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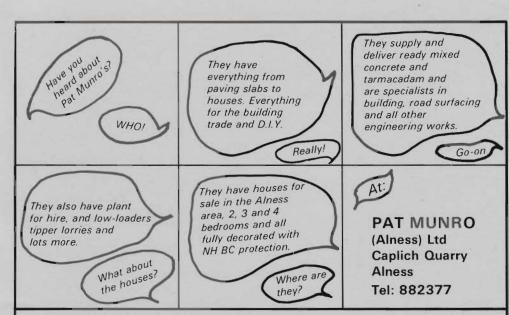
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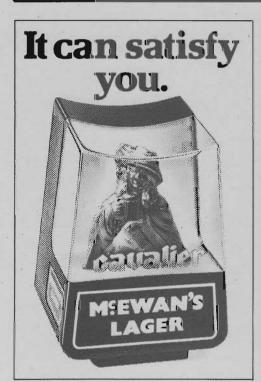
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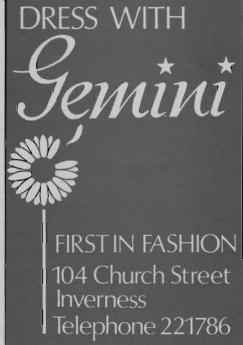
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We welcome you to our Annual Production *Fiddler on the Roof* which is in marked contrast to last year's light hearted show *White Horse Inn*. This is surely proof of the Company's versatility and their ability to convey the sombre reality of this peace of Jewish history. Despite the sadness, the music is enchantingly beautiful.

We hope you will enjoy this moving drama and trust you will return and enjoy the *Merry Widow* in March 1984.

The Company wish to thank their many friends who have helped in the Production particularly Ordinary and Commercial Patrons whose financial support is invaluable in this day of inflated costs.

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Cast of Characters

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Chava his daughters

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Yente, the matchmaker

Motel, the Tailor Perchik, the Student Lazar Wolf, the butcher Mordcha, the Innkeeper Rabbi

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Synopsis of Story

Set in Russia in 1905, when one of the first revolutionary uprisings was put down harshly by the Tsar. The story revolves around Tevye, the milkman for Anatevka, a village in the Pale of Settlement of Jews. Tevye has a domineering wife Golde, no less than five daughters and a delivery horse with a bad leg; but despite these afflictions his spirit is high and his head sings to the music of the Fiddler. If God visits him with misfortune it is His will and although it may be questioned, it must be accepted. Tradition will see Tevye and the Jews through all adversity even chastening pogroms by the Tsar's police meant to remind the Jews that they are second-class citizens. The story moves forward to show how Tevye reacts to the changing times. His children are progressive despite a strict upbringing and scorn the services of Yente, the matchmaker. Tevye's belief in Tradition as a creed for living is tested when the three eldest daughters Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava, arrange their own marriages with Motel, a childhood sweetheart, Perchik, a radical student and Fyedka, a Russian policeman. The other characters are people in the village including Lazer Wolf, the butcher, a rich man and a widower who is spurned by Tzeitel, the Rabbi and his over-smart son Mendel, Reb Mordcha, the Innkeeper and Avram, the Bookseller, who all play a part in fleshing out Tevye's story, a story all the more affecting as it is based on the truth.

Scenes

THE PLACE: Anatevka, a small village in Russia.

THE TIME: 1905, on the eve of the Russian Revolutionary Period.

Act One:

Prologue:

- Scene 1. Kitchen in Tevve's House
- Scene 2. Exterior of Tevye's House
- Scene 3. Interior of Tevye's House
- Scene 4. The Inn
- Scene 5. Street outside the Inn.
- Scene 6. On a bench outside Tevye's House
- Scene 7. Tevye's bedroom
- Scene 8. Village Street and Motel's tailor shor
- Scene 9. Section of Tevey's vard

Act Two:

Prologue:

- Scene 1. Exterior of Tevye's house
- Scene 2. Village street
- Scene 3. Exterior of railroad station
- Scene 4. Village street
- Scene 5. Motel's tailor shop
- Scene 6. Somewhere on the outskirts of the village
- Scene 7. Outside Tevye's house
- Epilogue:

Musical Numbers

Act One:

- 1. Prologue Tradition
- Matchmaker
- 3. If I Were A Rich Man
- Sabbath Prayer
- 5. To Life
- To Life --- Dance 5a.
- Perchik and Hodel's Dance
- Tevve's Monologue
- 8. Miracle Of Miracles
- 9. The Dream
- Sunrise, Sunset
- Wedding Dance No. 1
- Wedding Dance No. 2
- 13. Finale Act One

Act Two

- 14. Entr'acte
- Now I Have Everything
- 16. Tevve's Rebuttal
- 17. Do You Love Me?
- 18. The Rumor
- 19. Far From The Home I Love
- 20. Chava Sequence
- Anatevka
- 22. Finale

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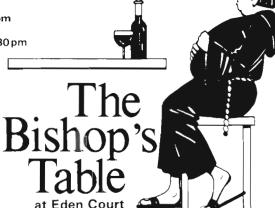
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