

Lots of horsing around at bedtime with Cowboy Baby and Sheriff Pa

BEDTIME in the Wild West is like no other. Join Cowboy Baby and Sheriff Pa on Sunday at Stantonbury Campus Theatre as Sheriff Pa attempts to tackle the tricky situation that is bedtime, writes **Georgina Butler**.

But, as the time to canter into the land of nod approaches, Cowboy Baby ain't tired. No sirree!

There's still lots of time to horse around with his friends Texas Ted, Denver Dog and Hank the Horse.

If only Cowboy Baby can find them before Sheriff Pa tracks him down and puts him to bed!

Expect stetsons, lassos and prickly cacti aplenty, along with music, songs and puppetry around the campfire with this terrific western yarn for children.

Immediately following the performance there will also be a short workshop for the whole audience to participate in – and discover some of the secrets behind the show.

The show starts at 2.30pm and is suitable for youngsters aged 3 and up.

Call the Box Office on MK 324422.



'Cause every girl's crazy 'bout a sharp dressed man Alan

THE much-loved star of television shows including **Jonathan Creek** and **QI** stops off at MK Theatre on Sunday as part of his first stand-up tour in more than a decade.

Alan Davies' long-awaited new show, 'Life Is Pain', is jam-packed with his usual

hilarious brand of surreal, observational storytelling.

His amiable manner and casual wit will keep you engaged and illustrate why Davies is just as at home with stand-up as he is in those other guises.

Call the box office on 0844 871 7652.

A head Turner



HEART and soul, electrifying choreography and stunning musical numbers will combine when Soul Sister comes to MK Theatre from Monday.

This brand new

musical takes the life and times of Ike and Tina Turner as its inspiration, meaning all those classic Tina Turner hits pop up.

What's Love Got to Do with It, Proud Mary, Private Dancer, River Deep Mountain High and, of course, Simply The Best are a given.

The narrative of this jukebox musical follows the highs

and lows, passions and heartbreak of Ike and Tina as their careers soar but their marriage crumbles.

It's not half as traumatic for you though, so take a ticket and relish the soul music on offer.

Call for tickets on 0844 871 7652.



The Hoosiers: Ready to 'socket' to The Stables

CELEBRATE the best of British Classic Rock and Pop at The Stables tonight with a team of top musicians and singers – all of whom are directly linked to the great artists being lauded.

Moody Blues drummer Gordy Marshall joins Paul Bliss, Marcus Cliff and special guest Peter Howarth – current lead singer of The Hollies – for Reflections of a Rock n Roll Tour.

Chart their collective musical paths as they showcase all those hits you love.

All those little annoyances you have stored up will be addressed by Danny Bhoj on Friday in his loose stand up / breakdown show which revolves around letters of complaint.

"A few years back I launched a campaign (wrote some letters) which successfully saw the return of Roast Beef Monster Munch to our supermarket shelves. You're welcome."

Yep – that should be enough to pique your interest.

Alternatively, Stage 2 will see The Wishing Well – providing a performance to appeal to lovers of emotive lyrics and melodies.

Fleetwood Bac are all but sold out

on Saturday night in the Jim Marshall auditorium, but try Stage 2 – Rising blues-rock guitarist Aaron Keylock is playing. He cut his teeth as a player in London's most famous blues clubs at just 12 years old – and he's only 14 now!

The contemporary take on traditional music from Ethiopia offered by Krar Collective is a surprising yet delightful evening of entertainment for Sunday.

In association with Making Tracks, Temesgen Zeleke and the Krar Collective perform a varied repertoire from gentle ballads to high-energy dance tunes, accompanied by just drums.

Electro-acoustic early music ensemble Joglaresa bring anarchy and sensuality back into medieval music on Tuesday, with songs of illicit affairs and seductions, biting criticisms of bankers, politicians, bishops and conflict in the Middle East...

Sound familiar, at all?

Meanwhile, vocal supergroup Sector 7 will take jazz and soul to the next level on Stage 2.

Last, but by no means least, The Hoosiers, indie-poppers behind the

smash hit 'Worried about Ray' and the quirky 'Goodbye Mr A', will be making sounds on Wednesday.

Call for tickets on MK 280800.



CAN you sing, dance and act – preferably all at the same time? If the answer is yes and you are aged between 17 and 90 (!) then Milton Keynes Theatre of Comedy would like to invite you to audition for their Christmas pantomime – Dick Whittington.

While the principal roles have already been cast, the company likes to seize every opportunity to search for local hidden talent.

You could be an experienced, trained professional or a complete novice just keen to release your inner performer.

As long as you think you can play a pirate or a villager, you are in the running!

Those interested in playing a pirate must be able to portray a rickety fella, who really should have retired many years ago.

You will need to be able to sing and act with confidence and - while they are not looking for the next Fred Astaire - it would be an advantage if you are able to move in time for the large group musical numbers.

Prospective villagers need to be able to dance and sing but acting is not essential, as only a few villagers will be assigned speaking roles.

You will need to learn a song and dance routine by the end of the audition, which is being held on Saturday at The Venue, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree between 10am and 2pm.

The pantomime will run from December 19-30 so make sure you can commit to these dates before attending the try-outs!