specialising in construction law. His wife Susan is looking forward to her debut as producer for Farnborough's next show Gipsy Baron.

Ron Walker (Motel). Ron joined the Society in 1974 because the chorus for 'Kismet' was short of men – things never changel Since then he has performed in all bar two of our shows, both in the chorus and in a variety of principal roles. Recently he took the part of Danilo in 'The Merry Widow' and Gaston in 'Gigi' and in 'Street Scene' was kept on his toes by an unseen, expectant wife when he played the distraught husband Daniel Buchanan.

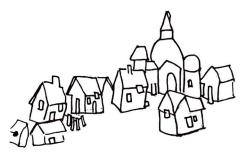
Philip Mumford (Perchik). Before joining Farnborough & RAE Operatic Society Philip was a member of the Southampton University Light Operatic Society appearing in their productions of 'Trial by Jury' and 'Princess Ida', At Farnborough Philip has sung in the chorus for 'Gigi' and in our last production 'Street Scene' he played Vincent Jones - the garter snapping taxi-driver!

Tim Canfield (Fyedka). Tim first trod the boards at the age of 10 in 'Robert & Elizabeth' in 1976. Since then, apart from a short break while at university, he has been a valued member of our chorus. His versatility brought him success, appearing with our enthusiastic male dancers in an off-beat sketch from 'Swan Lake'. Tim enjoys a challenge and his first principal role as Dick McGann in 'Street Scene', last year, was his finest work to date!

Haydn Thomas (Lazar Wolf). There being no 'Royal' parts in 'Fiddler on the Roof', Haydn thought he would improve on the role of Perchik the lean and hungry student, that he played 19 years ago. What better way than the well-fed butcher, Lazar Wolf, a part he is enjoying very much.

CAST





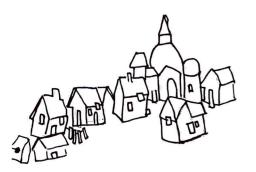
Giga Phillips (Golde). Born of Polish refugees who were prisoners of war in Siberia, Giga feels great sympathy for all people thoughout the world deprived of their homes and identity. Although Golde has five children, Giga finds her hands full with two daughters and a son. She is a company secretary of her husband's ultrasonics firm in Fleet and a minor partner in an electronics consultancy. She joined this Society in 1985 when she returned from Australia and has played the Ayah in 'Kismet' and Mrs. Hildebrand in 'Street Scene'.

Siân Thomas (Tzeitel). Siân joined the Society just after the last 'Fiddler on the Roof' in 1973. Since then she has danced in many productions and also taken a number of principal roles including Nellie Forbush in 'South Pacific' and the title role in last year's 'Gigi'. Sian has recently gained the position of choreographer for the autumn show and is a member of both our General and Social Committees.

Suzane Davis (Hodel). This is Suzanne's second production with the Society and her first lead. As a professional singer she has sung in a variety show called 'Triple Exposure' which opened in January at the Wilde Theatre. Earlier in 1991 she sang Mozart's Requiem Mass with a choir at the Royal Albert Hall before working with the 'Les Miserables' team at the Palace Theatre. Theatre credits include 'Nicholas Nickelby', 'Lilliom', 'Toad of Toad Hall', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Daisy Pulls It Off' and 'Animal Farm'.

Charlotte Walker (Chava). Since joining the Society in 1979, Charlotte has performed regularly as a member of our dance team. More recently she has stepped out of the dance line-up to play a number of minor principal roles including Liat in 'South Pacific' and Jenny Hildebrand in 'Street Scene'. Charlotte has also appeared with Farnham Operatic Society where she was last seen as Louise in 'Carousel'. Everyday, Charlotte joins the happy band of commuters to London where she works for a firm of 'Headhunters' in Mayfair.

Marion Barnes (Yente). (who has a stage struck family) moved with them to Crowthorne 18 months ago from Worcester Park in Surrey. There she was a member of New Malden Operatic Society for many, many years, ending up as their Hon. Secretary. She has played several parts in shows, including Mother Abbess, Mrs. Bumble, Katisha and Ruth, as well as being very happy playing in the chorus. Last November she played the evil Queen Acrimonia in C.A.T.S. pantomime and had a ball. Looking forward to repeating Yente with Farnborough.



VILLAGERS

John Canfield Tony Doherty Mike Duvall Geoff Gill Handel Hall Mick Jacklin Eric McLoughlin Arthur Nelson Martin Sampson Eric Smith David Walters Darren White

### MALE DANCERS

Philip Alner John Canfield Geoff Gill Martin Jacklin Darren White

#### CHILDREN

Robert Lievesley Robert Reid Ashley Vallance

# FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Cast of Characters (In order of appearance)

Tevve, the Milkman Peter Barber Golde, his wife **Giga Phillips** Tzeitel Siân Thomas Hodel **Suzanne Davis** his Chava **Charlotte Walker** Daughters Shprintze **Rebecca Dear & Alison Bedford** Bielke **Caroline Ruskell & Karen Howard** Yente, the Matchmaker **Marion Barnes** Motel, the Tailor **Ron Walker** Perchik, the Student **Philip Mumford** Lazar Wolf, the Butcher Haydn Thomas Mordcha, the Innkeeper **Roy Duffett** Rabbi **Michael Garrood** Mendel, his son **Philip Lloyd Davies** Avram, the Bookseller Des Wood Nachum, the Beggar **Dennis Martin** Grandma Tzeitel Jean Leadbeatter Fruma-Sarah **Eve Earles** Constable Mike Williams Fyedka **Tim Canfield** Russian **Philip Alner** Shandel, Motel's Mother Mary Kitson Accordian player **David Walters** and The Fiddler **Alison Lloyd** 

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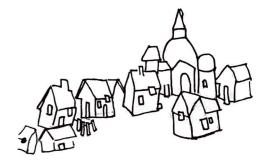
SCENES The Place: Anatevka, a small village in Russia. The Time: 1905, on the eve of the Russian revolutionary period.

Prologue Scene 1 Kitchen in Tevye's House Scene 2 Exterior of Tevye's House Scene 3 Interior of Tevye's House Scene 4 The Inn Scene 5 Street outside the Inn Scene 6 On a Bench outside Tevye's House Scene 7 Tevye's Bedroom Scene 8 Village Street and Motel's Tailor Shop Scene 9 Section of Tevye's Yard

Act I

Act II

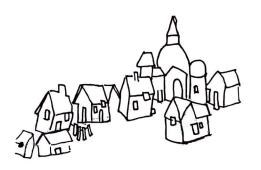
Prologue Scene 1 Exterior of Tevye's House Scene 2 Village Street Scene 3 Exterior of Railway Station Scene 4 Village Street Scene 5 Motel's Tailor Shop Scene 6 Somewhere on the Outskirts of ' the Village Scene 7 The Barn Scene 8 Outside Tevye's House Epilogue



# VILLAGERS

Wendy Allen Hilary Burroughs Sue Canfield Carole Chamberlain Heather Churchill Jean Collington Jane Dugan Elizabeth Flitcroft Sophie Fryer Joanna Gordon Catherine Goss Pam Hammick Chris Hook Vanessa Higgins Anne Nelson Doris Short Paula Still Eileen Stevens Lorna Walters

Interval of 20 minutes between Acts



# THE STORY

'A Fiddler on the Roof. Sounds crazy no? But in our little village of Anatevka you might say everyone of us is a fiddler on the roof, trying to scratch out a pleasant simple tune without breaking his neck. It isn't easy. You may ask, why do we stay up there if it's so dangerous? We stay because Anatevka is our home  $\ldots$ .

Tevye's opening words set out the simple philosophy of the poor Jewish community in the small Russian village of Anatevka in the early years of the century. Theirs is not an easy existence and the traditions which have ruled their lives for so long are beginning to break down in the face of new ideas, just as the Tsarist regime, which eventually hounds them out of their homes, is beginning to crumble before the revolutionary political ideas gathering momentum at that time.

We see the community facing its problems through the eyes of Tevye, the milkman. He has five daughters and a rather forceful wife much concerned with finding husbands for them. This has always been the traditional task of the Matchmaker, who for a fee would arrange a marriage with an eye for its financial advantages rather than its romantic interest, but in their turn Tevye's three elder daughters find husbands for themselves: Tzeitel prefers Motel, the tailor, to the older and more prosperous butcher Lazar Wolf, Hodel falls in love with the student Perchik, but when Chava marrise the Russian Fyedka outside her faith this is too much for her bewildered father and he casts her out from the family.

Tevye faces his problems with a wry humour which does not desert him even at the final catastrophe, when he and his family are forced to move out, but there is hope on the horizon, with a new life in America.

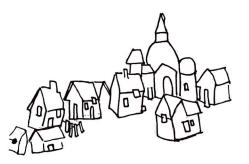
### **GLOSSARY OF JEWISH WORDS**

The meaning of certain words used in the show maybe obscure to those who are not of the Jewish faith. Patrons may, therefore, find the following interpretations helpful.

Mazeltov - Congratulations. A greeting especially used at weddings.

- Reb ('As in Reb Tevye') Mister (used as a courtesy title).
- Tallis A prayer shawl.
- Kopek A Russian coin.
- Cholent A meat and vegetable dish cooked on Friday to simmer overnight for the Sabbath.
- Mezuzah A parchment scroll inscribed from the scriptures, in a metal or wooden case, and fastened on the right hand door post in a slanting position as a talisman against evil.
- L'Chaim A toast 'To Life'.

The Society wish to thank Chris Archbold (Head of Religious Education at Calthorpe School, Fleet) for all his help in giving us an insight to the Jewish faith and its ceremonies.



# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Society is proud to present its second production of 'Fiddler on the Roof'. We first performed this wonderful show as the amateur premiere for the South-East in this theatre 19 years ago and we are also proud to say it was the first large scale musical to be put on in what was then the 'new Princes Hall'. As the chairman of the time noted in the programme, it was a contribution to cementing the recent union of Aldershot and Farnborough and it also renewed the aquaintance of the Society with Aldershot which had lapsed since it performed its operettas in the old Theatre Royal many years before.

Since 1973 the Society has flourished and the early success of its association with the Princes Hall prompted us to start performing two shows a year regularly as from 1976. We have been fortunate in enjoying enthusiastic audiences and virtually full houses on almost all occasions in our 19 years here and you have thus helped us, as a registered charity, to donate some £20,000 to organisations in the local community.

A community, albeit a much poorer and more threatened one is portrayed in 'Fiddler'. Based on the classic stories of Sholem Aleichem, the libretto in combination with the quite superb melodies is a memorable testament to the ability of the Jewish people to triumph over adversity.

From a story about a settled community which is displaced by force we move to our next show to a restless group of very colourful characters in Johann Strauss's 'Gipsy Baron'. The setting changes dramatically from somewhere in rural Russia on the eve of the revolutionary period in 1905 to mid 18th century life in and around castles in Hungary and the glamorous city of Vienna (as we might of expected). The style also changes completely from modern musical drama to classical operetta but I'm sure you'll find it no less entertaining for that.

If you enjoy our shows why not consider more active participation as an actor, perhaps, or singer in the society. Our secretary will be pleased to hear from you! MAZELTOV

HAYDN THOMAS

# **URGENTLY NEEDED!!!** Do you enjoy singing in the bath? Why not sing with us instead on stage for our next production of Gipsy Baron.

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We need lots of budding new male and female stars. So if you would like to join us, simply fill in the application form and hand it in to a member in the foyer or contact Mrs P. Alner. 20252 628463.

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### ORCHESTRA

Piccolo/Flute — Alan Browning Oboe/Cor Anglais - Martin Packman Clarinet - John Young Clarinet/Bass Clarinet - Sheila McKirdy Horn - Sue Pile Trumpets - Jan Meagan, Wendy Pawsey, Michael Downing Trombone - Matthew Brown Violins - Peter Dawkins (Leader), Margaret Beaumont, Janet Shelly Nicholas Payen, Melissa Strachen Viola - Brenda Collins Cello - Muriel Rattrey Bass - Geoffrey Russell Percussion - Derek Vickers Guitar - John Pridmore Keyboard - Derek Canfield Rehearsal Accompanists - Enid Culver, Gill Canfield Dancing Rehearsals - Brenda Woolger

### MUSICAL PROGRAMME

#### Act I

Pre	ologue-Tradition			
1 1	Matchmaker			
2	If I were a Rich Man			
3 :	Sabbath Prayer			
4	To Life			
5	Dance	Hodel and Perchik		
6	Monologue			
7	Miracle of Miracles			
8	The Dream			
9	Sunrise, Sunset			
10	Wedding Dances			
	Finale Act I			

Act II

11 Now I Have Everything	Perchik and Hodel
12 Rebuttal	Теvуе
13 Do You Love Me	Tevye and Golde
14 The Rumour	
15 Far From The Home I Love	Hodel
16 Chaveleh (Chava Sequence)	Теvуе
17 Anatevka	Golde, Yente, Lazar, Mendel, Avram and Tevye
18 Finale	

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The foyer photographs were taken by Terry Hallett. The programme cover design is by Trevor Andrews (violin from Lloyd & Keyworth, Farnham). The costumes are from the Haslemere Wardrobe.

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Scenery constructed and painted by Fred Hammick, Ted Hills, John Mitten, Mike Williams, Tony Merryweather, Ted Freke, Barbara Leedale, Julie Hermiston, Peter Atlee, Martin Jacklin, Arthur Nelson

> Stage Crew Ted Hills, Tony Merryweather, Jeremy Freke, Julie Hermiston, Ted Freke, Martin Jacklin, June Thomas

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1921 The Golden Amulet 1922 The Pirates of Penzance 1949 The Mikado 1923 Patience 1924 The Mikado The Yeomen of the Guard 1952 The Ouaker Girl 1925 Les Cloches de Corneville 1953 A Country Girl 1926 The Gondoliers 1954 Rose Marie 1927 The Pirates of Penzance 1955 Waltz Time 1929 The Rebel Maid 1930 The Geisha 1931 H.M.S. Pinafore The Yeomen of the Guard 1959 The Gypsy Baron 1932 Iolanthe 1960 Iolanthe 1933 Patience 1935 The Mikado 1962 Brigadoon 1936 The Gondoliers 1937 Ruddigore 1964 South Pacific 1938 Les Cloches de Corneville 1965 Show Boat 1939 The Yeomen of the Guard 1966 The Land of Smiles 1940 The Pirates of Penzance 1967 Oklahoma! 1941 The Mikado 1942 A Waltz Dream 1943 The Desert Song 1944 The Vagabond King 1971 Camelot The Gondoliers 1945 Good Night, Vienna Iolanthe 1974 Kismet 1946 The Rebel Maid 1947 The Yeomen of the Guard 1976 The Merry Widow

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The King and I 1978 Kiss Me Kate My Fair Lady 1979 Rose Marie Half a Sixpence 1980 Carousel Oliver! 1981 Carmen Brigadoon 1982 Die Fledermaus The Most Happy Fella 1983 Guys and Dolls Annie Get Your Gun 1984 Show Boat The Yeomen of the Guard 1985 Camelot Orpheus in the Underworld 1986 Oklahoma! The Desert Song 1987 White Horse Inn South Pacific The Pajama Game 1989 My Fair Lady Cabaret 1990 The Merry Widow Variety Showcase Street Scene (Premiere)

