



Thursday, 6 March 2008

Red doubledecker bus to tour Bordon and Haslemere to promote 'The Players' Summer Holiday

A genuine red double decker bus is to be driven around Bordon to promote The Haslemere Players' production of 'Summer Holiday' which is to be performed from 25 to 29 March at the Haslemere Hall.

The Show recalls the original Cliff Richard film of the 60s in which he and a few of his teenage friends drove a London bus through Europe on their own Summer Holiday, singing songs such as 'Do you wanna dance', 'Bachelor Boy' and 'Move it', on the way.

The Players have been lucky to find such a vehicle, as they are not readily available nowadays! It is owned by a small group of enthusiasts, one of whom Richard King actually took this bus around the world at the end of the sixties, Simon Coyte, of Liphook who regularly drives the bus with Richard and a group of friends through Europe on their own summer holidays each year. On hearing of the Players' choice of show this March, he readily offered the bus to them with the promise to give it a wash and polish for its tours around Bordon on 1 March and Haslemere on 8 March.

Tesco have kindly allowed the Players to park the bus on their stores' car parks after their tours of the towns, members of the Players will be gently persuading Tesco shoppers and other townspeople to take a promotional leaflet and book seats for the show. Tesco are keen to help all they can because the Players are to donate 50p for every ticket sold for the show to The Treloar Trust which provides high quality education and medical support to disabled children at their Alton school and college. Tesco have already donated a generous cheque for the Trust to set the ball rolling.

The main sponsor for 'Summer Holiday' is Haslemere Travel Travel on Petworth Road. 'I couldn't have wished to support a more worthwhile project', says Andrew Brownrigg, MD of the travel agency. 'A show entitled 'Summer Holiday', fits in with our business, of course. But the Treloar school and college do such a magnificent job for disabled youngsters, that they deserve all the help they can get. We are delighted to be associated with the Players initiative'.

All are encouraged to come and enjoy the show. If you aren't available to 'catch the bus', people should phone the Players Hotline: 01428-643334, or post to Haslemere Players Torwoodlee GU26 6EY, or call at the Haslemere Hall on Bridge Road.