

The Worthy Players



present

# SNOW WHITE

BY ALISON WOOLFORD



5th, 6th, 12th & 13th December 2025

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## Welcome from the Chairman

It is my great privilege to welcome everyone to this performance of our 2025 Pantomime, '**Snow White**', written and directed by our very own Alison Woolford. Alison has led the team from the first rehearsals at the beginning of September, right through to today. I do congratulate her for bringing the script to fruition and I join with her in thanking the whole production team.

Performances like this don't just happen. Every production going back to the beginning of the Worthy Players in 1973 demands determination, hard work and enthusiasm from a group of like-minded people who are doing it all for fun.

This combined effort to put on public performances would, however, all be wasted if we weren't blessed with seeing you in our audiences and returning time and again to give your support to this aspect of arts in your local community. Through plays and pantomimes we endeavour to bring you good entertainment at affordable rates. For many children, the pantomime is their first experience of seeing such entertainment live, rather than on a screen. And there is a difference!

The Players are a friendly and thriving unit of around 30 regular members each contributing their particular and very varied strengths to what you see on the stage in front of you. If you look through the pages of this programme, you'll see the members' names against the range of skills necessary to put on a show.

Our membership is by no means a 'closed shop' and if you would like to offer your own input in whichever area takes your fancy, you will receive a warm welcome. Just contact a member of the team here today, or use the membership application form on our website. Always particularly welcome are those of an age who are rather better qualified to play those youthful adult characters than some of our rather more 'long-standing' members!

Do enjoy this performance; thank you for coming and best wishes for the festive season ahead.

Dave Alderson

**Acknowledgement:** Instrumental songs provided by Karaoke Version - <https://www.karaoke-version.co.uk>  
Other music and sound effects provided by Pond5



## Director: Alison Woolford

42 years ago this Christmas, David and I helped out with the Worthy Players' production of 'Aladdin'. Since then we have appeared in, written, directed and contributed to costume making and scenery for a whole range of pantomimes.

'**Snow White**' was first performed 19 years ago and was my first 'solo' writing event. This year it has been updated and improved, with contributions from members of the cast. This year's version hasn't been without its challenges and I'm sure that you will be able to recognise the need for creative casting! However, the end result should be really entertaining.

Any production is a group effort, as we do everything ourselves. I am often amazed at the wealth and variety of talent there is and how everyone is willing to get stuck in.

As always, the support from within the Group with scenery painting, costume making, choreography, music choices and compiling lighting & sound and covering me as director when I was on holiday, has been tremendous and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

Alison Woolford

*Thanks and appreciation to you in our audiences for supporting the Raffles we hold. These contributions help us greatly in making our regular £500 per year donations to our nominated charities and worthy causes.*

Our thanks to our **Front-of-House** volunteer helpers: Julie Pettigrew, Sheila Alderson, Naomi Wooldridge, Ellie Finbow, Ali Allardice, Andy Blaxland, Anna Crowle, Jane & Mark Wheeler, Alison Woolford, Janine Blackmore, Billy Pettigrew, Clare Nicholas, Dave Alderson and any other last minute recruits! With ushering, raffle and bar sales, they all help to make your evening that much more enjoyable.

And grateful thanks to ADH Printing for ever-responsive service in printing this programme, to our friends in Winchester Theatre Arts for adjusting their own rehearsals to accommodate our performance schedule and to donors of raffle prizes including **BENDICKS®**

# SNOW WHITE

## Act I

Scene 1	The Palace Ballroom
Scene 2	The Queen's Room
Scene 3	The Palace Ballroom
Scene 4	The Queen's Room
Scene 5	In The Forest
Scene 6	The Queen's Room
Scene 7	In The Forest



*Interval, Bar and Raffle  
(20 minutes)*

## Act 2

Scene 1	The Brothers' House
Scene 2	The Queen's Room
Scene 3	The Brothers' House
Scene 4	The Brothers Return
Scene 5	The Queen's Room
Scene 6	In the Forest
Scene 7	Getting Ready For The Wedding
Scene 8	Finale - The Palace Ballroom



# SNOW WHITE

## Our cast and characters

<b>Snow White</b>	Ali Ward
<b>Prince Cyril</b>	Liz Finbow
<b>Queen Belladonna</b>	Janice Redington
<b>Neville, Lord Chamberlain</b>	David Early
<b>Reflector, The Mirror</b>	Clare Nicholas
<b>Emcee, the Narrator</b>	David Collis
<b>Miriam</b>	Lynne Grimes
<b>Spider, the Huntsman</b>	Treive Nicholas

### *The Brothers*

<b>Donald (Doh)</b>	Peter Wooldridge
<b>Ray (Ray)</b>	Martin Pettigrew
<b>Jamie (Me)</b>	Barbara Kearns
<b>Solomon (So)</b>	Nick Kearns
<b>Farquar (Far)</b>	Peter McLoughlin
<b>Lawrence (Lah)</b>	Mike Heseldin
<b>Tea (Tea)</b>	Tim Ellwood

### *Animals, Citizen & Chorus*

<b>Squirrel</b>	Mary Blaxland
<b>White Rabbit</b>	Lydia Stead
<b>Brown Rabbit</b>	Julie Pettigrew
<b>Citizen</b>	David Woolford

# The Cast (continued over..)



## Ali Ward - Snow White

I've gone from newbie rat in Dick Whittington to a slightly older-than-advertised Snow White (!), and I couldn't have done it without my family and friends; thank you all.

## Liz Finbow - Prince Cyril

This is Liz's first time as the 'Handsome Prince' and she's loving her role acting with such lovely folk. She previously enjoyed playing 'Amy' in 'Neighbourhood Watch.'



## Janice Redington - Queen Belladonna

From playing an old spinster in a cold, damp railway station in our last production, *The Ghost Train*, I now find myself in a palace as Queen Belladonna in our panto!

## David Early- Neville, Lord Chamberlain

A return to my first Worthy Players pantomime (Snow White in 2006) Moved up to Chamberlain. Still having loads of fun.

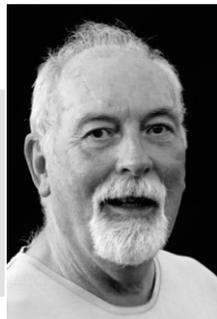


## Clare Nicholas - Reflector (*The Mirror*)

I decided to take a long hard look at myself, and decided, on reflection, that the Mirror was a good role for me. Let's hope I don't crack under the pressure!

## David Collis - Emcee (*Narrator*)

Great to be on stage with the Worthy Players again. Love rehearsals, set building and fun folk. I really enjoy panto..... Oh no, you don't. Ha ha!



## Lynne Grimes - Miriam

I feel honoured to play the role of Miriam, as she was named after a sorely-missed Worthy Player who is no longer with us. She was selfless, caring and kind to all; someone we'd all like to live up to.

## Treive Nicholas - Spider

It's fun playing the Queen's henchman! Or, is the Huntsman just a sycophantic old wuss. Deep in the dark forest we're about to find out... Don't forget to boo and cheer.



## Peter Wooldridge- Donald (*Doh*)

I have never had more than one brother until this year when I have acquired six. Now I know why I was happy with one!

## Mike Heseldin - Lawrence (*Lah*)

One of the seven Brothers (unfortunately - fortunately? - no Brides.) Am I in the wrong show? No, I'm in a pantomime! Enjoy!



## Peter McLoughlin - Farquar (*Far*)

My daughter, Fiona, played the role of "Far" in the last Worthy Players' production of *Snow White*, 19 years ago. Talk about keeping it in the family.....!

## Barbara Kearns - Jamie (*Me*)

Barbara always enjoys a pantomime, and she hopes you'll spot her having fun among the rest of the magnificent seven. She can never get enough of it!





**Martin Pettigrew - Ray (Ray)**

From 2003 onwards with the Players, Martin has done it all, from Chairman to Directing to Acting. Last on stage as *Barrow Boy Billy* in 'Dick Whittington' and *Jackson* in 'The Ghost Train', Martin is also a Volunteer at the Theatre Royal.

**Nick Kearns - Soloman (Soh)**

Nick's always delighted to return to the stage, and as there was another miserable grumpy man part, he's got something to enjoy, not that you'd know it!



**Tim Ellwood - Tea (Tea)**

Tim, being a shy person, is enjoying playing the shy brother who has a soft spot for Snow White. Not much acting involved. The dancing, however, is more of a challenge.

**Julie Pettigrew - Brown Rabbit & Chorus**

Julie is playing an animal again - a Cuddly Bunny - having previously played a Polar Bear, Mouse and Cat. Loves Being in disguise!

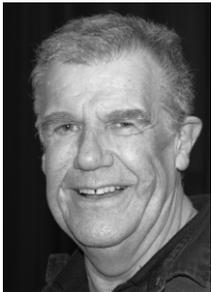


**Mary Blaxland - Squirrel & Chorus**

I've stepped out from Backstage this year to join the Chorus and the Woodland Animals. My husband proudly says I'm Lead Squirrel! Hope you enjoy our dance - such fun!

**Lydia Stead - Rabbit & Chorus**

Being 5 months pregnant isn't going to stop me from coming back for my second year of panto. It's been so much fun rehearsing and seeing the show come together.



**David Woolford - Citizen**

This year, I thought I would take a step back and help Alison by taking on the role of stage manager - how wrong was I!

How much is

# ENOUGH?

Everybody has their own unique 'number' in answer to this question. I have no right to talk to you about financial products until I have helped you identify this.

I see my role as helping people identify, achieve and then maintain the lifestyle they have always desired, whatever that may be!

Remember....

## LIFE IS NOT A REHEARSAL

If you are interested in finding out what YOUR number is and hearing the truth about money, then please feel free to contact me for a no obligation chat or meeting.

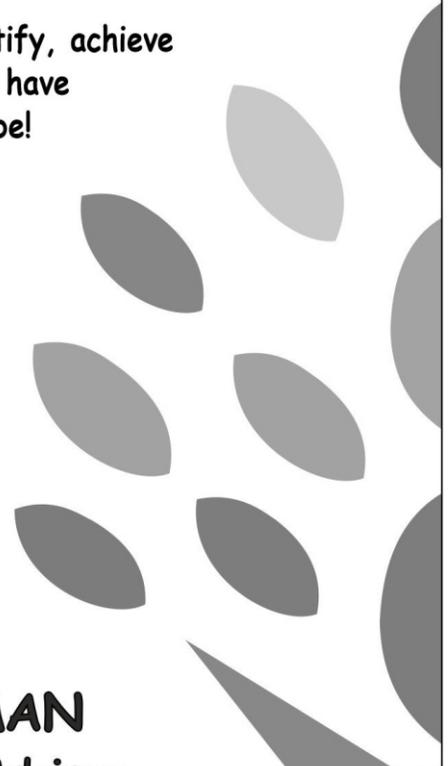
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# Getting it all ready ...



*Team effort!*



# Our Backstage Production Team

Director  
Stage Manager  
Musical Director  
Choreography  
Wardrobe



Alison Woolford  
David Woolford  
Janine Blackmore  
Julie Pettigrew  
Sheila Alderson  
Alison Woolford  
Anna Crowle  
Clare Nicholas



*Alison Woolford*



*David Woolford*



*Janine Blackmore*



*Julie Pettigrew*



*Richard Aldous*



*Sheila Alderson*



*Bridget Adebiji*



*'Charlie' Observer*

Front-of-House Manager  
Bar Manager  
Set Design  
Sound & Lighting Setup  
& Operation.  
Web and Poster Design  
Programme  
Publicity  
Rehearsal Prompt

Dave Alderson  
Nick Kearns  
Bridget Adebiji  
Richard Aldous  
  
Richard Aldous  
Dave Alderson  
Mary Blaxland  
Gina Bird

Set Construction and Decor Sessions



*Mary Blaxland*

*Gina Bird*

*Nick Kearns*

David Woolford, Bridget Adebiji, Clare Nicholas, Martin Pettigrew, Lynne Grimes, Ali Ward, Richard Aldous, Liz Finbow, Janice Redington, Tim Ellwood, Julie Pettigrew, Treive Nicholas, Lydia Stead, Nick Kearns, Dave Alderson, Peter Wooldridge, David Collis, Peter McLoughlin, Mike Heseldin, Barbara Kearns, Mary and Andy Blaxland.

# Did you see these recent productions?



*The Ghost Train*



*The Princess and The Pea*

*Great entertainment on your doorstep!*



*Neighbourhood Watch*



*Dick Whittington*

## Coming up next spring..

Look out for our next production, which is the hilarious comedy / farce, '**Rumours**', by that master of the art, Neil Simon.

Note the dates for your 2026 diary:  
Fridays and Saturdays, 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th April  
Each performance will begin at 7.30pm  
in the Jubilee Hall, Kings Worthy.

All details will become available through our website at

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or through this QR code .....

