

Revellers Rag

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B & B USA!
BY CLIVE & SUE READ
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The Revellers present

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USA

A new comedy by Sue & Clive Read



Yes folks your Chairman and his lovely (she says) wife are scribbling furiously, as you read this, to pen another comedy in their long line of successful plays. As the title suggests, this one revolves around Brian & Jean who move to Arizona when they inherit a run down B & B on Route 66 in the good old USA. She has pretensions of grandeur - he is not so sure. All is revealed as they open up for their first visitors. Add to this an unruly dog, a Mexican chambermaid and some dubious guests and the scene is set for some high comedy.

Rehearsals will begin a couple of weeks after Follies and it is expected to stage the play at the Bowls Club at the end of February.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS SYLVIA

Our hardworking President, Sylvia, celebrated her birthday during the run of The Bitter End and in true Revellers style she wouldn't miss the play but instead invited her family to celebrate with her by attending a performance!



Sylvia (centre 2nd row) with her family

MESSAGE FROM PAM

Pam Stimson, our Treasurer, would like to remind everyone that members' subscriptions are now due. You only have until 31st August and then a renewal charge will be due!!!!

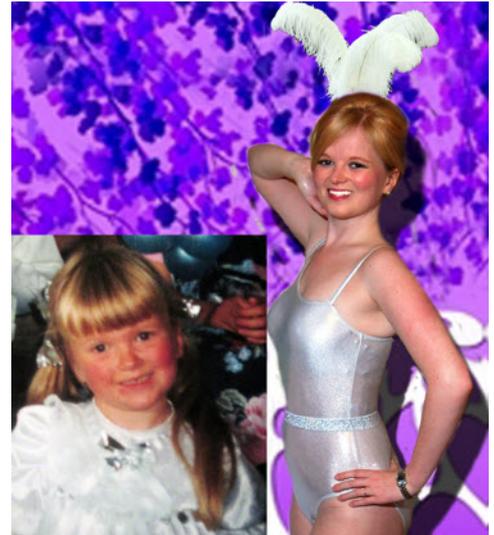
REVELLERS TRADITIONS GO BACK A LONG WAY!

Revellers have always been proud of giving actors their first chance of treading the boards and three of our leading ladies for "Follies" prove this.



Cydney Beagley is pictured here in the title role of "Annie" alongside her grown up self in "Follies" where she plays the role of young Phyllis.

Helen Linford appeared in her first leading role of Baby June in the musical "Gypsy" when she was just six years old. A few years pass and Helen adds to her many roles now as young Sally in "Follies"



And last but not least our lovely leading lady, Joanna Linford, is playing Sally in "Follies", but is also pictured here as Mary Jane Setchfield in "Bungate" aged just five.



SOCIAL WHIRL

There will be one of Jonathan's famous jaunts on July 6th. These are traditionally convivial walks which start and finish at a watering hole, this year The Boathouse, when participants can imbibe with the beverage of their choice as well as keeping fit!. Sarah is also happy to co-ordinate a trip to Tolthorpe to see Taming of the Shrew Wednesday 6th August at 7.45. Tickets are £13 please contact Sarah on 07931 190894 for details

Also as "Follies" finishes at the end of October Sarah is contemplating a Halloween Ball to celebrate. Watch this space!

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THE BITTER END 26TH FEB - 1ST MAR 2014

It seems a while since our last comedy but congratulations are nevertheless due to everyone concerned with Brian Havers' last play. The humorous "Whodunnit" kept audiences guessing until the bitter end (see what I did there?) and many plaudits were heard during the week from audiences who appreciated some excellent performances from the nine members of the cast. Well done everybody!

FOLLIES 21ST - 24TH OCTOBER 2014



Some of the cast at the first read-through of "Follies"

However, Follies is a gem of a show where there are numerous brilliant songs to be sung by other members of the company, so everyone is being kept very busy singing under the expert guidance of Andrew Brown, our Musical Director. Dance numbers too abound including a big tap number - always a winner - so the girls are frantically practising their shuffle hops etc. to meet the exacting standards of choreographer, Sue Read. This is a musical not to be missed.

We are also very excited about the new venue of Radius (above The Solstice). The smart night club atmosphere is perfect for this glitzy show and, although there is no lift, staff at the venue have assured us they will be there to assist anyone who needs help with the stairs.

Just let Sylvia, our booking secretary, know and we will make sure your requirements are fully catered for.

Follies will also be accompanied by a full orchestra - another plus for the show. There's nothing like live music and Follies has such a variety of song styles from haunting ballads to swing so all musical tastes are met.

This will be the regional premiere of the show so don't miss out. The audience will be seated at tables in true cabaret style so why not invite your friends to join you for a fun night.

Tickets will be £12 each obtainable from Sylvia on 01733 755176.

So - on with the show - and we are all enjoying the challenge of Stephen Sondheim's "Follies". Auditions were held in April and an excellent cast was chosen by Director, Clive Read. The main roles are:

Buddy	Stephen Gravett
Ben	Martin Linford
Sally	Joanna Linford
Phyllis	Sue Read
Young Buddy	Drew Hammond
Young Ben	Sean Flynn
Young Sally	Helen Linford
Young Phyllis	Cydney Beagley



Cydney, Helen, Sarah, Nicole and Kirsty - our gorgeous Young Follies