

# President's Message

This is WOS's second production of Carousel, our last was in 1995.

First performed on Broadway in April 1945 it was said to be Rodgers and Hammerstein's personal favourite, reuniting the creative team that brought *Oklahoma!* to the stage in 1943. *Carouse!* broke 'musical' ground by being one of the first to have a tragic story and is interesting from two points of view. First it explores societal attitudes and prejudices with issues such as social class and hypocrisy and secondly, whilst others in the cast condemn Billy's physical abuse, Julie defends him because she loves him and understands his emotional pain.

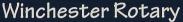
It contains some of their best numbers with "If I loved you" and "June is busting out all over" whilst Billy's soliloquy is a memorable highlight.

And please do not wave your Liverpool FC scarves during "You'll never walk alone"!

As President I am pleased to welcome you to our performances and can proudly lay claim to a Rodgers and Hammerstein 'first'. Iain, my son plays Billy in this production and my daughter, Ellie is shortly playing the part of Bloody Mary in King Edward VI's School production of *South Pacific*. See me for tickets!

Enjoy your evening and spread the word.

Richard Steel
President



WOS would like to thank Winchester Rotary for their continuing support of our productions. In addition, Rotary are also enabling 40 local senior citizens to attend the Saturday matinee performance of Carousel. We hope Rotary and their guests enjoy the show! For more information about Rotary in Winchester, visit: www.winchesterrotary.co.uk

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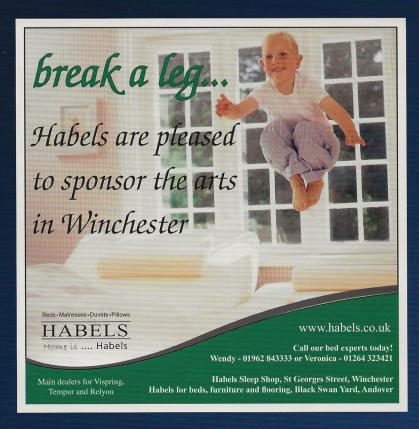


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#### John Barlow - Director

After training as an actor at LAMDA, John turned to behind the scenes production work, starting backstage at Covent Garden. He then went to the BBC drama department, where he worked on series, serials and plays. John then returned to Theatre working as an Assistant Director at the Royal Court Theatre London, where he worked on numerous productions and launched his own directing career. This was followed by work as an Assistant Director on a number of feature films, ultimately leading John back into broadcast television where he became a producer/director. More recently

John has been involved in teaching film and television production and is currently course leader of the BA in Performance, an acting degree he created for Southampton Solent University. His first amateur production was *Die Fledermaus* with Southampton Operatic Society, which he followed with productions of *Annie* and *Oliver* with Eastleigh Operatic and Musical Society. *Carousel* is his first production with WOS, a company whose previous work has impressed him.

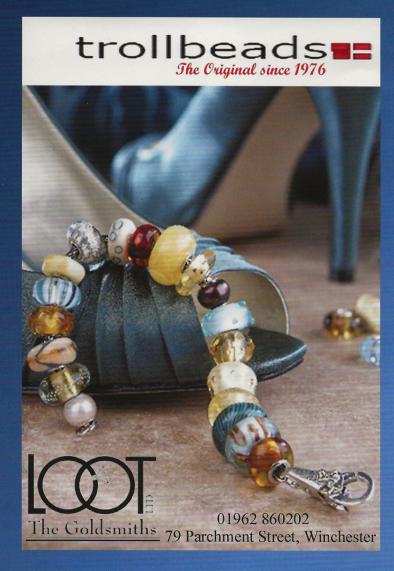
# Derek Beck - Musical Director

This is Derek's twelfth appearance as 'demented windmill' since he first worked with WOS ten years ago. Born in Lancashire, he read music (among other documents) at Durham University and, as a Rotary International Fellow, studied conducting at the University of Washington, USA. He taught on Merseyside (where he sang, produced and conducted much Gilbert & Sullivan), the Isle of Wight and latterly at Peter Symonds College in Winchester as well as being a music tutor for the Open University. Director of Music at St. Cross Hospital in the city, Derek also conducts

the 80-voice Twyford Singers and is the new musical director of the Winchester & County Music Festival, supporting seven mixed choirs in annual concerts in Romsey Abbey and in Winchester Cathedral. In his spare time he has composed and arranged music for many of the groups with which he has been associated. Our MD has a reputation for giving not-very-serious-talks to very serious organisations as well as having a penchant for playing everyone's parts in rehearsals.....

# Louise Hodson - Choreographer

Louise has been dancing all her life and has been a professional dance teacher for 5 years. She has worked with the society on *The Pirates of Penzance, La Vie Parisienne, Kiss Me Kate* and *The Gondoliers*, as well as performing in the productions herself. She also choreographs for Footlights Youth Theatre. She has really enjoyed working with WOS on *Carousel*.





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# Synopsis

On time out from their work at the cotton mill, Carrie and Julie visit the local amusement park. Julie incurs the wrath of Mrs Mullin, the owner of the carousel, for arousing the interest of her barker, Billy. If the truth were known she is jealous of the attention that he gives to girls on the ride, although she knows it is good for business, and in the ensuing quarrel she fires Billy – much to the amazement of the girls. Carrie asks Julie how she feels about Billy and takes the opportunity to tell Julie about Mr Snow, the fisherman she plans to marry. Billy romances Julie, although he realises her innocence and how different she is from his other girls. They marry and are living with Nettie, Julie's cousin, but Billy is still out of work and frustrated to the point where he hits Julie during an argument.

Meanwhile summer's approaching and the women are planning a clambake organized by Nettie; Carrie is still planning her wedding and Billy has started hanging around with his sleazy friend Jigger. As the time for the clambake approaches, Jigger tries to tempt Billy to join him in a

robbery but Julie has startling news. She is pregnant. For Billy, that changes everything. He has to earn money and to try to better himself so he agrees to Jigger's plan.

While everyone is enjoying the clambake, Jigger and Billy put their plan into action but are foiled. Jigger escapes but Billy, unable to face the future in jail, kills himself. Julie arrives as he lays dying and as he passes away she tells him for the very first time that she loves him. Fifteen years pass and the Starkeeper tells Billy that he will never get to heaven unless he redeems himself. He will be allowed to go back to earth for one day, to perform one good deed and Billy steals a star to give his daughter Louise as a present. True to form, Billy, blundering and unable to express himself, slaps his daughter when she is suspicious and reluctant to accept his gift. But Billy is given one last chance and returns to watch her graduation. He reaches out to Louise, telling her to believe in herself and he feels proud as he watches her blossom. To Julie he says, "I loved you Julie. Know that I loved you."

# Scenes

#### Actl

**Scene 1:** Prelude - An amusement park on the New England coast.

Scene 2: A tree lined path along the shore.

Scene 3: Nettie Fowler's Spa.

#### Act II

Scene 1: On an island across the bay.

Scene 2: Mainland waterfront.

Scene 3: "Up there".

Scene 4: "Down here" on a beach.

Fifteen years later.

Scene 5: Outside Julie's cottage.

Scene 6: Outside a schoolhouse.



## Cast

Carrie Pipperidge Julie Jordan Mrs Mullin Billy Bigelow Policeman 2nd Policeman David Bascombe Nettie Fowler Enoch Snow Jigger Craigin Arminy Captain Heavenly Friend Starkeeper Louise Enoch Snow Jr Principal Dr Seldon

Viola
Cello
Bass
Flute/Piccolo
Oboe
Clarinets
Bass Clarinet
Trumpet
Trombone
Horn
Percussion
Keyboard

Orchestra

Violins

Frances Stirrup Kerry-Jayne Lilly Penny Bullough lain Steel Colin Paice Colin Thomas Hamish McDonald Carole Lilly Graham Light Rick Bremner Sharon Kendrick David Anderson Christopher Milne Adrian Hickford Lyndsay Smith Steven Lilly Bob Jones Adrian Hickford

Tessa Welford
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# Chorus of Townspeople

Sue Aiken
David Anderson
Gill Beck
Clare Britton
Penny Bullough
Stephanie Crockford
Anne Croudass
Julie Edwards
Jill Fitzpatrick
Jan Gwynne-Howell
Adrian Hickford
Louise Hodson
Grace Honeysett

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Bob Jones
Sharon Kendrick
Hamish McDonald
Alan Matheson
Christopher Milne
Nicky Moore
Michael Palette
Heather Reid
Gill Russell
Claire Smith
Mark Smith

#### Children

Karina Bedford Ellie Christie Alexandra Cornes William Farthing Christopher Gleed

Victoria Gleed Tabitha Ley Smith Christopher Sullivan Lucas Watkins Luke Watson

# Musical Numbers

#### Prologue - the Carousel waltz

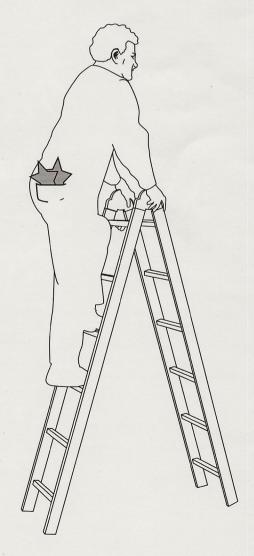
- 1. You're a queer one, Julie Jordan Carrie, Julie
- 2. Mister Snow Carrie
- 3. You're a queer one, Julie Jordan (reprise) Billy, Julie
- 4. If I loved you Julie, Billy
- 5. June is bustin' out all over Nettie, Carrie, chorus
- 6. Mister Snow (reprise) Carrie, Mr Snow, women's chorus
- 7. When the children are asleep Mr Snow, Carrie
- 8. Blow high, blow low Jigger, Billy, men's chorus
- 9. Soliloquy Billy

Finale - Act I - June is bustin' out all over (reprise) - company

#### INTERVAL - 20 minutes

- 1. A real nice clambake Nettie, Carrie, Julie, Mr Snow, chorus
- 2. Geraniums in the winder Mr Snow
- 3. Stonecutters cut it on stone Jigger, Mr Snow, chorus
- 4. What's the use of wondrin' Julie, womens' chorus
- 5. You'll never walk alone Nettie
- 6. The highest Judge of all Billy
- 7. Ballet Louise, Snow children, carnival troupe
- 8. Carrie's incidental Carrie
- 9. If I loved you (reprise) Billy

Finale - Act II - You'll never walk alone (reprise) - company



# Biographies

#### Rick Bremner

Rick often seems to play the 'baddie' in these shows! The Mikado; Dick Deadeye, HMS Pinafore; even Frank the gaoler in Die Fledermaus is none too savoury a character. So when his friends (?!) in the society enthused about how well suited he'd be for

the part of Jigger and how much he'd enjoy doing it, he began to be a bit worried about his image and how his friends perceived him! But actually they were right, about one thing anyway, it is a great part to play; but please believe him, when he claims to be quite a nice guy ordinarily!

#### Penny Bullough

Penny is enjoying playing Mrs. Mullin. This lady does not meet many of the conventional criteria for a musical. Her rough exterior does not seem to hide a heart of gold, nor does she after a hard life appear to find a happy ending. Even more strangely for a character in a musical, she doesn't sing! Penny's last outing in Carousel was also with

WOS, playing Julie – people with long memories may remember the handsome young Billy who played opposite her.

#### Graham Light

Graham has been a member of WOS since 1990 and this is his 28th show. In that time he has been a chorus member as well as taking some principal parts, most recently Cyril, *Princess Ida*; Harrison Howell, *Kiss Me Kate*; and Nathan Detroit in the NODA award winning *Guys & Dolls*. He was also Enoch Snow the last time the Society did *Carousel*. It's a good job he likes sardines!

#### Carole Lilly

Carousel was Carole's first ever show in 1988 with Eastleigh Operatic and Musical Society, since then she has played many roles such as: Marsinah, Kismet; Laurey, Oklahomal; Yum Yum, The Mikado; and Ruth, The Pirates of Penzance. Probably her favourite role was Eliza, My Fair Lady. Carole's more recent roles include Casilda, The Gondoliers; and the May Queen, Merrie England - both with WOS. This production of Carousel is a first in that she will be performing with both her daughter Kerry-Jayne who is playing Julie and her son Steven who is playing Enoch Junior. She has performed previously with Kerry-Jayne when they both played nuns in Nunsense (in a cast of five) and has also been in panto with Steven. She is really looking forward to appearing on stage with both her talented children!

#### Kerry-Jayne Lilly

This is Kerry-Jayne's second production with WOS, having joined the society only last year for Pajama Game. Kerry-Jayne appeared in the Theatre Royal earlier this year playing Ela Delahay in Charley's Aunt with Chesil Theatre. Some of her favourite roles of the past include Florinda in Aphra Behn's The Rover with Hampshire Youth Theatre; Leo in the musical comedy Nunsense by Dan Goggin; and Vittoria, The Gondoliers – both with Romsey Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Kerry-Jayne graduated last year with a BA degree in Performing Arts from Winchester University. This is the first time that she will be on stage with both her Mum and her brother and she is really looking forward to it!

#### Steven Lilly

This is Steven's first show with Winchester and also his first show with both his mum and sister jointly making it especially interesting for him. Steven has just entered his second year of Peter Symonds College taking Psychology, English Literature and Performance Studies. His previous roles include Lion, The Wiz; Cosmo Brown, Singing in the Rain; Seymour Krelborn, Little Shop of Horrors; and most recently Troy Bolton, High School Musical. He is planning to go onto drama school next year to pursue an acting career.

#### Lyndsay Smith

Lyndsay first trod the boards with WOS aged 9 as a rat in *Dick Whittington!* This performance was closely followed by appearances in *Carmen* and *HMS Pinafore*. Lyndsay has returned 7 years later as Louise in *Carousel*. Lyndsay is also a member of the Claire Goodwin's Theatre Arts School, where she learns Modern, Tap, Ballet, Street Jazz and Drama,

and performs in an annual show. She is also a member of the 'Worthy Players', and performs in their annual pantomime. In her spare time (!), Lyndsay attends the Peter Symonds College in Winchester, where she is studying for 3 A-levels, and plays on the women's football team.



#### lain Steel

lain has been acting and messing about on stage since Infant School, where his first role was King Herod – since when he has always preferred the 'nastier' roles! Over the years he has played such characters as Curly, Oklahoma! (twice); Bill, Me and My Girl; Action, West Side Story; Billy, Anything Goes; Pirate King, The Pirates of

Penzance; Nicely Nicely, Guys & Dolls; Joe/Josephine, Some Like It Hot (for which he won a Daily Echo Curtain Call Award). After a three year 'rest' from shows - lain is delighted to be reprising his role as Billy in Carousel, having last played the part with WOS in 1995!!

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#### Frances Stirrup

This is the eighth show that Frances has appeared in with WOS since joining in 2005. This is the first principal role she has undertaken as part of the senior society, however between 1994 and 1998 she was a member of WAOS Juniors (now Encore Youth Theatre) and enjoyed two principal roles – Minerva, Mister Cinders and

Parchester the Family Solicitor, Me & My Girl. Usually gracing the stage as one of the society's specialist dancers and a keen regular at the society tap dancing classes, whilst Frances cannot can can, tap dance or lindy hop her way through the role she hopes that she will be able to bring the same energy and enthusiasm to the role of Carrie Pipperidge in Carousel.

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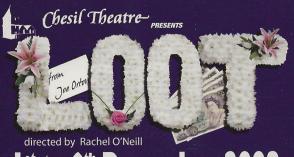
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