

# S. Half a Six pence



**SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**

## Chairman's welcome

Welcome to the magnificent Kings Theatre and our production of the revised version of *Half A Sixpence*. We are delighted to be chosen as the first amateur company to stage this new version. It still contains all your old favourites, but was much improved upon for the national tour of a couple of years ago. *Half A Sixpence* holds a special place in South Downe Musical Society's heart and in its history. In 1974 the original version of *Half A Sixpence* was the very first show produced by SDMS at the Kings. We were able to move here thanks to support from the Fareham Lions Club. We even had Audrey Pring at the helm as Producer back then!



It was a little strange to be sharing the venue with cast and crew from The Who's film *Tommy*, produced by Ken Russell. Elton John even shared a dressing room with our principals. But the show was a great success and we have never looked back.

Some of that original cast are sadly no longer with us. We hope you agree this production is a worthy testament to them and the start of what has been a truly great partnership between the Society and the theatre. Fitting together like two halves of the same coin in fact!

Alan Jenkins

Chairman

**"Half a sixpence is better than half a penny, is better than half a farthing, is better than none. It's a token of our eternal love when you're far away, touch it everyday"**

The 1974 SDMS cast of *Half a Sixpence*



## Production & Support

Director /  
Geographer .....Audrey Pring MISTD MBTDA

Stage Manager .....Mike Williams

Asp. Stage Manager .....Lee Stoddart

SMS .....Pete Langrish  
George Phillpot

Props .....Amanda Knight  
Sheila Stoddart  
Anna Gude  
Julia Phillpot  
Sam Laing

Lighting Design .....Ian Pratt

Sound .....Nick Allen

Crew .....Dave Churcher  
Tom Potts  
Keith Dulake  
Ben Dulake  
Paul Beecroft  
Marc Scott  
Mark Smith  
Aden Reese  
Chris Robinson  
Andy Carpenter

Head Flyman .....Norman Price

AV crew .....Dave Harkness  
Nathan Etherington  
Iain Laing

Wall Spots .....Sarah Smith  
Elizabeth Stead  
Autumn Wilson  
Meera Astle

Make UP .....Sally Brookes

Photos .....Russell Blitz

Programme Design .....Creative Clique



## Rehearsal Photos





## Orchestra

**Conductor / Musical Director** ..... Alan Pring  
GTCL LTCL Dip.Ed.

**Reeds** ..... Steve Tanner,  
Lara Jelliff

**Trumpets** ..... Roger Hammond,  
Peter Pring

**Horn** ..... Allan Mead

**Trombone** ..... Huw Llewellyn

**Percussion** ..... Mark Streater

**Keyboards** ..... Nickie Tabear

**Keyboards** ..... Jan Scott

**Violin** ..... Anna Pring

**Bass** ..... Alan Ham

**Guitar/Banjo** ..... Dan Franks

**Rehearsal accompanist** ..... Jan Scott

**Orchestra secretary** ... Tricia Pring

## Executive Committee 2010

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| Chairman                            | Alan Jenkins     |
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|                                     | Sally Goddard    |
|                                     | Elouise Standen  |
|                                     | Emma Ross        |

## Cast List

<b>KIPPS</b> .....	Alan Jenkins
<b>Ann</b> .....	Elouise Standen
<b>Chitterlow</b> .....	Steve Guermonprez
<b>Helen</b> .....	Vicky Kent
<b>Pearce</b> .....	Paul Tully
<b>Buggins</b> .....	Brian Sweatman
<b>Sid</b> .....	Matt Sackman
<b>Mr Shalford</b> .....	Tom Hudson
<b>Young Walsingham</b> .....	Simon Halstead
<b>Mrs Walsingham</b> .....	Jane Pegler
<b>Kate</b> .....	Lauren Kempton
<b>Victoria</b> .....	Helen Jolley
<b>Flo</b> .....	Helen Stoddart
<b>Sally</b> .....	Sally Goddard
<b>Gwenbolin</b> .....	Lucy Revis
<b>Laura</b> .....	Kimberley Joyce
<b>Photographer</b> .....	Bill Price
<b>Young KIPPS</b> .....	Jonty Peach Eddie Manning
<b>Young Ann</b> .....	Holly Hansford Holly Roberts
<b>Peckchair attendant</b> .....	John McLoughlin
<b>Footman</b> .....	Jonathan Shirlaw
<b>Mayor of Folkestone</b> .....	Mike Williams
<b>Lady Mayoress of Folkestone</b> .....	Yvonne Jenkins

### Ladies of the Chorus

Sonia Atkinson, Nicki Best, Laura Blake, Julia Brown, Megan Carter, Becky Garnett, Lesley Hasker, Samantha Kelly, Becky North, Tricia Pring, Emma Ross, Sue Wright

### Gentlemen of the Chorus

Fran Kelly, Mike Naylor, Mike Urqhart

### Red team

Faye Carpenter, Paris Collett, Jess Davies, Evie Payne, Robyn Maguire, Hannah Munden

### Blue team

Danielle Cox, Tia Duggan, Georgia Grant, Sophie Peach, Casey Shelton, Matt Winter

"and thou that half  
a sixpence, can only  
mean half a romance,  
remember that half  
a romance, is better  
than none"





### **KIPPS** Alan Jenkins

This represents one of Alan's most challenging roles to date. Previous credits include lead roles in *Hans Andersen*, *West Side Story*, *Me and My Girl*, *Godspell*, *Singin' In The Rain*, *Oklahoma!*, *My Fair Lady*, *Annie* and *Jekyll & Hyde*. He is also well known for his ten consecutive years in panto at the Kings. Alan also regularly comperes charity events, dance shows and lifestyle competitions and is looking forward to presenting a couple of major events in London venues this autumn.



### **Ann** Elouise Standen

Elouise has been a member of SDMS since 2005 and is delighted to be playing the part of Ann, moving away from her usual character roles and giving her a new and enjoyable challenge. Previous credits include Lilly in *Annie*, *Hattie in Kiss Me Kate*, *Gertie in Oklahoma!* and *Zelda in Singin' in the Rain*. Elouise is also the Principal and Director/ Producer of the South Downe Stage School, the junior version of SDMS. Having spent a year being an assistant producer to Audrey Pring, Elouise took over in May of last year. She has just finished directing her first show - *Little Shop of Horrors*, which was performed in March.



### **Chitterlow** Steve Guermonprez

Steve joined SDMS in 1997 and has enjoyed principal roles in *Singin' In The Rain* (twice), *Me and My Girl*, *My One and Only*, *My Fair Lady* and was most recently seen as Drake in *Annie*.



### **Helen** Vicky Kent

Victoria is delighted to be performing the role of Helen here at the Kings, her favourite theatre. This is only her second show with the company but she is enjoying being part of such a friendly society. Since the age of three, Victoria has always enjoyed dancing, singing and musical theatre. She has been fortunate enough to perform in a wide range of shows with both amateur and professional companies. Favourite roles include *Charity in Sweet Charity*, *Nellie in South Pacific* and *Sally in Me and My Girl*. Victoria is currently training at her local secondary school to become an English teacher; the experience has also come in useful while rehearsing for the part of Helen!



### **Pearce** Paul Tully

Paul was a recent Guide Award recipient of Best Amateur Actor for his roles in *Jekyll & Hyde* and *My Fair Lady*. Other previous roles include *Curly in Oklahoma!*, *Fagin in Oliver!* and *Billy Bigelow in Carousel*.



**Buggins** Brian Sweatman

In 35 years with SDMS Brian has enjoyed roles in Finian's Rainbow, Showboat, Sweeney Todd, 42nd Street and the title role in Picwick (twice). This is his third Half A Sixpence and he plans to continue singing and acting for many years to come.



**SD Matt Sackman**

This is Matt's third show with SDMS following roles in Summer Holiday and Jekyll & Hyde. Matt has directed for groups including Dynamo Youth Theatre and Curtain Call, and is currently on a Creative and Performing Arts Course at Portsmouth University. He also regularly gigs with his band as synth player.



**Mr Shalford** Tom Hudson

Tom moved down South from his native North East in 1978. He joined Havant Light Opera in 1981 and undertook parts in numerous Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. In 1995 he joined SDMS to be in Carmen and has been a member of the group ever since. In fact Tom is now Honorary Secretary. Although he is pleased to be playing Shalford, he shares the company's sadness that it is due to the illness of Tony Collins that he stepped into the role at the last minute.



**Mrs Walsingham** Jane Pegler

Jane runs the SDMS Concert Party, who have recently performed at the Kings for the Lord Mayor. She also teaches would-be performers, with many of her students attaining full scholarships to major theatre schools. Her most recent role was as Dorothy Brock in 42nd Street.



**Young Walsingham** Simon Halstead

This is Simon's first show with SDMS, having been involved with Stagecoach before, playing roles such as Danny in *Grease*, Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Harold Hill in *Music Man*. Aged just 17, he has been performing since the age of 7, and also plays a variety of different instruments including guitar, piano, flute, violin and drums. Simon also tried (unsuccessfully) to get Alan to be proficient on the banjo! Simon's aim is to become a Drama Teacher and open his own school. He is currently studying at Portsmouth Grammar School.