

Spring 2010 - 'Billy'

Looking to build on the triumphant success of 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' in spring 2009, we branched out of the mainstream yet again to present 'Billy', a tale with an eternal message of the struggle of youth to find its place in society, told with typical Yorkshire humour. A lively musical based on the play 'Billy Liar' by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, with music & lyrics by John Barry and Don Black, this show originally starred Michael Crawford in the title role with Elaine Page in her West End debut.

Ticket sales were up with the best of our spring shows, and judging by the audience reaction every night we can be sure that everyone had a most enjoyable evening. All the reviews were very favourable, with special mention going to staging & costumes and to the excellent band. Congratulations to Sarah Cook, our Stage Director, for the vision and drive needed to get the show staged, to Musical Director Stella Brownsea who used her skill and experience to bring together the complex musical numbers so well and of course to Ian Cook for his outstanding performance as the star of the show - Billy himself.

We were pleased to welcome several new members to the ranks of our principals, together with many of our regular players, and we were not disappointed - they helped us present a really excellent show! Further congratulations to each and every one of them :-

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| Geoffrey Fisher - | Philip Allum | Alice Fisher - | Sue Cushing |
| Barbara - | Maggie Ludlow | Rita - | Anna Fisher |
| Liz - | Helen Roscoe | Arthur Crabtree - | Tony Hardy |
| Stamp - | Mike Catling | Shadrack - | Peter Simmen |
| Councillor Duxbury - | John Cushing | Gran - | Anne Burlington |
| Marilyn Monroe - | Louise Gallagher | Mrs Crabtree - | Wendy Marshall |