

Highbury Headlines

Highbury Little Theatre

Edited by Clare Cope

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to Highbury Headlines 2003. I hope that this year proves to be as prosperous and successful as last year.

Since the last edition of Headlines we've had success both on stage as well as off stage. The Cruise written by Michael Crompton and Directed by Clare Cope sold out its 3 night run and proved that a studio production could have all the drama and excitement of a main stage show. Waters of the Moon directed by Hazel Tolley went wonderfully well with a special mention going to the back-stage crew who were able to change the set from the inside of the house to the garden in just over 1 minute, a wonderful achieve-



Party like it's 2002!!

ment by anyone's standards.

With the start of the festive season, the annual Christmas party went with a swing, with this year's theme being red, white and black.....we were not disappointed by the response and it was a wonderful opportunity for all to let their hair down.

Many thanks to Bill and Marcelle as well as the bar committee for all their hard work.

As well as good times off stage, a good time was had by all in the festive show, Puss In Boots. Directed by Mary Dodd, the adventure took the audience on a roller coaster ride through a land of giants, princess', talking cats and witches. DanceForce opened and closed the show with a high energy routine which reflected the pace of the show.

Here's to this year being as exciting and action packed as last year!!

Clare Cope

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Special points of interest:

- **Character** - Acting workshop 22nd February
- **Touch & Go** - 4th - 15th February
- **Youth Theatre Studio Show** - February
- **The Accused** - 18th - 29th March
- **DanceForce Classes** 10am - 1pm Saturday mornings.

Season 2003 - 4

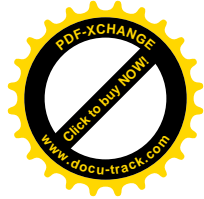
The new arts committee has begun to read and consider plays for next season. We would like YOUR suggestions.



Please get in touch with any member of the committee - Tony Mackey, Rob Phillips, Steve Bowyer, Gwen Evans, Sheila Knapman, Jane Aston, Peter

Cooley. We promise to give serious consideration to any ideas you may have.

Tony Mackey



Highbury Players AGM 2003

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Due to the overwhelming turnout at the last AGM, this years meeting was held in the main auditorium with an equally impressive turnout. With the full reports from all departments of the theatre, Highbury Players were given the opportunity to hear what happens behind the scenes and to ask questions about issues within the theatre. The meeting also gave the opportunity for Steve Bowyer and Brian Parker, members of the Development

Committee, to show the new, preliminary plans for the development of Highbury which would include expanding the bar and coffee bar as well as introducing a committee room and function room to the existing building.

The Election of Officers also brought around change within the theatre, with Rob Phillips retaining his position as Chairman of the Players and Players Reps Christina English and Paul Quinlan being

replaced by Alison Cahill and Clare Cope.

The AGM looked at the past, the present and certainly the exciting prospect of the future, and this is where you can help. The development of Highbury won't happen by itself, if you have any bright ideas on how funds could be raised please inform either Steve Bowyer or Phil Owen.

Clare Cope

2003 Promises to be just as exciting as 2002, look out for up and coming news and events on the theatre notice board.

Social Committee News.

Book your place NOW for the Highbury Trip to London

Saturday 12th April

Visit Covent Garden and London Eye

Booking Closes BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY as we have to pay for the coach and the Eye.

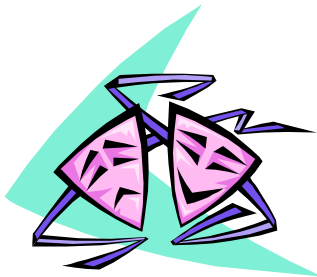
Please send your cheques to Sylvia Campbell c/o Highbury Box Office and make the cheque payable to S Campbell.

Highbury Trip to the Hippodrome to see MISS SAIGON in July.

Price £28.50

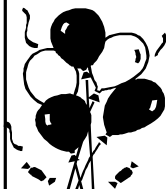
If you are interested please fill your name in on the form provided in theatre and as soon as we have 10 names we will book up a WEEKDAY in JULY (All the Saturdays are already sold out)

Keep your eyes peeled for more events coming up!!

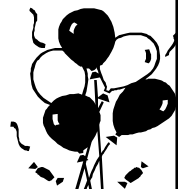


Season 2003 / 04

Congratulations!!



A huge congratulations to Sandra Haynes, who was awarded an MBE in the new years honours list for her work with the Dudley Asian Community. On behalf of everyone at Highbury I would like to express how proud we are of Sandy, Well Done!!



Highbury Bar News



Bill
&
the Highbury Bar
Committee



would like to announce exciting future events
at Highbury.

Keep your eyes on the notice board for more
news!.....



Delta Quartet Saturday 8th March 2003 - 8pm

Karen Bannister, Tonia Price, Victoria Rex & Paul Knapman form the Delta Quartet who were formed in 2000, a progression from Gale Force 80 who played at Highbury in the 90's. With a brand new repertoire, Delta may have your feet tapping to Benny Goodman and Fats Waller one minute, and then the hair on

the back of your neck tingling to the liquid harmonies of Debussy the next. With a burst of saxophones thrown in, there is never a dull moment.

"Superb quartet well suited to varied programme: The intimate surroundings of

Highbury were last Saturday the chosen venue for this excellent quartet.... Vibrant tone colour... sure technique...."

Take this opportunity to book tickets to a wonderful evening's entertainment.....I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

*Kelly Williams and Richard Tye will be holding an acting workshop on the 22nd February called **Character**, see posters around theatre for more details....*

Touch & Go

Brian is a jogger - or is he?

An ideal opportunity to visit his girlfriend?

This comedy has the basic ingredients of deceit, deception and mistaken identity.

A laugh out loud show sustained to the end.

4 - 15 February 2003



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EDITORS NOTE...

Last year proved to be a hectic and exciting year for all those concerned with our theatre, from rehearsals in the studio, to work parties on stage, dance classes in the upper foyer and parties in the bar, it seemed that we didn't stop at all!!

However, it hasn't all been a glamorous and star studded run.... As many of you will know, when the run of a production comes to an end the set, props, costumes and lighting don't walk themselves back to their proper homes, this is where you come into it. This is a personal plea from myself to ask all those involved with a show to turn up to strike party to help set the theatre back to its original state, you work as a team during the rehearsals and the run, come and continue that teamwork at Strike party. You never know, you may actually have a laugh...

Finally I would like to give a huge thank you to all those who voted for me at the AGM and giving me the position of Players Representative, I will do everything I can in order to fulfil my role, so if you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to come to both myself and fellow Rep Alison Cahill.

Clare Cope
EDITOR

The Next Issue.....

Issue 2 of Highbury Headlines will be coming out in April 2003.

The next deadline for all articles will be:

Monday 17th March 2003

Make a note of this date in your diary, I look forward to hearing from you!!

Remember, this is YOUR newsletter, have YOUR say!

