



# Stoke Youth Musical Theatre Company Newsletter



September 2008

## *"Les Miserables—school Edition"*

11th—15th November 2008



Rehearsals are going very well for the next production of "Les Mis"

As the show gets nearer and final preparations are underway, we have various requests for help from parents or friends of the cast.

**Do you have your own business?** We have space available for you to place an advertisement in the "Les Mis" program. The very competitive cost is £25.00 for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  page; £50.00 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  page and £100.00 for a full page advert— please see Ian Williamson before the end of October if interested.

Can you help with publicity prior to the show? If so, please approach a committee member.

**Chaperones—we need you!**



During the week of the show we desperately need more chaperones to look after the children backstage. If you are able to do this and haven't let Maria Di-Stefano know already please do so as soon as possible. If you are not already licensed then we will have to arrange for this to be done and as it takes a number of weeks we need you to contact us as soon as possible.

We also need **front of house** volunteers during the show run e.g. to show people to their seats etc. If you can help please tell any committee member.

Are you able to help with **costumes**—you don't necessarily have to be able sew—all help gratefully received. See our wardrobe mistress—Christine Sherwin.

**Ticket sales** so far are going well—get your order in soon to avoid disappointment. Don't forget cast members are required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets.

**Parents/Cast members**—please remember that this terms fees are due of £10.00—don't forget that there is no insurance cover if this fee isn't paid.

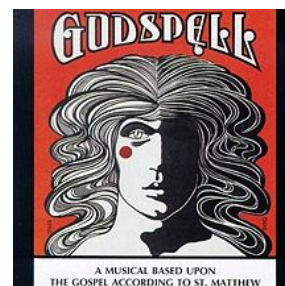
Also there are still a few of you who haven't paid the performance fee of £25.00 and last terms fees. Please pay by 19th September. Remember—producing a show costs a considerable amount of money and we need the performance fees to offset some costs. If we don't cover our costs then we can't continue to produce shows.

### *Other News*

The local Townswomen's Guild are putting on an evening of musicals at the **Kings Hall, Stoke on Wednesday, 8th October** and have invited us to perform for them. We would like to perform some numbers from "Les Mis" as it will be a great opportunity to promote the show so we need as many of the cast as possible to attend. Kindly let Charlotte Williamson know if you are **not** available.

## *Breaking News*

*Announcing next year's production*



We shall be performing "Godspell" at Stoke Minster (St. Peter Ad Vincula) week beginning 19th October 2009. We are delighted that once again the award winning Ian Wilson has agreed to direct with Steve Williams as musical director.

As you may know the Mitchell Memorial Theatre is due to close for refurbishment next year for a year so we had to locate another venue that was available on a date that was appropriate to us and within our budget. We are very fortunate that Stoke Minster has agreed to let us perform there and we feel that "Godspell" will work extremely well in the setting.

Auditions will be held in the early part of 2009—more details to follow.

On **Saturday, 7th March 2009** we will be putting on a joint fundraising cabaret at Stoke Minster and we hope that the cast currently in "Les Mis" will remain with Stoke Youth to perform at this event and will audition for a part in Godspell.

We also are planning other one-off shows that will be most exciting and enjoyable both to perform in and watch—more information to follow.

May we take this opportunity to thank parents and members for all your assistance and support past, present and future.