

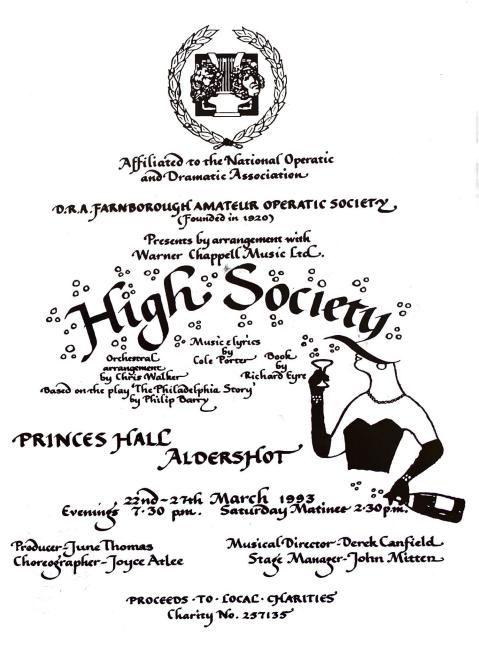


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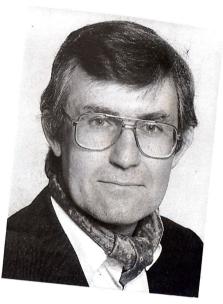
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Ron Walker – C.K. Dexter Haven. Taking the part of 'Bing Crosby', Ron is hopeful that, if he can't emulate the old groaner's laid back style, perhaps at least his golf game might improve!! Ron was our Gipsy Baron in our last production and played the part of Motel the tailor in "Fiddler on the Roof". He is particularly looking forward to renewing his on-stage tussle with Sue Sampson, which takes him back to the last time they partnered each other, in "Annie get your Gun".





Martin Sampson - Mike Connor. Martin is pleased to renew two relationships for this role. He last worked in a supporting role with Eve as her legs in "Fiddler on the Roof". He played opposite Sue as Sid Sorokin in "Pajama Game", which remains one of his favourite roles together with Frank Butler in "Annie get your Gun", Cornelius Hackl in "Hello Dolly" and the Usher in "Trial by Jury". He has played numerous other leading and principal roles for Newbury Operatic Society and directed for several other societies. When not busy rehearsing, Martin is even busier as the Financial Controller of a Twickenham based food company.

> We would like to welcome two new members to this show. Trev Ricketts (George Kitterdge) is no newcomer to the Amateur stage – you may well have seen him at Farnham Operatic Society playing numerous roles. He is also a very accomplished producer. Sophie Phillips (Dinah) is making



Eve Earles - Liz Imbrie. Eve's love of drama, music and dance, has meant that she has 22 years of experience on the Amateur stage. During those years, she has played numerous roles not only for Farnborough Operatic Society but also for Farnham Operatic Society and Fleet Players, a local dramatic society. Her most memorable role is that of the title role in "Calamity Jane". Other parts include Ellie May Chipley in "Showboat", Ado Annie in "Oklahoma", Lois Laine in "Kiss me Kate" and Meg in "Brigadoon". Most recently, she was seen as a very tall !!! Fruma Sarah in "Fiddler on the Roof". She is one of the Publicity Managers and works locally in a Library.

her debut for the Society having performed in shows for her school. She is looking forward to working with her mother in "High Society" !!! We wish them well for "High Society" and hope they will "Online their association with us.



Sue Sampson - Tracey Lord. Sue is enjoying being a woman of many parts. In Gipsy Baron she was in the Make up Team and she will be Choreographer in "Sweet Charity", the Society's next production. Sue has been a member of the DRA Farnborough Operatic Society for 15 years and has enjoyed playing a variety of principal roles, her favourite being Babe in "Pajama Game", closely followed by Annie in "Annie get your Gun". Other roles include Nancy in "Oliver", Lalume in "Kismet" and Bloody Mary in "South Pacific". She has directed and choreographed for many local Societies - Alton, Woking and Godalming. Sue trained at the Laban Studios and is currently Head of Drama at Gordons School.



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#### The Story

Tracy Lord is preparing for her second marriage to George Kitterdge but her first husband C.K. Dexter Haven returns to haunt her. In order to clear the Lord's family name, because of Seth Lord's affair with exotic dancer Tina Mara, Dexter is forced to invite Mike Connor (a reporter) and Liz Imbrie (a photographer) to write a column on Tracy's marriage for "Spy Magazine" but things get out of hand. Like all good stories it all works out for the best in the end !!!!!

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Dancers

Jane Dugan Sophie Fryer

Christine Hook

Miranda Lock

Tania Lock

Siân Thomas

Charlotte Walker

Philip Mumford





Cast of Characters

C. K. Dexter Haven Tracy Lord Mike Connor Liz Imbrie Uncle Willie Margaret Lord George Kitterdge Seth Lord Dinah Lord Sidney Kidd Edward (The Butler) Mac (Nightwatchman) Jazz Singer Female Trio (Al La Andrews Sisters)

Waitress (Nightclub) May (Tracy's Maid)

**Ron Walker** Sue Sampson Martin Sampson **Eve Earles Havdn Thomas Giga Phillips Trevor Ricketts Roy Duffett** Sophie Phillips John Canfield **Mike Williams** Arthur Nelson **Tim Canfield** Sue Canfield Sophie Fryer **Christine Hook Hilary Burroughs** Mary Kitson

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Wendy Allen Marion Barnes Renée Beard Margaret Brown Hilary Burroughs Sue Canfield Carole Chamberlain Jean Collington Catherine Goss Mary Kitson Donna Marsh Anne Nelson Mary Phillips **Doris Short Eileen Stevens** Sandie Vallance Lorna Walters

#### CHILDREN

Alison Bedford Ella Stacey Robert Lievesley Robert Reid

Time 1948

#### Act I

Scene I- Spy Magazine OfficeScene II- The Lord's Drawing RoomScene III- The TerraceScene IV- The Terrace - Late AfternoonScene V- The Lord's Drawing Room

#### Act II

Scene VI – A Nightclub – Later the same Night Scene VII – Outside the Nightclub Scene VII – The Terrace Scene IX – The Terrace – next day Scene X – The Lord's Drawing Room



There will be an interval of 20 minutes.







#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

1) Overture

How do you spell Ambassador (Kidd & ensemble)
 High Society (Mike, Liz and ensemble)
 I am Loved (Tracy)
 Give him the OO-LA-LA (Dinah)
 Who wants to be a Millionaire? (Mike & Liz)
 Little One (Dexter)
 Hey Good Lookin! (Uncle Willie)
 I Love you Samantha (Dexter)
 Ball Medley (Ensemble)
 Well did you Evah! (Tracy, Dexter, Mike, Liz)

ACT II

12) Entracte

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13) Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love (Female Trio A La Andrews Sisters)
14) Now you has Jazz (Jazz Singer, Mike, Liz, Dexter and ensemble)
15) In the Still of the Night (Liz)
16) You're Sensational (Mike)
17) True Love (Dexter and Tracy)
18) True Love Chorale (Ensemble)

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19) Finale (Ensemble)

## **SWEET CHARITY**

Why not join us for our next production 'Sweet Charity'

The Society welcomes new members, whether they wish to take part actively or join as patrons.

Details of membership may be obtained from Mrs. P. Alner 🕿 0252 628463.

#### ORCHESTRA

Flute/Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/Alto Saxophone - John Young Piccolo/Flute/Alto Saxophone - Melanie Thorne Flute/Clarinet/Tenor Saxophone - Tony Hourahine Flute/Clarinet/Alto & Baritone Saxophone - Cyril Meeres Horn - Marion Walsh Trumpet/Flugel Horn — Jan Meagan Trumpet — Annette Peters Trumpet/Flugel Horn — Chris Armstrong Trombones - Eddie Harmer, Mark Wheatley, Peter Jones Violins - Peter Dawkins, David White, Janet Shelley Cello - Muriel Rattrey Bass - Geoffrey Russell Percussion - Derek Vickers, Stephen Vickers Guitar/Banjo - John Pridmore Keyboard - Derek Canfield Rehearsal Accompanists - Enid Culver and Gill Canfield Dancing Rehearsals - Brenda Woolger

#### THE CAST OF 'HIGH SOCIETY'





#### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our production of "High Society" and a glittering parade of Cole Porter's words and music. The supreme sophisticate among Broadway and Hollywood composers, Cole Porter was one of the "big five" (Berlin, Gershwin, Kern, Porter, and Rodgers). Born of a well-to-do family, he started writing his melodious tunes and extraordinarily ingenious lyrics ("seen ya' rhymed with 'neurasthenia' and 'mean va' amongst many others) as a dilettante in resorts of the wealthy such as the Riviera. Venice and also in Paris where he studied music for a while. Inevitably though, his superb talents drew him to Broadway and although his first show was a flop and prompted him to join the Foreign Legion, he returned to score his first major hit "Anything Goes" in 1934. From then on his musicals varied between his stage shows, adaptations of them for films and original screen scores. "High Society" is one of the latter and one of his last big works written during a decade and a half of constant pain following a serious riding accident. Even so, during that period he wrote far more and better material than lesser writers, including his acknowledged masterpiece "Kiss me Kate" in 1948. "High Society" which appeared in 1956, cannot aspire to that, but it remains as a coherent and polished work where his urbane witty lyrics match perfectly with the rich harmonies of the wonderful tunes. These were written specially for the film, except "Well did you Evah" which he revived from "Dubarry was a Lady". The stage version is a much more recent adaption in which the arranger has to good effect added a dozen or so complete numbers and snatches from Cole Porter's shows written in the late 30's and early 40's, including "Anything Goes" "Rosalie" "Broadway Melody" "Something for the Boys" and "Dubarry was a Lady". The show has proved to be most memorable in rehearsals and we trust that you will be just as taken with it as we have been.

Our next production in September 1993 is that most lively modern musical "Sweet Charity". We hope to see you for that and by the way if you enjoy our shows and feel you would like to take an active part, why not apply to join the Society? Our auditions are in early May and our secretary will be glad to hear from you.

HAYDN THOMAS



#### THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Assistant Stage Managers — Mike Williams, Mike Davall Costume Manager — Mary Kitson Properties — Jean Pharo Front of House — Peter Adams Librarian — Eve Earles Call Boy — Victoria Taylor Stage Door — Bert Evans Assistant Musical Director — Gill Canfield, LRAM Prompt — Ann Garrood Assistant Costume Manager — Philip Alner Property Mistresses — Florrie Newman, Barbara Leedale Wardrobe Mistress — Rosemary Doherty

Lighting and Sound — David Goddard, Bob Newman, Peter Atlee, Paul Dunn, Catherine Dunn

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

Stage Crew Ted Hills, Tony Merryweather, Jeremy Freke, Fred Hammick, Ted Freke, Arthur Nelson, June Thomas

Make-up Jean Blackie, Jean Pharo, Moreen Brown, Mrs Bedford

#### • PEN PORTRAITS OF THE PRODUCTION TEAM -

June Thomas (Producer): June started her association with the Society in 1960, on the stage taking leading roles in many shows. Fourteen years later she stepped down from the stage to produce "Kismet". Since then she has produced twenty-two shows for us, as well as occasionally performing on stage and producing shows for other local Societies. Of late, her production credits for us include "Fiddler on the Roof", "Cabaret" and "South Pacific" in which she directed her daughter in the lead nole! Her greatest challenge to date and that of the Society's, was the opera "Street Scene" which had never before been performed on the amateur stage.

Derek Canfield (Musical Director): "High Society" has been quite a challenge for Derek with its exciting score, different music for the cast and rare chance to have a full dance band in the pit, rather than the usual orchestra. Derek has to admit to plenty of experience though, since this year he receives the National Operatics and Dramatic Association medal for 40 years' service to the amateur stage, of which we are pleased to say that 27 years have been with our Society. Derek hopes that our audience will flock to support our next venture, the April 25th concert here, in aid of Cancer Research, which continues our happy association with English National Opera. Tickets are available now at the Box Office.

Joyce Attlee (Choreographer): Joyce, who originally hailed from the North West, joined the Soceity in 1982 to choreograph "The Most Happy Fella" and has choreographed and/or danced in nearly every production since then. Between shows and her job with the Local Health Authority, she finds time for husband Peter (now our sound technician) and their three sons and 2 (3) grandchildren.

John Mitten (Stage Manager): Joined the society in 1970 and High Society will be his 40th show and his 31st as Stage Manager. Says he would not have enjoyed the success of the past years as stage manager without the full support of his team in the building of scenery for so many shows. Namely Mike Williams his assistant for his help and advice and his skilled painting of wooden planks with superb knots and knot holes. The two Teds for their building efforts and during the week of a show their control of all curtain movements. (Ted Hills is his chief buyer and Ted Freke his Electronics advisor). Tony his head gardener who looks after the plastic foliage problems and for his enthusiastic and novel carpenters skills. To Julie for her interest with the painting (watch for the louvre panel door) and tolerance of the rest of us. To Barbara his seamstress and in charge of the broom and dustpan in the scenery hut and who sorts out the nails and screws. Fred always willing to beg, find and locate various commodities required, as well as looking after refreshments after finishing work in the hut. Arthur who has recently joined the crew from the chorus and is already well versed in our methods. And the others who join during the setting up and for show week with his other assistant Mike Duvall with his experience of many years of stage work.

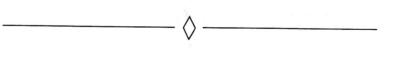
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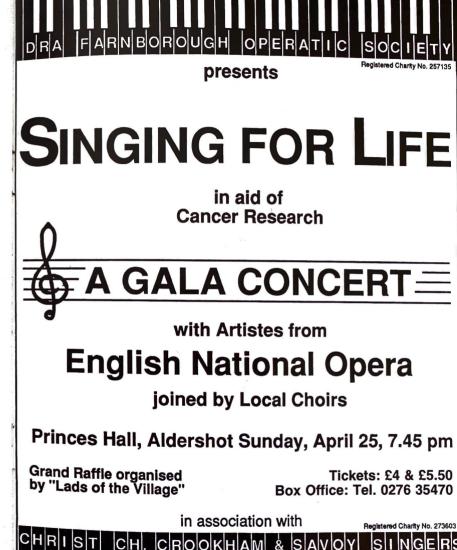
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