

Take a ride on the Carousel

2008

RODGERS and Hammerstein's popular, evergreen musical *Carousel* is set to burst into life again on Chelmsford's Civic Theatre stage.

From Monday, February 25 to Saturday, March 1, at 7.30pm, the familiar strains of the *Carousel* Waltz will herald Chelmsford Amateur Operatic Society's evening of unforgettable songs and a heartbreaking plot.

The set includes a fully-functioning, onstage carousel, superb costumes, plus the eagle-eyed directing of Ray Jeffery making sure that everything is up to standard.

As the pair of star crossed New England lovers, fairground barker Billy Bigelow and demure mill worker Julie Jordan, Stuart Woolner and Claire Carr are sure to touch audience's hearts with their story. And of course the songs such as *June Is Bustin' Out All Over*, *That Was A Real Nice Clambake*, *When I Marry Mr Snow* and the anthems *My Boy Bill* and *You'll Never Walk Alone* are always audience pleasers in their own right.

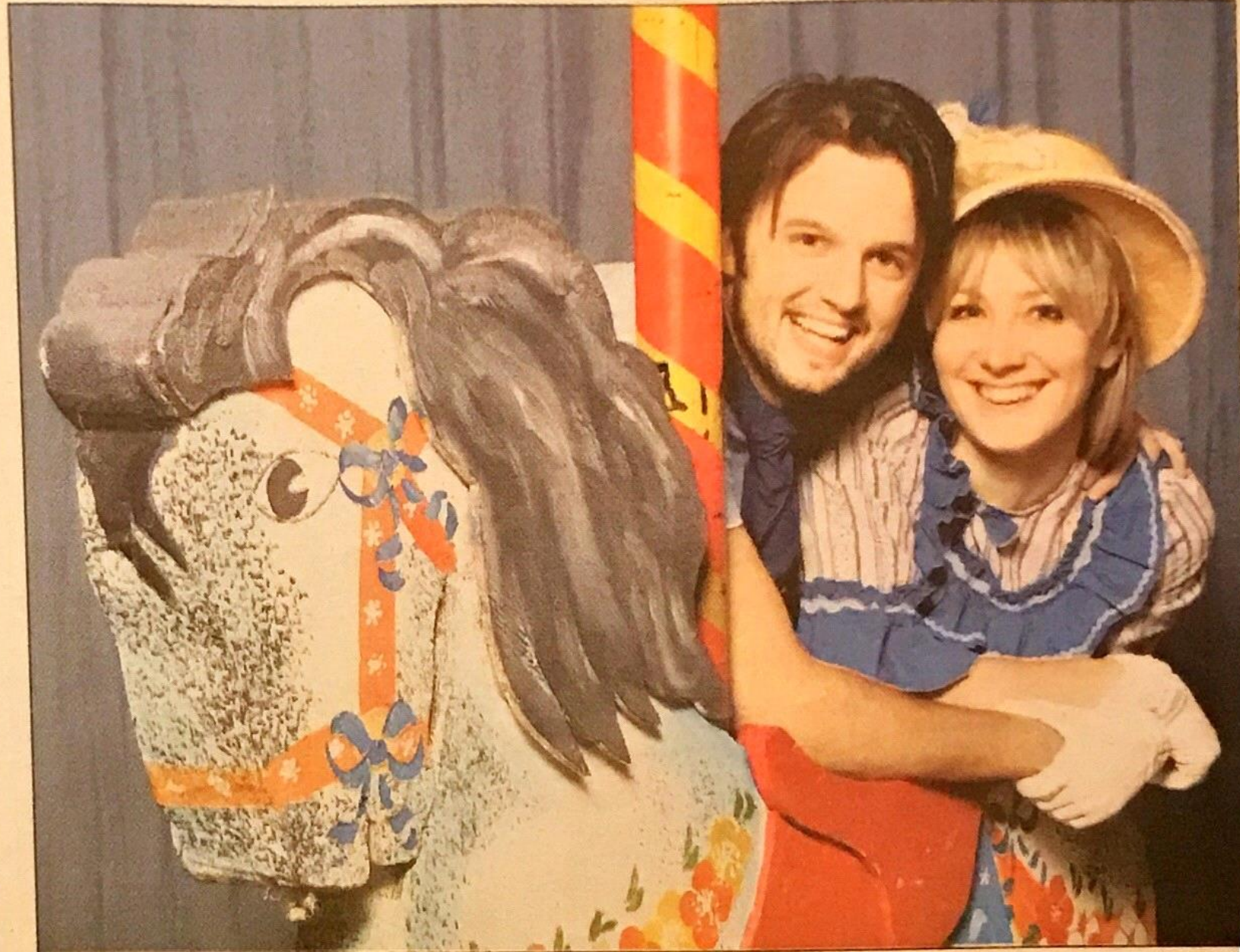
CAODS will be joined on stage by Young Gen children playing the *Snow Children* and other young New Englanders.

You might wonder why certain musicals feature so often in societies' repertoires. As a CAODS' spokesperson said: "All amateur societies are trying to get the balance right between putting on a production that society members want to take part in, that will attract audiences and will also cover its cost.

"The average cost of our shows is £35,000, so you can see why publicity is so important."

Tickets range from £11.50 to £13.50 with concessions according to date of performance.

Bookings: 01245 606505.



SPIRITED: Stuart Woolner and Claire Carr as Billy Bigelow and Julie Jordan in *Carousel*