

BABES IN THE WOOD A HALF TERM TREAT



Emma Solomons.



Kitty Healey.

Terry Rogers has done it again. His version of 'Babes in the Wood', performed by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society in the middle of February, was full of good jokes and ideas but best of all it was lots of fun, not only for the audience but also for all the participants. As usual there were moments where the audience could join in — one particularly nice touch was the mentioning of special groups such as Brownies and Scouts and individuals from foreign parts.

Traditionally the evening commenced with the representatives of Good and Evil; a delightful Elmira (Emma Solomons) eventually getting the better of RadeGunde and Hestra, two deliciously wicked sprites played by Diana Bumpus and Nadya Ostroff with obvious enjoyment.

Jeff McCracken-Howson was the evil Sheriff of Nottingham who hires Sebastian and Algernon (the extremely funny Terry Rogers and Martin Clarkson) to rid him of the two children, Jack and Jill. However, he did not foresee the mess Sebastian and Algernon would make of things nor that the children would be helped by the lively Nurse Twinkle and Robin Hood and Maid Marion. Louisa Day and James Cooper made a resourceful pair of children and Michael Ash found lots of humour and twinkle in the role of the nurse. David Rance who, together with Oliver Rogers, was responsible for the excellent settings also made an endearing appearance as Simple Simon.

Linda Zeff directed with verve and moved the seeming hordes of children about the stage with great skill. The costumes, in the

capable hands of Diana Darrer, Frances Husker, Jeanne Solomons and Sue White, were as usual stunning.

The musicians on such occasions are often overlooked but a word of praise is due to the musical director, Fiona Riem, and the five young musicians whose playing added to the pleasure of the evening. Dominic Rogers (drums), Adam Greenstein (violin) and Robin Healey (keyboard) are all still pupils at University College School. This was Robin's debut on the keyboard and one of Adam's ambitions is to play jazz on the violin. Fiona Riem was until recently teaching at the Garden Suburb School while Tom Sorrell and Robin Gregory both playing main keyboards, were undergraduates at Oxford and York. They made quite a powerful combination but never drowned the singers which in this hall is only too easy to do. LS



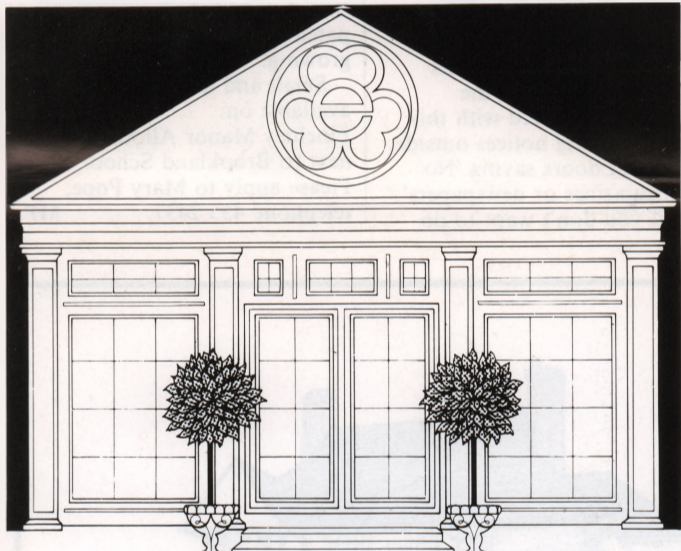
Jeff McCracken-Howson.



Nerina Queralto and Isabel Darrer



Marianne Cronin and Simon Ramsey.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Mother and Baby group Wednesday afternoons 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm for those with babies up to one year old.

Now back in its old home the Pavilion in Lyttelton Playing Fields. Admissions 70p.

HGS YOUTH CLUB. Every Monday during term time 6.15 pm. St Judes Church Rooms, Central Square.

APRIL

18 HGS Badminton Club Introductory Evening (£2.00), 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Bigwood Hall. Details from Mrs A Mitchell on 444 8427.

22 Hampstead and District Scots Association featuring Brian Hamilton's Band from 7.30 pm - 11 pm at Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11.

25 National Council of Women of Great Britain Hampstead and HGS Branch, 2.15 pm, St Albans Small Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. Mrs K Butler will speak on The European Community — 1992 and after. Details on 458 2571.

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27 The Abbeyfield HGS Society and Friends of Abbeyfield AGM — 8.00 pm, Society of Friends Meeting House, North Square.

27 HGS Floral Arrangement Club — Demonstration — Pottery Pieces, 7.45 pm Fellowship House.

27 Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society present 'West' by Steven Berkoff at 8.00 pm at the Institute Theatre, Central Square. For tickets call 455 6669.

MAY

2 WEA Outing to Kelmscott, Oxon meeting at 10.15 am, Golders Green Hippodrome. For details call 458 2847. WEA are also holding courses on Music and Literature and Play Readings — please call 452 8850 for more information.

7 St Judes Church — 10.00 am — 78th Dedication Festival Eucharist. The preacher will be Fr. Malcolm Johnson, Rector of St Botolph, Aldgate.

8 Townswomen's Guild. Mr M Green will speak on 'Wild life in a London Garden'.

9 League of Jewish Women — Outing to the Tate Gallery. Family Holiday Association/RA Fete in Central Square. NB Change of Date.

13 Friends of the Harrington Scheme Open Day, Furnival House Gardens, Cholmeley Park, Highgate from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Sale of plants, tombola, raffle, ploughman's lunch.

16 HGS Badminton Club Introductory Evening (£2.00),

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Bigwood Hall. Details from Mrs A Mitchell on 444 8427.

19 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (HGS Branch) — Human Rights Symposium at 2.15 pm, 2 Brookland Hill.

20 HGS Horticultural Society Plant Sale, Fellowship House, 10.30 am.

21 Pavilion Children's Centre Summer Festival, Lyttelton Playing Fields.

23 HGS Badminton Club Introductory Evening (£2.00), 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Bigwood Hall. Details 444 8427.

25 HGS Floral Arrangement Club — demonstration 'Beautiful Britain' at Fellowship House, 7.45 pm.

JUNE

3 Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church — Jumble Sale at 2.15 pm in the Free Church Hall.

10 Hampstead and District Scots Association with the Caber Feidh Band — 7.30 pm - 11.00 pm in the Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive.

22 HGS Floral Arrangement Club — demonstration of 'My Favourite Arrangement' by Committee Members, 7.45 pm in Fellowship House.

24 HGS Horticultural Society Flower Show.

24 Womens International League for Peace and Freedom (HGS Branch) Lunch (£1.50). 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm at Golders Green Unitarians, Hoop Lane.

26-28 HGS Institute Open Week from 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm at the Institute, Central Square.

27 National Council of Women of Great Britain Hampstead and HGS Branch — Jubilee luncheon and AGM at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm, Westfield College, Kidderpore Avenue, NW3. 458 2571.

JULY

1 North London Hospice Summer Fete, Temple Fortune Health Centre, Temple Fortune Lane, 2.00 pm - 4pm.

3 Townswomen's Guild. Mrs J Morris will speak on 'The World of the Fan through the Ages'.

4-7 HGS Institute Art and Craft Summer Courses at the Institute, Central Square. Details on 455 9951.

7/8 HGS Dramatic Society present 'The Fan' by Carlo Goldoni at 7.45 pm every evening at Little Oakwood, Denman Drive North, NW11.

8 HGS Dramatic Society 'The Fan' at 3.00 pm (see above for details).

11 League of Jewish Women. Mr F Stone will speak on 'Music Hall and the Lost Art of Entertaining'.

11-15 Institute Society Arts Groups Annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts — 2.30 pm - 9.00 pm daily at Tea House.

15 HGS Dramatic Society 'The Fan' at 3.00 pm

20 HGS Floral Arrangement Club 'Summer Bounty', 7.45 pm, Fellowship House.

22 Henrietta Barnet School Fete — 12 noon at the school.

DEADLINE for Summer issue June 24 for publication July 15. Items for What's On Column to Rosemary Goldstein, 1a Church Mount, N2. Contributions and letters to the editor R.J. Wakefield, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11.