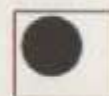


Off Centre Theatre Productions Since 1986

1996	March	The Admirable Crichton	H.M.S.G.
	January	Jack and the Beanstalk	H.M.S.G.
1995	October	Green Firms & Teachers	H.M.S.G.
	October	Picassilli Circus	The Bridges Centre
	July	Summer Interlude	Village Halls
	May	La Ronde	H.M.S.G.
	April	A Cabaret For Miss Sophie	H.M.S.G.
	March	Fools Paradise	H.M.S.G.
	January	Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs	H.M.S.G.
1994	October	The House on the Cliff	H.M.S.G.
	Sept	Hip Hip Horatius	Bridges Community Centre
	July	Summer Show-Time	Village Halls Tour
	June	Gaslight	Leisure Centre
	April	When We Are Married	Leisure Centre
	January	Cinderella	H.M.S.G.
1993	Nov	Under Milkwood Reading	Rolls Hall - OCT Funded
	October	A Murder is Announced	Leisure Centre
	July	Summer Show Time Special	Village Halls Tour
	June	A Fish Out of Water	Leisure Centre
	April	Bedroom Farce	Leisure Centre
	January	Aladdin	Leisure Centre
1992	October	House Guest	Leisure Centre
	July	The Canterbury Tales	Village Halls Tour
	May	What The Butler Saw	Leisure Centre
	Febr	The Collection & The Lover	Overmonnow Junior School
	Jan	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Leisure Centre
1991	Oct	Suddenly at Home	Leisure Centre
	April	The Crucible	H.M.S.G.
1990	Dec	Toad of Toad Hall	Leisure Centre
	Oct	Habeas Corpus	Leisure Centre
	April	Abigail's Party	Leisure Centre
	April	Party Spirits	Congress Theatre, Cwmbrun
	April	Crown of Thorns	On Tour
1989	Dec	The Wizard of Oz	Leisure Centre
	Oct	The Art of Coarse Acting	Leisure Centre
	May	Happy Family	Leisure Centre
	Febr	The Maids	Leisure Centre
1988	Dec	The Grand Old Duke of York	Leisure Centre
	Oct	Oh What a Lovely War	Leisure Centre
	May	Outside Edge	Leisure Centre
	March	Three One Act Plays	The Rising Sun
1987	Dec	The Land of the Christmas Stocking	Leisure Centre
	Aug	Sweeney Todd	Festival/Leisure Centre
1986	Dec	Babes in the Magic Wood	Leisure Centre
	Nov	Mixed Doubles	Monmouth School Studio
	Aug	Maria Marten and The Red Barn	Festival and Tour

IN ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



OFF CENTRE THEATRE

Affiliated to N.O.D.A.

PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF VARIETY ON

A CRUISE FOR MISS SOPHIE

At the Haberdashers' Monmouth
School for Girls

On

11th, 12th

and 13th

JULY 1996

at 7.30pm



SAIL AWAY ON A SEA OF MUSIC DANCE AND LAUGHS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

Welcome to another in the Miss Sophie series of Variety Concerts, being produced by our Vice Chairman, Cedric Gibbons.

We have decided to donate the profits of this production to the **League of Friends of Monmouth General Hospital**, in recognition of the sterling work that they do for the people of our town. I wonder whether some of the 'customers' of the Hospital would be totally au fait with the concept of *VIRTUAL REALITY*. I have to admit that entertainment technology now available presents a somewhat daunting picture: Digital TV, Virtual Reality, Widescreen TV, CDROM, Gameboy, Nintendo, and so on.

Are the hearts and minds of our children at risk from these innovations? Are they, our potential audience, being stolen from us? (of our 110 or so members, over 50 are below 16 years old - so participation in this catchment is high).

In the seventeenth century the Court of King James would be entertained by the writings of such as Ben Johnson in the form of masques, performed by members of the court themselves. This would include the children: Henry Prince of Wales, and Charles, Duke of York, et al. This would have been *their virtual reality*.

It was real, however. Whereas the TV screen presents the viewer with miniaturisation and the Big Screen with larger than life images, the theatre shows form as real, here, now, *in real proportion*.

We *can* utilize new technologies in our productions (witness the sound and laser features in our pantomime), or we can be minimalist in our set design. The director of each production decides which he or she feels would give the audience the most satisfaction. Most of the time we feel that we succeed in our objectives, sometimes we do not. But however it works one thing is certain - It is live - Not *virtually* - *Definitely!*

Kind regards

Geoffrey Manning
Chairman, Off Centre Theatre

A LETTER FROM SHEILAH ROBERTS

The League of Friends of Monmouth General Hospital is a registered Charity and a member of the National Association of Leagues of Hospital Friends. We are most grateful to the Off Centre Theatre for donating the proceeds of this production to us and assure you that all the donations we receive are put to good use in the interests of the patients and staff at the hospital.
Bon Voyage to Miss Sophie.

Sheilah Roberts
Hon. Secretary



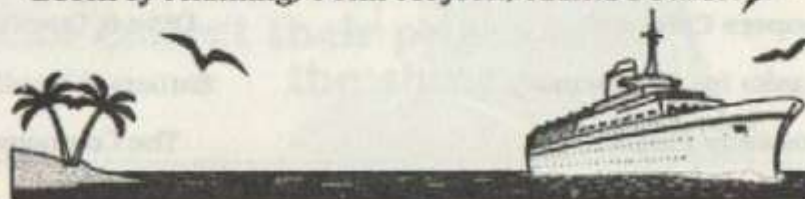
The Crew of the SS Sophie

The Ladies

Leonie Baker, Rachel Baker, Sandra Bargh, Ginny Blakey,
Lucy Dyer, Deborah Flemming, Anne Godfrey,
Gemma Grey, Jane Lightly, Anne MacFarlane,
Glynis McIntyre, Caroline Pearce, Jill Rogers,
Barbara Spence, Sarah Townsend, Gillian Vandervelden,
Marilyn Wright

The Men

Dave Bargh, Cedric Gibbons, Ian Kyd, Marc Langley,
Jim Lias, Iain McIntyre, Stuart MacFarlane,
Geoffrey Manning, John Moylett, Richard Pates.



Part 1

Powder Your Face With Sunshine	The Company
Hello Sophie	Barbara, Geoff & the Company
The Coward Sketch	Cedric, Anne & John
Synchronised Swimming	The Ladies & Jim
The Tart Case	Marc, Jill, Stuart, Glynis & Richard
Solo	Ginny
Wine Treading Dance	Ian, Richard & Stuart
Max Miller	John
French Finale	Iain, the Girls & the Can Can Ladies

--- 15 minute interval ---

Part 2

Spanish Routine	The Ladies
Jolly Justice Jockstrap	Geoff, Marilyn, Cedric, Sandra, Gemma & Guest Star Wendy Lewis
Solo	Ginny
Basildon Bond	Stuart, Debbie, Richard, Anne, Leonie & Jane
Psychiatrist Sketch	Anne MacFarlane, Ian, Cedric & Gillian
The Andrews Sisters	Marilyn, Glynis & Sandra
Coopers Cafe	Dave & Guests
Thanks for the memory	Barbara & Geoff
Broadway Finale	The Company

The Management Team

Producer	Cedric Gibbons
Musical Director	Anne MacFarlane
Choreography	Gillian Vanderveldon
Costume Design & Creation	Caroline Pearce

The Production Team

Script	compiled/adapted by Cedric Gibbons and Cast
The Andrews Sisters	Choreographed by Sharon Guy
Stage Manager	Alys Dyer
Assistant Stage Managers	Scarlet Harris-Middleton & Andrew Lightly
Properties	Elaine Andrews
Construction	Andrew Lightly & Richard Evans
Giant & Seagull Design & Construction	Jane Crockford
Costumes	Caroline Pearce & Marigolds
Theatre Manager	Jacky Lindsay
Lighting & Sound	Paul Macer-Wright Steve Brettle & Beverly Williams
Drums	Phil Cutter
SS Sophie's Foghorn	Wendy Lewis
Front of House	Sarah Gaunt, Trish Edwards & Friends
Poster & Program Design	Barbara Spence
Banner	A2D Signs & Displays, Ross on Wye
Back Drop	James Fredricks Studios, Weston-super-Mare
Special Props & Printing	Brian Phillips
Additional Publicity Material	Brian Phillips, Barbara Spence & Peter Pearce
Window Display	Caroline Pearce & Barbara Spence
Programme printed by	Kingfisher Printing & Pastorprint
Photography	Martin Avery

The draw for the raffle will take place in the interval. The winners can collect their prizes after the show.

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and Bursar, **Cancer Research shop**, Monmouth Band
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Spanish costumes, **Mr Matthews**, Jeanne Dauncy for
Miss Sophie's wigs, **Major Harding Rolls**, Jeremy Williams,
Ruby Tuesdays, Michael Skidmore, **Steven Clarke**,
Perched Mexican Gulls, Doug Webb,
Miss Sophie's gowns by Eve St Laurent (Eastbourne)
James's appliances by Harry-Hold-U-Firm (Oldham)

Want to Join Off Centre?

New members are always welcome. If you are interested
in joining contact our secretary; Rev Brian Phillips 01600
712565, or our membership secretary Sandra Bargh
01600 772429.

Auditions for Moliere's Tartuffe

A farce about hypocrites

To be held at 39 Wonastow Road on Sunday 14th July
Meeting point : Agincourt Square at 4 pm.
There are 5 parts to be cast - all ages welcome.
Please contact Ben Shaw at work on 01600 713036

Monmouth Festival July 26th to August 4th Admission free

Evening concerts, Street Theatre, Daytime Activities,
Monmouth Carnival

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS IN THIS THEATRE

Off Centre Theatre presents

Interior Designs

A 1 act play by Jimmie Chinn

Directed by Jim Newcomb

Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th
October 1996

A second 1 act play to be announced later

Monmouth Operatic Society presents

PRINCESS IDA

by Gilbert & Sullivan

October 29th to November 2nd 1996

Off Centre Theatre presents

Dick Wittington

A traditional family Pantomime for all the family

Eight performances between

January 1st and 5th 1997

Following on the success of Jack & the Beanstalk, Snow White
and Cinderella in this theatre.

Remember - Book early to avoid disappointment