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Comedy show on the road with Stagecoach

A new comedy play created by Barnsley's answer to Andrew Lloyd Webber is set to be a sell-out success.

Tickets are being snapped up for 'The Old Club Trip', a production by local music maestro Dave Cherry, which will raise money for Barnsley Hospice.

Sponsored by leading bus operator Stagecoach Yorkshire, the musical show is a classic tale of boy meets girl on a 1961 club trip and is based around a traditional Leyland Tiger bus.

It will open at the Lamproom Theatre, in Barnsley, on June 1 and run until June 6.

Alison Howard, marketing manager for Stagecoach Yorkshire, said: "We are delighted to be supporting Dave in his latest musical adventure and helping to raise money for Barnsley Hospice at the same time.

"The show is a real community venture and a nostalgic look back at a happy, bygone era, which many local people in Barnsley will relate to, but particularly someone like myself who has worked with buses for more than 35 years. We have had a great interest in the show so far, rehearsals are going really well and tickets are almost sold out, which is fantastic."

Dave, of Harborough Hill Road, Barnsley, rose to local fame after writing a hit charity song about the town's Stairfoot Roundabout which raised more than £30,000 for the hospice.

'The Old Club Trip' musical includes 11 of his own songs and a special overture and a theme for the 'threepenny bit kiosk' in the old bus station, which was the meeting place for all the young people in the town.

He said: "We are well underway with rehearsals and the show is starting to come together nicely. There are six main characters from two very different kinds of families – the Pratts who are working class and the Storeys who are more middle class.

"I really do feel like Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber at the moment and I just hope this show is half as successful as his ventures have been. Although over the years I've not done too badly for a lad from a Worsborough Bridge council house!"

Tickets for the Old Club Trip cost £9.50 for adults and £8.50 for concessions and are available from the Lamproom by calling 01226 200075 or emailing boxoffice@barnsleylamproom.com. For more information visit <http://www.barnsleylamproom.com/bookings.asp>

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