

Director's Notes

When I first saw *We Happy Few* in London, I knew it was a production that, in offering a good number of strong and diverse roles for women, would be a perfect fit for Harleston Players.

Bringing to life the experiences of a travelling theatre company has proved an exciting challenge for us all, but I hope you'll agree that the enthusiasm, energy and simple hard work of the cast and crew have more than paid off. I'm certainly very happy that the vision I originally had for the show has been realised.

Underscored by live music, influenced by the jazz sounds of the period, and using minimal set and props, the show takes us on a journey through the length and breadth of Great Britain during the Second World War. If you can allow your imagination free rein, I know that you will be drawn into, and thoroughly enjoy this wonderful play.

David Cumming

Special thanks to:

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Cornucopia

Brendan Boyle for the Rolls Royce

Amy from Town Living for her knitting

Meryl Raines for her stage fighting skills

Eileen Ryan for composing *Throne of Kings*



Cast

The Artemis Players

Hetty Oaks Eileen Ryan
Flora Pelmet Pat Parris
Helen Irving Cherryl Jeffries
Rosalind Roberts Becky Martin
Charlotte (Charlie) Peters Sara Curtis
Jocelyn Thripp Penny Martin
Ivy Williams Josie Grimble
Gertrude Rosenbaum Juliet Lloyd
Joseph Rosenbaum Joshua Gould
Reggie Pelmet Barry Givens

The Ministry

Leonard Steve Askew
Maureen Helen Farrar

Others

Keith Steve Askew
Mayor Steve Askew
Bert Steve Askew

Crew

Director David Cumming
Producer Helen Farrar
Stage Manager Malcolm Wiles
Asst. Stage Manager Val May
Lighting Arthur Brown and Matt Way
Sound David Huxtable-Smith
Musicians Pam Vinten-Phipps and Juliet Lloyd
Wardrobe Carla Ford and Jean Leatherbarrow
Make-up Teresa Farman, Carol Parker
and Jean Leatherbarrow
Set design David Cumming
Set construction and painting David Cumming
Juliet Lloyd, Eileen Ryan, Cherryl Jeffries
Roy Goodwin, Josie Grimble and Paul Tyler
Properties Val May
Poster and flier design Janine MacSporran
Photography Libby Searle and Richard Bennett
Publicity Nadia Dervish and Christine McClellan
Front of House Rosemary Goodwin
Sue Kubala and team
Ticket sales Harleston Pet Stores
and Kings Stores, New Buckenham
Telephone sales Val May