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### **Players bring Summer forward to end of March!**

The Haslemere Players cast for Summer Holiday are nearing the end of their hard but enjoyable work, rehearsing the musical which is to be performed at the Haslemere Hall from 25 to 29 March. And even when the coffee break comes along, everyone is still humming one of the hit songs from the show whose tunes are so catching; songs such as The Young Ones, Bachelor Boy, Move It, Do you Wanna Dance?, and, of course, We're All Going on a Summer Holiday.

As usual the high standards which the Players always strive to achieve are being applied to this show ...top quality acting, singing, and especially for this musical, a high degree of foot dexterity to meet the demands of the choreographic routines set by the Players' own dancing queen, Angela Cantan.

'Summer Holiday' is based on the film of the same name which made Cliff Richard famous in the early 1960s. It tells the story of a group of youngsters travelling through Europe on holiday riding aboard a doubledecker bus, surviving the hazards which beset them, but managing to have a lot of fun at the same time.

And when not rehearsing, many members of the cast have been promoting the show by acting as passengers aboard our own red double decker bus which has been parked on Tesco's car parks at Bordon and Haslemere in early March.

Selling tickets is always important, of course; but for this show it is even more vital that the Hall is filled to capacity because the Players are donating 50p for every ticket sold to the Treloar Trust, the school and college near Alton, which provides a first class education and independence training to severely disabled young people.

In addition to allowing the Players to use their car parks with the bus, Tesco have already donated £500 to the appeal, and the show's main sponsor, Haslemere Travel, has also made a major contribution to the Show. Andrew Brownrigg, MD of Haslemere Travel is delighted to be helping the Players in this way. 'As holidaying is our business, there couldn't have been any show closer to our hearts than one called 'Summer Holiday', especially in late March, says Andrew. But of course, the main aim is to help the Appeal as much as we can'. Treloar currently has 323 students, and over 700 staff are required to take care of their welfare and provide for their education. The Trust pays for the main share of the costs of running the college and school, but somehow they have to raise over £2 million this year to break even.

The Herald wishes to encourage as many readers as possible to buy tickets for Summer Holiday. 'There is no more worthy a cause; and the Players will ensure that their audiences have a thoroughly enjoyable experience', says Andrew.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Players Hotline: 01428-643334 or in person from the Haslemere Hall in Bridge Road.