



Hitchin Thespians, by arrangement with
Cameron Mackintosh,
Present



The new "Half a Sixpence" musical

Based on the H.G. Wells novel "KIPPS: The Story of a Simple Soul" and the original musical by Beverley Cross and David Heneker.

13 - 15 June 2024 at 7.30pm

Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Woodside Hall, Hitchin

Original Songs by David Heneker

Book by Julian Fellowes

**New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
Orchestrations by
William David Brohn**

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
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CHAIR'S WELCOME

Hello, and welcome to Woodside Hall, home of Hitchin Thespians, and our production of Kipps - the new Half a Sixpence musical!

Hitchin Thespians has been a musical stalwart of the Hitchin scene since its inception in 1902, making us one of the oldest amateur theatre societies in the UK. We were pleased to celebrate our 120th year as a society just after the pandemic, and have plans to carry on creating fantastic shows, concerts and events long into the future.

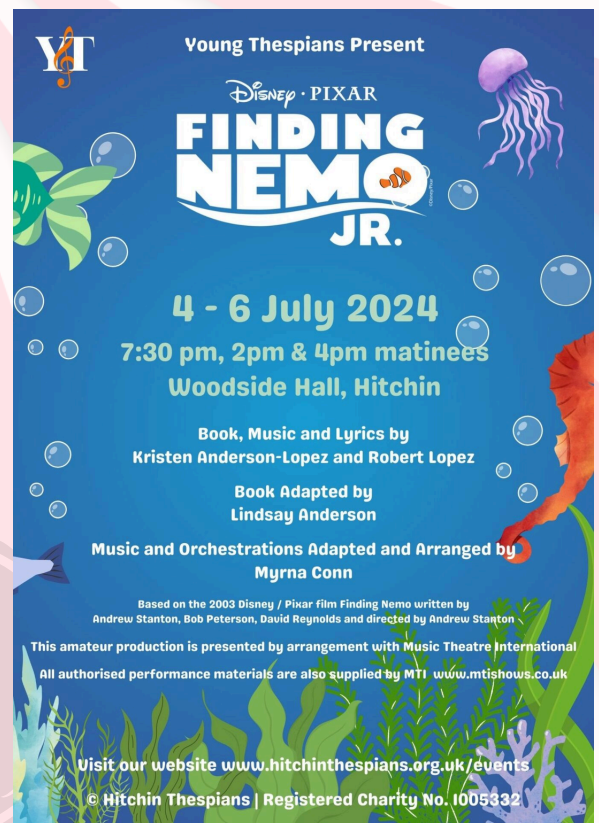
Of course, this can't happen without cast and crew to perform and produce, so if you'd like to be part of our musical lineup, in any capacity, please do get in touch by emailing secretary@hitchinthespians.org.uk or signing up via our website: www.hitchinthespians.org.uk

I hope you enjoy the show!

Jan Hamilton

Chair of Hitchin Thespians

It's not just adults who are invited to join us: our thriving youth section, Young Thespians, offer musical theatre experience to children aged 8-16. The next Young Thespians production is Finding Nemo, playing here at Woodside from 4th - 6th July, and will be followed by Disney's Aladdin Jr. Don't miss it! Book now at www.hitchinthespians.org.uk or visit www.hitchinthespians.org.uk/join-young-thespians



THE CAST

Arthur Kipps: Colin Wilson

Helen Walsingham:
Melanie Plowman-Cobb



Ann Pornick:
Charlotte Brennan



Aunt Susan:
Carolyn Roberts



Uncle Bert/Photographer:
John Walden



Flo Evans:
Claire Bailes



Pierce:
Janine Reynolds



Mr Shalford/ Mr Maxwell
Mike Roberts



Sid Pornick:
Max Campbell



Chitterlow:
Bob Sulzbach



Buggins:
Haydn Mullane



Mrs Walsingham:
Barbara Thomas



James Walsingham:
Phil Calver



Mrs Bindo-Botting:
Rachel E. Hill



Lady Punnet:
Judith Coen



Lady Dacre:
Yvonne Sibbald



THE CAST

Miss Ross:
Helena Smagala



Carshot/Hayes:
Doug Traill-Stevenson



Foster/Policeman:
Mike Barker



Mildred:
Alison Hudson



Mary:
Joanne Kemple



The Shoppers Juliette Albone, Laura Rogers, Julia Skinner, Helena Smagala, Frankie Talbot

The Maids: Holly Bohme, Caroline Christofi, Caroline Oliver, Charlotte Platten, Francesca Platten, Sue Rayner

The Pub Crowd Mike Barker, Holly Bohme, Caroline Christofi, Caroline Oliver, Charlotte Platten, Francesca Platten, Sue Rayner, Sarah Bailes, Alison Hudson, Joanne Kemple, Carolyn Roberts, John Walden, Hannah Woodhouse





ACT 1

Half a Sixpence (Part 1) - Kipps, Ann

Look Alive - Shalford, Carshot, Apprentices, Shoppers

Money to Burn (Part 1) - Sid, Flo, Pierce, Buggins, Kipps

Believe in Yourself - Helen

She's Too Far Above Me - Kipps

Money to Burn (Part 2) - Kipps, Chitterlow, Pub Crowd

Binge on a Mango - Kipps, Chitterlow

A Proper Gentleman - Shalford, Kipps, Apprentices, Shoppers

Half a Sixpence (part 2) - Kipps, Ann

Long Ago - Ann

A Simple Lunch - James, Mrs Walsingham

The Joy of the Theatre - Chitterlow, Pub Crowd

Just a Few Little Things - Kipps, Helen

Just a Little Touch of Happiness - Ann, Flo

If the Rain's Got to Fall - Kipps, Ensemble



ACT 2

The One Who's Run Away - Kipps, Chitterlow

Pick Out a Simple Tune - Kipps, Ensemble

I Never Get Anything Right / I Know Who I Am - Ann, Kipps

We'll Build a Palace / I Only Want a Little House - Mrs Walsingham, James,

Lady Punnet, Mr Maxwell, Kipps, Helen

In the Middle There's Me - Kipps, Apprentices

Long Ago (Reprise) - Kipps, Ann

Believe in Yourself (Reprise) - Kipps

Flash, Bang, Wallop! - Kipps, Ann, Apprentices, Photographer, Ensemble

Flash, Bang, Wallop (Reprise) - Chitterlow, Ensemble

Bows - Kipps, Company



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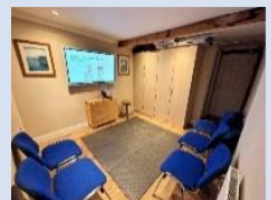
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BEHIND THE SCENES

DIRECTION

Director: Ian Hamilton



Musical Director: David Woods



Choreographer: Sarah Bailes



THE BAND

Keyboard:	John Edwards
Guitar:	Kester Tunstall
Bass:	Lewis White
Reed:	Sufia Many
Trumpet:	Alex Hitchcock
Drums:	Fraser Lucas

BEHIND THE SCENES

PRODUCTION TEAM

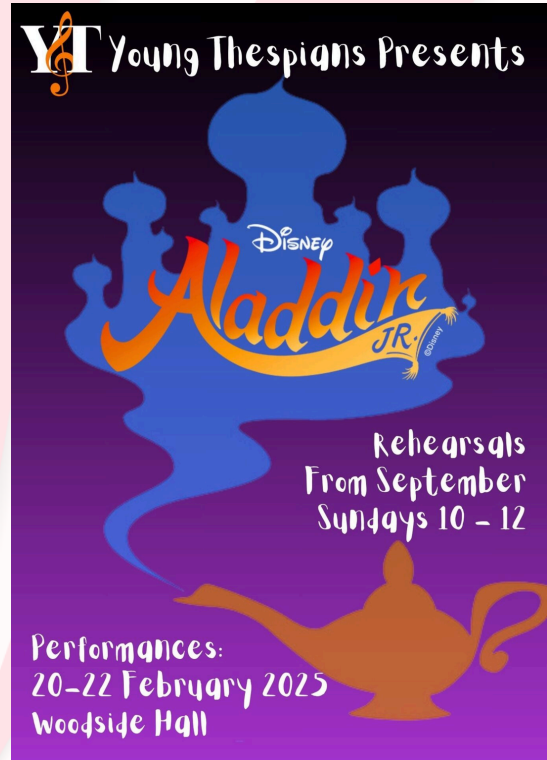
Production Manager:	Sarah Bailes
Stage Manager	Philippa Tadman
Stage Crew:	Ian Hamilton, Kevin Hudson
Set Design:	Rosemary Bianchi
Set Construction:	Mike Roberts, Richard Plowman-Cobb, Nigel Woodbridge, Viv Stephenson
Sound and Lighting:	James Ibbotson, James Rhodes, Jake McCreith, Steve Nortier
Wardrobe:	Sarah Bailes, Cathy Coulthard
Costumes:	Harlequin Costume Hire
Props:	Kevin Hudson, Haydn Mullane
Prompt:	Anna Hallett
Front of House:	Sarah Cunningham
Publicity and Programme	Barbara Thomas, Cathy Coulthard
Box Office	Nick and Nicki Morgan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank **PUTTERIDGEBURY GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY** for the loan of their backcloth screen.

We would like to thank **HARLEQUIN COSTUME HIRE** for the beautiful costumes.

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on stage, off stage and at any stage!

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&

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with Hannah Long

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