

THE CLACTON OPERATIC  
AND  
MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY

*presents*



JUNE 2nd to JUNE 7th 1969

### **A Message from the Chairman**

Once again, we take pleasure in welcoming all our friends to our 44th production "Half a Sixpence". In accordance with our "two shows a year" policy we have been busy almost continuously since last September and we hope you will be ready to agree, when the final curtain falls, that all this activity has been worth while.

We are always looking for new members and anyone who has any pretensions to singing, dancing or acting will be more than welcome—the Hon. Secretary would like to hear from you. If your talents do not lie in these directions we would be pleased to enrol you as a Vice-President.

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(AMATEUR)

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# HALF A SIXPENCE

(by arrangements with Messrs. Chappell & Co. Ltd.)

from the novel "KIPPS" by H. G. Wells

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY      DAVID HENEKER

BOOK BY                      BEVERLEY CROSS

at

**THE PRINCES THEATRE, CLACTON**

**June 2nd-June 7th, 1969**

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PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY      KENNETH SMITH

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MUSICAL DIRECTION BY MICHAEL PILKINGTON

Stage Manager JOHN WHITE

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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The Action takes place in Folkestone in the Year 1900

### ACT I

- Scene 1 Mr. Shalford's Emporium
- Scene 2 The Promenade
- Scene 3 The Emporium
- Scene 3a The Street
- Scene 4 The Bar of "The Hope and Anchor"
- Scene 5 The Street
- Scene 6 The classroom of the Young Workers' Association
- Scene 7 The Emporium
- Scene 8 The Promenade
- Scene 9 The Old Lighthouse
- Scene 10 The Old Military Canal-Regatta

### ACT II

- Scene 1 The Promenade
- Scene 2 Mrs. Botting's Solarium
- Scene 3 The Basement Kitchen
- Scene 4 The Bar of "The Hope and Anchor"
- Scene 5 The Rented House
- Scene 6 The Promenade
- Scene 7 The Building Site
- Scene 8 The Promenade
- Scene 9 The Bookshop—a year later

### THE FINALE

## CHARACTERS

ARTHUR KIPPS (an apprentice shopman, an orphan)	MERVYN HARRIDENCE
SID PORNICK (also an apprentice, a Socialist) .....	MICHAEL SPURGEON
BUGGINS (another apprentice, a pessimist) .....	ALAN HODGSON
PEARCE (the fourth apprentice, a dandy) .....	ALAN MOTSON
FLO BATES (a shopgirl) .....	JUDY FITT
VICTORIA (a shopgirl) .....	HILARY MOTSON
KATE (a shopgirl) .....	ANGELA MILLBANK
EMMA (a shopgirl) .....	CHRISTINE VENTHEM
Mr. SHALFORD (the owner of the Emporium) .....	DEREK MASSEY
Mr. CARSHOT (head floor walker) .....	JOHN SPARROW
Mrs. WALSINGHAM (mother of Helen) .....	BERYL TAYLOR
Mrs. BOTTING (a customer) .....	BETTY BEALES
ANN (Sid's sister) .....	JUNE FLETTON
HARRY CHITTERLOW (an Actor Playwright) .....	KENNETH ROWLANDS
LAURA (a barmaid) .....	JENNIFER SPURGEON
HELEN WALSINGHAM .....	VALERIE MASSEY
YOUNG WALSINGHAM .....	GEORGE OSBORN
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THE CAT .....	SCAMP BAKER

### LADIES OF THE CHORUS

Beryl Balls, Marian Cowdell, Doris Cowdell, Carol Cordy, Gladys Drane, Ruth Goodey, Sandra Hurst, Monica King, Tina Parker, Jean Smith, Simone Smith, Susan Smith, Edna Thomas, Margaret Wright.

### GENTLEMEN OF THE CHORUS

David Cawdell, Ken Drake, Michael Freeman, Geoffrey Penfold, Adrian Robinson.

### DANCERS

Elizabeth Doe, Nicola Rayner, Marion Rawlings, Teresa Thompson-Smith, Arlene Williams, Vivienne Wye.

Gil Gray, Alan Howard, Chum Borges.

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION "DICK WHITTINGTON"

5 JANUARY-10 JANUARY 1970

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

Shop Ballet .....	Kipps, Apprentices, Shopgirls and Chorus
Economy .....	Kipps and Apprentices
Half a Sixpence .....	Kipps and Ann
Money to Burn .....	Kipps and Company
The Oak and the Ash .....	Helen and Students
I Don't Believe a Word of It .....	Ann and Shopgirls
A Proper Gentleman .....	Kipps, Apprentices, Shopgirls and Chorus
She's Too Far Above Me .....	Kipps
If the Rain's Got to Fall .....	Kipps and Chorus
The Old Military Canal Mrs. Botting, Helen, Mrs. Walsingham, Young Walsingham and Company	

### ACT II

The One Who's Run Away .....	Kipps and Chitterlow
Solarium Dance .....	Dancers and Singers
Long Ago .....	Ann and Kipps
Flash, Bang Wallop Kipps, Ann, Chitterlow, Shalford, Apprentices, Shopgirls and Company	
I Know What I Am .....	Ann
The Party's on the House .....	Kipps, Apprentices, Shopgirls and Chorus
Half a Sixpence (Reprise) .....	Kipps and Ann
Carol Sequence	
All in the Cause of Economy (Reprise) .....	Apprentices and Flo
Finale .....	Full Company

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