

### Fiddleville Parade entry made an impression

While it was touch and go for a while on the morning of the Fiddleville Parade, we did manage to attract some attention to our upcoming production of *There Goes the Bride*. Kelly and Julian McDowell's 'got sick' the evening before and we were busy experimenting with ways to put our banners on one of the cars instead when Bev Nicholas drove up in... yes, his van. He was designated driver, which was a shame because he was looking very spiffy dressed as a 1920s 'hooper all ready to make whoopee', and really should have been seen. However, he kindly drove the hastily decorated van and attempted the



impossible task of making our twenties music heard above the din of the Sandhill Pipe band ahead of us.

Our efforts in handing out casting call flyers did not improve response in terms of getting more people out to the auditions the next day but, hopefully, will create some recall as the posters go up for the first production of the season.

Mr. John Hunter of Shelburne was the winner of the draw for season tickets which we incorporated into the flyers we handed out during the parade.

There are more pics on the TSC website - [www.tiplingstagecompany.com](http://www.tiplingstagecompany.com).

### Our October production is in rehearsal

The cast of *There Goes the Bride* has been rehearsing for the past several weeks. The farce, by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, really is hilarious – to the point of causing cast members to break up quite frequently.

Tickets are available at our three regular locations - Shelburne Town Hall, Caravaggio's IDA and Holmes Appliances and Music Shop, as well as online at [www.tiplingstagecompany.com](http://www.tiplingstagecompany.com). They can also be ordered by mail using the ticket order form in the season brochure which was delivered to every Shelburne area home earlier in the summer. The brochure can be found in all Hills of Headwaters display boxes and in several other Shelburne locations and is also downloadable from the website. Anybody needing promotion material for their workplace or for friends and acquaintances, let us know at [info@tiplingstagecompany.com](mailto:info@tiplingstagecompany.com)

## August General Meeting

Enthusiastic participants took part in some interesting discussion at our General Meeting on August 29th. General meetings are a great time to brainstorm how best to combine our abilities in continuing to provide great theatre to Shelburne. We reviewed our experiences during the last season and came to the realization that, taking into consideration the fact that community theatre is generally having difficulty attracting audiences in the current economic environment, we are really not doing too badly at all. That's not to say that we're happy with the *status quo*. On the contrary, we need more 'bums in seats' and more active members to help us get them there... However we can all give ourselves a pat on the back for the great job we are doing!

In that respect, you will receive the minutes of this meeting, together with the agenda for the November meeting in lots of time to make arrangements to attend, so come along and contribute your ideas for ensuring that we live up to our brochure promise in providing a sensational season of theatre in Shelburne.

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## The Red Hat Ladies are coming...

A special matinée performance of *There Goes the Bride* has been arranged for Central Ontario's Red Hat Ladies. It will take place on October 20th at 2:00 pm. Red Hatters are those over fifty and fabulous ladies who you may see on the streets of Shelburne (since they shop at Pazazz on Owen Sound Street) dressed in red hats and purple clothes. Their creed is '*fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment, and fitness*', all of which they will bring to the matinée, along with their best 1920's apparel. They will also be presenting the proceeds from their group booking discount to The Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank.

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## Santa Claus Parade

Amanda Philip and Carol-Ann Jorgensen will jointly co-ordinate our participation in the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade on December 1st. As with the recent Fiddleville Parade, the first step is to find a vehicle to use as a float – anybody who can volunteer a pick-up truck with or without an equipment trailer, or anybody who knows somebody who can, please get in touch with either Amanda at [thephilips@thephilipcamp.com](mailto:thephilips@thephilipcamp.com) or Carol-Ann at [eca.jorgensen@sympatico.ca](mailto:eca.jorgensen@sympatico.ca).

We will use the opportunity to promote the pantomime, *Aladdin*, which we will be presenting at the end of January so, at the very least, we need cast members to take part in the parade... plus anybody else who is available from 4:00 pm to about 6:00 pm on December 1st.

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## Play selection for 2013-2014 season

Anybody with suggestions for plays for next season should submit them to the reading committee. Since there are five people on the committee, it's probably easiest to email suggestions to [info@tiplingstagecompany.com](mailto:info@tiplingstagecompany.com). We have found that Shelburne audiences appear to favour comedies, although this is not to say, we wouldn't consider doing a drama.

We're always happy to hear from local directors so, if you know somebody who might have a script in mind, let us know.

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## Help Wanted

*There Goes the Bride* - We will be needing people to help with setting up on October 13th (10:00 am for as long as it takes) and for ushering throughout the run - October 19th, 20th and 21st, 26th and 27th. These are evening performances except for the 21st which is a matinée, and there is also a special Red Hat Ladies' matinée on the 20th for which we will need ushers. We also need somebody at each performance to man (woman/person?) the front desk to take/sell tickets. Please contact Jean at [jeanmiller@designandcopy.ca](mailto:jeanmiller@designandcopy.ca) if you are able help set up or to usher or take tickets for one or more of these performances.

Please email contributions to be included in the next newsletter to <a href="mailto:info@tiplingstagecompany.com">info@tiplingstagecompany.com</a> before November 30th - either attach a Word file or cut and paste them into the email message.
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