Hi De Hi

**Reviewed by:** Kevin Rawcliffe on Friday 11 November 2011
**Venue:** Pyramid Arts Centre, Warrington
**Type of Production:** Play
**Producer/Director:** Nick Cupit
**Musical Director:**
**Choreographer:**

Show Report

This was the iconic comedy from the pen of Jimmy Perry and David Croft, masters of comedy.
It engaged a sequence of scenes from the TV series that took the Campers (sorry audience) through this romp.
We were all met by the Maplin’s staff in yellow coats; we had a super game of bingo engaging audience participation, and countless renditions of Hi De Hi with the response Ho De HO.
Well done to this group again delivering a first class piece of theatre with a wonderful set homemade, and good split stage lighting this all worked well.
Mr Jeffrey Fairbrother was played by the talented Kit Philips who gave us again a solid performance; great accent ,comedy timing, a confident portrayal, working well with the vamp like Gladys Pugh, played by Rose Higgins, I loved the accent and everything about the delivery of the close to the edge one liners, oh and the sound booth scenes were very funny, especially the announcements.
Peggy was brought to life by Ria Hall who gave us a superb rendition of this character well done very funny, I could see Sue Pollard in ever move you made.
Ted was played by Roy Hayes, again a first class performance getting the right level for this character, I also thought the ad libs that were required were delivered well.
Spike was well played by Paul Hughes who gave a very funny performance as Teds side kick, I loved it when he fell getting onto stage, and yes it was rehearsed well done.
Hilary the wife of ted was perfectly played by Christine Robins. Yvonne and Barry the dancing stars were very funny, played by Michele Dean and Bryan Higgins, Bryan seems to take a role and make it his own this was no exception well done.
Mr Partridge the grumpy kids entertainer was played well by Chris Lord who gave us some very funny moments. Fred the jockey was well played by Tom Lythgoe. Sylvia was beautifully portrayed by Laura Woods who gave a lovely accent and account of herself.
The rest of the supporting cast worked well, and this piece romped along.
There seemed to be a slight problem on the split stage sound and this just detracted a little with some lost dialogue.
All in all a great performance with solid characters from a very talented group.
Thank you for a great night’s entertainment. Well done.
Kevin Rawcliffe