

A LETTER FROM SALLY HUGHES

Happy New Year to you all. 2012 is our 30th Anniversary and thanks to you, our loyal customers, we are surviving this difficult economic time. Of course, helped hugely by the input of our wonderful staff. We have a great line up in comedy and concerts. Some of you may remember my survey in the restaurant about titles. Well, the play set in a cup-cake shop is now called A PIECE OF CAKE. I am directing and it promises to be a feel-good romantic comedy. No price increase this year and look out for our special offers advertised throughout this leaflet. Also, starting with HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES, Wednesday nights have now been reinstated. So if you are depressed by what's happening in the world – or more specifically to your purse – come and forget your troubles at The Mill. We promise to continue to offer great entertainment, great food and great value for every pound you spend on The Mill Experience. Hope to see you soon.



19 JANUARY – 25 FEBRUARY

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THE PRICE OF 3
Thursdays &
Fridays



A Comedy by **MOYA O'SHEA**
Directed by **ANDY DE LA TOUR**

The year is 1954. The only sure way to divorce is as follows. Rent a hotel room. Rent an actor to be a pretend lover. Make sure the couple are 'discovered' in a compromising position! And hey presto, it's done! The unemployed actor hired to be the culprit is Fulwood Longton - aggressive, self-assured – and handsome. Caroline, the potential divorcee, is glittering and fashionable. She and Fulwood loathe each other at first sight. However, as darkness falls and the moon casts its shimmering light upon the waves outside the Brighton hotel, Caroline and Fulwood soon discover they have more in common than first thought. Full of intrigue, drama, romance and many laughs along the way!

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AN IDEAL GIFT!



EXTRA SHOW ON
VALENTINE'S NIGHT
TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY



1 MARCH – 28 APRIL

How The Other Half Loves

**A Comedy by
ALAN AYCKBOURN**

**Directed by
IAN MASTERS**

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS
REINSTATED FROM
THIS SHOW ON!!**



JOHN ARTHUR

Meet three married couples. The Fosters, Frank & Fiona. The Philips, Bob & Teresa. And the Featherstones, William & Mary ... Frank employs



KAREN ASCOE

Bob and William. Fiona is having an affair with Bob. Teresa is suspicious of Bob, who covers up his own adultery by shoving the blame onto his colleague William. William suspects Mary is having an affair. Fiona, to ward off Frank's questioning, tells him that she has been comforting Mary, who also suspects William is having an affair ... Got that?

Of course, William & Mary are the innocent parties tangled in Fiona and Bob's web of deceit. You can only imagine what complications, revelations and big laughs will ensue...

One of Alan Ayckbourn's – Britain's most celebrated playwright – cleverest, funniest and entertaining plays. A hilarious night!!

**SUNDAY MATINEES
4, 11, 18, 25 MARCH & 1, 15, 22 APRIL**

3 MAY – 23 JUNE

A Piece of Cake

**WORLD
PREMIERE**

**A comedy by
LUCY BENNETT**

**Directed by
SALLY HUGHES**



Penelope Hart is stuck in a dull city job, lives in a studio flat, and has a boyfriend who cheats on her. So when she is suddenly made redundant she seizes the chance to follow her life-long dream. Opening a cake shop.

Penelope soon discovers that running a business is anything but a piece of cake. Help is at hand however in the form of Lizzie, a not too bright assistant, and Peter, an embittered but handsome handyman and divorcee.

But then to put the icing on the cake, Penelope's sleazy ex-boyfriend arrives to tempt her back to the city and back in to his arms...

This charming new play will have you laughing on the outside and will give you a lovely warm feeling on the inside. Not to be missed!

Home-made cupcakes will be on sale after the show!!

**SUNDAY MATINEES – 13, 20, 27 MAY & 17 JUNE
THURSDAY MATINEE – 21 JUNE**

28 JUNE – 18 AUGUST

CASH ON DELIVERY

A comedy by **MICHAEL COONEY**

Directed by **BRIAN GODFREY**



NICK WILTON

Eric Swan has been defrauding the DSS for years, claiming benefits for an army of fictitious lodgers. He has an accomplice in Uncle George who does a nice



LYNETTE McMORROUGH

line in black market NHS ladies' underwear. Linda, Eric's wife, and his real lodger Norman, are oblivious to all of this wheeler dealing.

When Eric finds it all getting too complicated he tries to extricate himself by killing off his make-believe tenants. But this brings about a slew of unwanted visitors – Mr. Jenkins, the DSS inspector; a bereavement counselor; a psychiatrist; a corpse and an undertaker. There are lies, lies and more lies and Norman is soon sucked into Eric's web of deceit ... Chaos ensues! People getting knocked out, mistaken identities, cross dressing! This classic farce is absolutely jam-packed with all the hilarious ingredients for a riotously wonderful evening's entertainment. A real winner!



BRIAN GODFREY

SUNDAY MATINEES

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 JULY & 5, 12 AUGUST

THURSDAY MATINEES

28 JUNE & 5, 12, 19, 26 JULY & 2, 9, 16 AUGUST

13 SEPTEMBER – 28 OCTOBER

SCARED TO DEATH

By **RON ALDRIDGE**

from an original idea by **SALLY HUGHES**

The year is 1857. Will Nichols owns a picturesque working mill on the River Thames – sound familiar? – and is an inveterate gambler. His debts have mounted to serious proportions. He gambles his beloved Mill on the turn of a single card. And loses.

Will is found the next morning. Dead. A bullet through his heart. His wife mourns. Or does she? As does her lover. Or does he? And then Will's ghost begins to haunt The Mill, seeking revenge.

Are you, the audience, ready for this? Ready to meet the ghosts and ghouls which still inhabit The Mill at Sonning?

With a series of ghostly illusions specially designed for us by INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MAGICIAN PAUL DANIELS – whether in our restaurant or the theatre – be prepared to be surrounded by haunting apparitions, eerie sounds and spine-tingling sensations.

In fact ... you may be 'Scared to Death'!

SUNDAY MATINEES

16, 23, 30 SEPTEMBER & 7, 14, 21 OCTOBER

Menu

To whet your appetites here is our brand new menu for January and February. Full of mouth-watering dishes made from the season's best flavours and ingredients – with not a microwave in sight!

STEAK & GUINNESS PIE
PORK IN WHITE WINE & CORIANDER
LENTIL MOUSSAKA V
CHICKEN SUPREME IN CHAMPAGNE &
WILD MUSHROOM SAUCE

★★★

SERVED WITH

NEW POTATOES IN CHIVE BUTTER; ROAST POTATOES;
BROCCOLLI; MUSTARD & MAPLE GLAZED CARROTS;
OUR CHEF'S FAMOUS BRAISED RED CABBAGE

★★★

BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING
BAILEY'S CHEESECAKE
APPLE & RASPBERRY CRUMBLE
SELECTION OF CHEESE & BISCUITS
with home-made peach chutney

★★★

COFFEE

★★★

Saturday Night Carvery

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* menu changes with each production*



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CONCERTS AT THE MILL ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

SUN 29 JAN	THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA	£36.00	SUN 27 MAY	PAUL DANIELS with his show HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW	£37.00
SUN 5 FEB	ELVIS, LEE 'MEMPHIS' KING With ORCHESTRA & SINGERS Portrays Elvis Presley at his peak from the 50's, the 'come back special' and of course the 'Vegas years'	£42.50		In a show full of magic, comedy and amazement, Paul will be joined by magical collaborators, DEBBIE MCGEE and son MARTIN DANIELS.	
SUN 12 FEB	HOW SWEET IT IS Celebrating the music of motown legends THE FOUR TOPS & THE TEMPTATIONS with UK hits: REACH OUT I'LL BE THERE, MY GIRL, GOING LOCO IN ACAPULCO, JUST MY IMAGINATION, to name a few plus hits from Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and many more	£44.00	SUN 17 JUNE	ALL STAR 60'S SHOW An evening of pure nostalgia! A show not to be missed! Bringing you all their hits and more in one show are JOHN COGLAN, original drummer with STATUS QUO; TONY CRANE, lead vocals/lead guitar with THE MERSEYBEATS; GEOFF TURTON, lead singer/guitarist from THE ROCKIN' BERRIES and CHIP HAWKES lead singer/songwriter with THE TREMELOES.	£39.50
SUN 19 FEB	THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW The number one tribute to the late great JOHNNY CASH featuring CLIVE JOHN as the man in black. The show features many of the artist's classic tracks including THE RING OF FIRE, BOY NAMED SUE, FOLSOM PRISON BLUES, MAN IN BLACK, ONE PIECE AT A TIME and many more.	£39.00	SUN 1 JULY	HERMAN'S HERMITS IN CONCERT	£36.50
SUN 4 MARCH	VOICE OF THE HEART - KAREN CARPENTER A classy 7 piece show include the stunning voice of CAROLE GORDON plus her 6 piece band. Performing all the Carpenters' Hits, TOP OF THE WORLD, MR POSTMAN, TICKET TO RIDE, YESTERDAY ONCE MORE, JAMBALAYA and many more.	£34.50	SUN 8 JULY	THE BENNY GOODMAN CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT OF 1938 By PETE LONG'S ALL STARS GOODMAN ORCHESTRA	£41.00
SUN 11 MARCH	MANHATTAN MUSIC Presents THE BEST OF BURT BACHARACH Songs by the legendary composer, including CLOSE TO YOU, THE LOOK OF LOVE, RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN' ON MY HEAD, ALFIE, WALK ON BY, I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER and A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME.	£40.00	SUN 15 JULY	THE RICHARD DIGANCE SHOW Richard remains one of Britain's most celebrated Entertainers, performing his songs, rhymes and stories with his unique comic style and renowned way with words.	£35.00
SUN 18 MARCH	JOHN HYLTON & REAL DIAMOND REAL DIAMOND, The JAZZ SINGER, presents the songs from that great Diamond album and film starring NEIL DIAMOND & SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER with great hits including: AMERICA, SWEET CAROLINE, CHERRY CHERRY, I'M A BELIEVER, LOVE ON THE ROCKS, FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS and many more.	£37.50	SUN 22 JULY	LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL Is a wonderfully unique live show with a 10 piece band that plays a memorable tribute to some of the greatest deeply adored acts of the 50's & 60's. Featuring hits such as: ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK, DA DOO RON RON, BE MY BABY, TWIST & SHOUT, JAMBALAYA and many more.	£36.00
SUN 25 MARCH	THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA The Glenn Miller Orchestra UK has maintained the exact line-up on stage devised by Glenn, consisting of the leader, five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones and three rhythm plus a male and female vocalist. The complete Miller tribute.	£42.00	SUN 29 JULY	THE CAVERN BEATLES Forty years on, and the music of The Beatles remains as fresh as it was back in the swinging sixties. The Cavern Beatles are all accomplished musicians, but it is their vocal abilities that have most impressed critics of the group over the years. They are all Liverpool born and bred, and this gives them their seemingly effortless affinity with the Fab Four's catalogue.	£39.50
SUN 1 APRIL	NEVILLE DICKIE Featuring NEVILLE DICKIE & HIS SWING KINGS	£29.50	SUN 5 AUG	THE SEARCHERS With all their hits: SWEETS FOR MY SWEET, SUGAR AND SPICE, NEEDLES AND PINS, DON'T THROW YOUR LOVE AWAY, WHEN YOU WALK IN THE ROOM.	£42.00
SUN 15 APRIL	THE BARRON KNIGHTS Famed for their humorous parodies, THE BARRON KNIGHTS are probably the most entertaining and unique group to come out of the 60's and 70's. Their success continues with this entertaining and unmissable show.	£39.00	SUN 12 AUG	MATT & NAT An unforgettable evening of songs from MATT MONRO & NAT 'KING' COLE	£32.00
SUN 22 APRIL	MANHATTAN MUSIC Presents 'MUSIC OF THE NIGHT' Featuring the very best songs from West End and Broadway musicals, including THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, LES MISERABLES, CHESH, CHICAGO, EVITA, WEST SIDE STORY and a tribute to RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN, performed by West End stars GLYN KERSLAKE (The Phantom of the Opera), SHONA LINDSAY (The Phantom of the Opera), TOM SOLOMON (BBC Voice of Musical Theatre), JAYNE O'MAHONY (Les Miserables) and the MUSIC OF THE NIGHT ORCHESTRA.	£40.00	SUN 16 SEPT	THE CHRIS BARBER BIG BAND	£42.50
SUN 13 MAY	GERRY & THE PACEMAKERS were the first band to have 3 consecutive No. 1's in the UK charts, HOW DO YOU DO IT, I LIKE IT, YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE, FERRY CROSS THE MERSEY. Plus many more hits.	£42.00	SUN 23 SEPT	BACK TO BASIE	£40.50
SUN 20 MAY	100 YEARS OF JAZZ IN 99 MINUTES The five multi-instrumental jazz geniuses, PETE LONG, NICK DAWSON, RICHARD PITE, ENRICO TOMASSO, DAVE CHAMBERLAIN - cover everything From New Orleans to Be Bop, Swing to Latin, An A-Z of Jazz's biggest names LOUIS ARMSTRONG, BENNY GOODMAN, DUKE ELLINGTON, FATS WALLER to name a few.	£29.50	SUN 30 SEPT	MANHATTAN MUSIC Presents An Evening with ELTON JOHN & CHER	£41.50
			SUN 7 OCT	'SAN FRANCISCO' The songs of the great TONY BENNET starring Chris Dean, with his band. Hits include THE GOOD LIFE, I WANNA BE AROUND, STRANGER IN PARADISE, FLY ME TO THE MOON, IF I RULED THE WORLD and many more.	£28.00
			SUN 14 OCT	THE HISS & BOO SHOW Britain's Brightest & Best Music Hall & Variety Show	£35.00
			SUN 21 OCT	MANHATTAN SWING with THE RAT PACK This hit show includes songs I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN, KING OF THE ROAD, HEY THERE, THAT'S AMORE, MR BOJANGLES, STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT, MY WAY and many more, performed by the UK's leading Frank, Dean and Sammy impersonators with world-renowned Big Band Manhattan Swing.	£42.00

**PRICE INCLUSIVE OF MEAL, COFFEE,
SHOW, CAR PARK AND VAT**

THEATRE TICKET PRICES TO 28 OCTOBER 2012

Including meal, coffee, show, car park,
one programme for two and VAT

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY	£43.50
THURSDAY MATINEES	£37.50
SATURDAY MATINEE	£37.50
SATURDAY EVENING	£48.00
SUNDAY MATINEE	£43.50

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MAILING LIST. Write to The Mill at Sonning (address below) giving full name, address and postcode or see our emailing option below.

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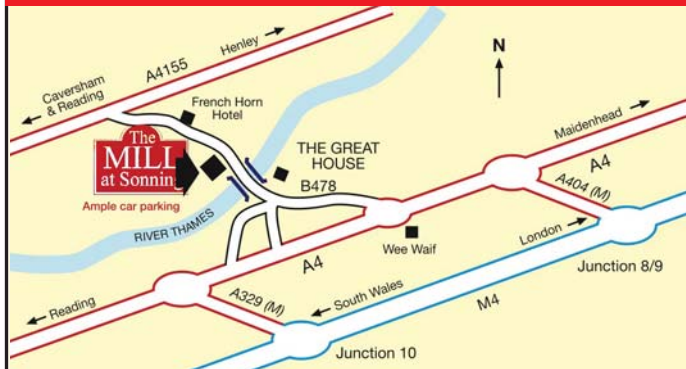
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Concerts: Performance 8.15pm

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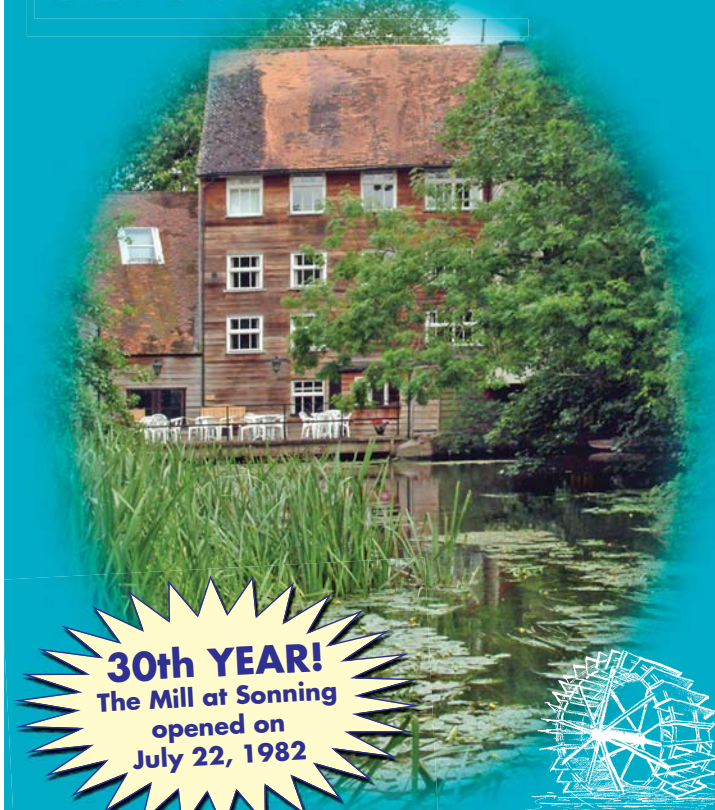
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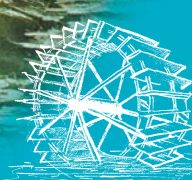
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– British Theatre Guide

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