



THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER

"The Prince and the Pauper"
Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society

They say that the rehearsals were great fun—and it certainly showed in the performance. It was wonderful to see so many young people acting, singing and dancing with such obvious enjoyment. Such a wealth of talent on display. Terry Rogers is pretty talented himself since he wrote Book, Lyrics and Music of *The Prince and the*

Pauper, performed during February at the Institute, as well as directing the large cast. How he managed to get his actors on and off that tiny stage was quite miraculous.

Once again the costumes were wonderful and one must congratulate Diana Darrer, Frances Musker, Jeanne Solomons and Sue White for the gorgeous dresses of the ladies of the court; the splendid lords, pages, soldiers, celestials and ragged beggars. They all looked very fine against David Rance's ingenious set with its sliding windows and doors. The plot was not always easy to follow as there was a tendency for the music to drown the dialogue, especially where the actors had to speak while the musicians were playing. Could one consider next time moving the musicians behind the action instead of in front of it. Also some of Mr Rogers' witty lyrics were hard to hear, which was a pity. The story of the two boys, one a Prince, the other a Pauper, was well told by the Narrator (Michael Sabine-Bacon) and Edward and Tom were nicely acted by Max Farrell and Richard Barger. Simon Ramsey was truly fearsome as Tom's awful father. Liz Amiel (his wife, Margaret), Louise Rolfe (Bet) and Michelle Steiner (Nan) made the most of a charming song "This Way Tomorrow". It's a wise mother who knows her own child and Margaret certainly knew that Edward was not

her Tom. Not so King Henry who could not see the difference, but it seemed rather strange that the boy's tutor did not notice his lack of Greek. Tom had of course been tutored in Latin by the old priest (another nice cameo by Mortimer Bennitt). Anyway all the court thought that the poor boy was mad. Sister, Mary, had her suspicions and obviously hoped that she would soon be queen. Fiona Riem's cold and proud Mary was an effective contrast to the flame-haired and more voluptuous beauty of Julia Barker's Elizabeth, though the duet they sang so beautifully "Clouds in my Eyes" was hardly in character, considering the scheming that had preceded it.

There were two very amusing performances from Jo Hann as Blind Mildred and from Javaid Punwar as the Archbishop. Miles Hendon, the young man who believed Edward and restored him to his kingdom was played with verve by David Kidd.

The musical director, Tom Morrell and his musicians Robin Gregory, Anna Gregory and Catherine Williams (who also was the singing coach) produced some very pleasing sounds. Kay Graham was assistant director. LS



WHAT'S ON

RA Monthly Council Meetings: 4 May, 3 June, 1 July 1986.
8pm: The Community Room, Bigwood House (except 1 July meeting in Room 3 Institute North Wing) VISITORS WELCOME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HGS Institute

April- Special short courses in Holiday Languages, Hat Making, Hairdressing, Taking Care of Yourself, Self Assertion, Tennis plus the regular programme of courses. Leaflet available now.

30 June-4 July OPEN WEEK

7-10 July Adult Arts & Crafts Workshops (Daytime)

St Jude's

6-10 May Events celebrating 75 Anniversary of the Consecration of St Jude-on-the-Hill.

Pavilion Children's Centre

The Term continues to 17 July.

Mothers & Toddlers (0-3yrs)

Mons 10-12 & 1.00-3.00pm Tues 10-12 only

Weds 10-12 only Thurs 10-12 only

3-5yrs. Fun with Dance every Weds 2.15-3.00

Fun with Music every Thurs 2.15-3.00

Bookings through Jill Vicefield 458 7986

Summer Festival

29 June Come and join in the fun with inflatable castle, swing boats, donkey rides and lots of stalls.

RA Family Fete

7 Sept. Central Square 2-5pm. Come and join the fun. Inflatables, donkey rides, swing boats, roundabouts, Pekko's puppets, Morris dancers, music, stalls and refreshments — something for everyone.

APRIL

24 HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45pm. Demonstration: "Harmony and Flowers" — Mrs Mavis Jennings.

24, 25 HGS Dramatic Society presents: "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller in The Institute Theatre 8pm. Production by Joyce Holt.

27 Christian Aid Sponsored Walk. Sponsorship forms, ring 458 3972 or 455 9320.

MAY

6 St Jude's 75 Anniversary Celebrations: "St Jude's & Central Square the Heart of the Suburb". Illustrated lecture by Dr Mervyn Miller (Lutyens Trust) St Jude's. 8pm. Programmes £1 at the door.

7 St Jude's 75 Anniversary Celebrations: Thanksgiving Service 8pm.

8 St Jude's Ascension Day Eucharist. 8pm.

10 St Jude's 75 Anniversary Celebrations: Edwardian Afternoon, St Jude's and Square. "Noah's Flood" adaptation of Medieval Morality Play. 2.30pm. "A Winter's Edge" new Suburb Film continuous showing from 3pm. Teas, music, sideshows, demonstrations 3-4.30pm. Judging Edwardian hats and costumes 4.30pm.

10-11 St Jude's Exhibition of Archives and Vestments in St Jude's.

11 St Jude's. 10am Jubilee Service; The Bishop of Edmonton (Free Church attending)

12 HGS Townswomens Guild. St Jude's Church Rooms 2-4. Miss J Evans in Character Dialogues.

16 Hendon & HGS Camera Club. Fellowship House. 8pm. "Open Evening", various items of photographic interest, exhibition of photographic work, practical demonstrations and display of equipment. Further information phone 455 7922.

17 HGS Horticultural Society. Fellowship House. 10am-12noon. Plant sale. All welcome.

17 Family Holiday Association. Annual Hill Close Fete. 2pm. To be opened by Andrew Sachs of Fawlty Towers.

21 The 18th Henrietta Barnett Memorial Lecture. The Institute. 8.00pm. "Britain's Voice Overseas". By Gerard Mansell CBE, former Deputy Director General BBC.

29 HGS Floral Arrangement Club. Fellowship House. 7.45pm. Demonstration — "Feasts of Colour". Mrs Pam Taylor.

JUNE

2 HGS Townswomens Guild. St Jude's Church Rooms 2-4. Speaker from John Groom's Association for the Disabled.

21 The Garden Suburb School, Childs Way. Summer Fair. From 12.30pm. Willifield Green. Lunches, bar, tea and cakes, inflatable castle, tombola, crafts, stalls, puppets, magic and music.

20, 21 HGS Dramatic Society presents "Tom Jones" by 26, 27, Joan Macalpine, in the Open Air Theatre in Little Wood, directed by Peter John White

28 HGS Horticultural Society. Flower Show. Free Church Hall. 3-6pm. NB: Entry Night Tuesday 24 June at Fellowship House.

29 Pavilion Children's Centre Summer Festival in Lyttleton Playing Fields from 2.00pm. See announcements at head of WHAT'S ON.

30-4 July HGS Institute Open Week. See posters for full details.

JULY

4 HGS Institute. 7.30-9.30. Wine Evening.

7 HGS Townswomens Guild. St Jude's Church Rooms. 2-4pm. "Discovering the Cotswolds" (with music). Speaker: Mr B. Wright.

7-10 HGS Institute. Adult Arts & Crafts Workshops (Daytime).

10 HGS Floral Arrangement Club: Free Church Hall. 7.45pm. "Arts & Flowers". A demonstration by Mrs Daphne Hubbard. Tickets £1.00.

22 HGS National Council of Women. Strawberry Tea, by kind permission of Mrs Ficker, at 22 Southway NW11. 458 3859. Tickets £1.00.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HGS Horticultural Society. Flower Shows: 2 August, 20 September.

Deadline for WHAT'S ON column Summer '86 issue, out in July, June 30, to Alan Lawson, 68 Oakwood Road. Contributions and letters to the Editor will be welcomed by Richard J. Wakefield at 26 Hampstead Way, NW11.

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