



Southport Dramatic Club  
Youth Theatre



Presents

# Our Day Out

Written by Willy Russell

Directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty

Wednesday, 12th -

Saturday, 15th March, 2003

at 7.30pm

Tel: (01704) 530521/530460

**LITTLE THEATRE**

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## Cast

### The Teachers

Mrs. Kay.....VICKY TYNDALL  
Mr Briggs.....GUY UNSWORTH  
Susan.....HELEN GARRAHAN  
Colin.....JOHN BRINDLE  
Headmaster.....ADAM GAMMALL

### The Adults

Les, the 'lollipop man'.....RIKKI SPOFFORTH  
The Driver.....DANNY ADAM  
Mrs. Roberts/Mac.....STEPHANIE DIAMOND  
Waitress/John.....MELISSA CLARKE  
Zookeeper.....DAVID THOMAS

### The Kids

Carol.....LAURA GORSE  
Reilly.....ADAM CLARKE  
Digga.....NICHOLAS BREEN  
Linda.....NATALIE PYE  
Karen.....EMMA ARENDS  
Andrews.....JONNY GREK  
Maurice.....MICHAEL BREEN  
Kevin.....ANDREW MACKLEY  
Jimmy.....EDWARD BEARDSSELL  
Mary.....JOANNE BIBBY  
Chatterbox.....ALEX HOWARTH  
Murphy.....LUKE MONTAGUE  
Claire.....REBECCA SIMISTER  
Milton.....JAKE TURNER

There will be an interval of 20 minutes during the performance



# Staging

*Assistant Director/Staging*.....ARNOLD GORSE

*Stage Manager*.....RODERICK BEARDSSELL

*Deputy Stage Manager* .....ANDREW CONNARD

*Assistant Stage Manager*.....RACHEL PARRY

*Properties*.....JULIE WHELAN

NATHALIE NIGHTINGALE

*Lighting*.....CHRIS BERRY

*Sound*.....BRIAN HODGE

DAVID DAVIES

*Wardrobe*.....SDC TEAM & CAST

*Set Designed and Constructed by*.....SDC PRODUCTION TEAM

*Scenic Artist*.....BOB JESSAMINE

*Photography by*.....ROBIN HIRSCH

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Director would like to thank:

Sefton Road Safety Team; Jim Stone Coaches, Leigh.

The management reserves the right to refuse admission to the auditorium after curtain up, until a suitable opportunity occurs. First aid facilities are provided at this theatre by St John Ambulance Brigade, whose members give their services voluntarily.

*Why not beat the rush and pre-order your interval drinks in the bar?*

An induction loop is installed in this theatre for the benefit of hearing impaired patrons.

Please turn your hearing aid to 'T'.

*Please ensure that all mobile telephones are switched off*

At the end of tonight's performance you may leave by any of the exits, all of which will be open.

In an emergency, this theatre can be emptied in three minutes or less if everyone leaves in an orderly manner.

Smoking is prohibited in the auditorium.

THEATRE LICENSEE, BRIAN FORSHAW



# Youth Productions

## Director's Notes

Thank you for attending this SDC Youth Theatre Production. 'Our Day Out' is, in my opinion, Willy Russell at his best. Like 'Educating Rita' and 'Shirley Valentine', the heady mix of well-observed humour and biting social commentary are as relevant today as they were when they were written. We invite you to spend the day with Mrs Kay and her progress class; a bunch of degenerate misfits, teenage philosophers and hormonal girls with crushes on anything in trousers. The education system has given up on them but Mrs Kay refuses to acknowledge this. What starts out as a straightforward trip to Conwy Castle ends up as a madcap journey of self-discovery with diversions to the zoo, the beach and even the fairground.

I was honoured to be asked to direct for this extremely talented and dedicated group of young people again. Their energy, commitment and sense of fun have really buoyed my spirits during the dark winter months and have once again confirmed how secure the future of the club is in these youngsters' hands. I hope you enjoy their performances as much as I have enjoyed working with them. I would like to express my gratitude to Arnold Gorse for not only staging the production but for ably assisting me with the direction. Thank you, also, to Judith Gorse for her untiring work behind the scenes. Her support and expertise has been invaluable.

The coach has arrived, the children are on board and the engine is running. So please, join us on 'Our Day Out'.

**Stephen Hughes-Alty**

## Youth Theatre Co-ordinator Notes

I am thrilled to be involved with the Southport Dramatic Club Youth Theatre and am delighted that it is going from strength to strength. Every Sunday evening sees an ever-growing number of enthusiastic teenagers eagerly participating in rehearsals, workshops, improvisation and anything else that might be thrown at them!

I am indebted to Stephen Hughes-Alty for his skill and expertise - our young members have gained so much from his talents. If you could eavesdrop on one of our Sunday night sessions you would witness not only lots of hard work but also a great deal of laughter and fun!

If you think you would enjoy our Youth Theatre you can join from the age of 14. Just phone the theatre (530521) for a membership pack.

**Judith Gorse**