

High Society

Shinfield Players Theatre

COLE Porter regularly recycled songs from earlier shows for later ones, a tradition followed in the version presented last week which contained no fewer than 11 such numbers while retaining classics from the original film.

The show charts the love/hate relationship between Tracy Lord (Lara Savory) and her ex-husband Dexter Haven (Joff Hamilton), who returns home from a long absence at sea just as she is about to marry the upwardly mobile George Kittredge (Derek Lockwood).

Carol Logan (Mrs. Lord) and Gemma Donnelly (younger daughter Dinah) brought a degree of respectability to the family, despite skeletons in its cupboard in the form of the lecherous Uncle Willie (an impressive performance by Jonathan Wansey) and Seth Lord (Nigel Dawes). The latter faced exposure over his sexual exploits by two reporters from a scandal magazine (Rachel Butcher and Andy Mills), who shared perhaps the best-known number, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

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