



THE WORTHY PLAYERS
AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PRESENT



ROBINSON
CRUSOE

A PANTOMIME
BY
JOHN MORLEY

ON 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th DECEMBER

AT

THE JUBILEE HALL, KINGS WORTHY

A Word or Two from the Director



Welcome

It is six years since I was encouraged to tread the boards for the Worthy Players in Robin Hood following a twenty year gap, and now I welcome you all to another personal milestone, my first time as pantomime Director for our production of Robinson Crusoe.

I am told the Director's role can be a lonely experience, but have been blessed with the support of Miriam Edmond as both Musical Director and Co-Producer, Mike Edwards and Peter Nouwens on stage and set design, Shirley Lovell for costume, and other notable long-standing members of the Worthy Players who I am indebted to for making this show happen.

However, I cannot go on without mentioning the cast who have been wonderfully keen and enthusiastic throughout rehearsal. I look forward to seeing your reaction to their efforts, break a leg one and all!

I would also like to say a special thank you to my own family, Julie, Billy and Robert, for their support during preparations for this show, in particular Julie who is making her full stage debut after saying she was happy to sing a couple of songs in the chorus line – Ha! Ha!

Finally to you the audience, thank you for coming, I hope you enjoy our show and have a safe journey home.

Until next time ,

Martin E Pettigrew

About The Worthy Players

About Us

The Worthy Players are a fairly typical village amateur drama group, born out of Women's Institute dramatic activities in the early 1970s. Anyone is welcome to join the group to have a go at whatever they most enjoy, from directing and acting to making the tea! In recent years we have sadly lost many of our more notable former members, but they have been replaced by those who you will meet tonight. Last year we presented Jack And the Beanstalk, this year we return to Robinson Crusoe for the first time since 1991. There are several new faces on stage since a year ago, but we continually need new members to keep the group going, so please let us know if you too fancy having a go! Alternatively, why not just join our mailing list, and we will keep you up to date with our activities throughout the year.

Robinson Crusoe

A pantomime by John Morley

Revised and Re-written by Richard Morley

Directed by Martin Pettigrew

ACT ONE

- Scene 1 The London Docks with the *Mary Rose* at anchor
- Scene 2 On the Poop Deck of the *Mary Rose*
- Scene 3 The Ship's Galley
- Scene 4 The Poop Deck again
- Scene 5 The Main Deck and the Strange Shipwreck
- Scene 6 Demon Oylslick's Gruesome Grotto
- Scene 7 The *Mary Rose* under the Sea

ACT TWO

- Scene 1 On the Shore of the Desert Island of Tobago
- Scene 2 The Island Village
- Scene 3 At Robinson Crusoe's Stockade
- Scene 4 In the Forest of Grunting Gorillas
- Scene 5 The Ruined Temple of the Sacred Snake
- Scene 6 The Voyage Home
- Scene 7 The Nautical Wedding of Robinson Crusoe

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the acts during which the bar will be open and coffee and biscuits will also be on sale from the kitchen. Why not order your drinks beforehand?

by John Morley

CAST OF CHARACTERS

The Cast

Robinson Crusoe	Christina Lewis
Mrs Chrissie Crusoe, his mother	Mike Heseldin
Kenny Crusoe, his brother	Mark Smith
Captain Perkins, of the <i>Mary Rose</i>	Clare Walker
Polly Perkins, his daughter	Lyndsay Smith
Bill Barnacle, the bosun	Jo Lewis
Ben Dover, the mate	Billy Pettigrew
Blackpatch, the pirate	Jackie Nouwens
Jack Boot, another pirate, his crony	David Early
Old Jim, the ancient mariner	David Early
The Island Queen	Janine Blackmore
Man Friday	Daniel Harvey
Lord Nelson	Michael Edwards
The Grunting Gorilla	Elinor Haviland
Chorus of ship's crew, islanders and pirates	Debbie Lewis, Julie Pettigrew, Connie Barnes, Michael Edwards, Elinor Haviland Miriam Edmond and Kathryn and Maddy Walker
Oylslick, the sea demon	Kathryn and Maddy Walker
Detergenta, the sea fairy	Sarah Hammond

PRODUCTION TEAM

Musical Director and co-producer	Miriam Edmond
Stage Manager	Nick Kearns
Lighting	Richard Aldous
Sound	Peter Nouwens
Set and Props	Peter Nouwens Michael Edwards Members of the Group
Backdrop Painting	Michael Edwards Members of the Group
Wardrobe Mistress	Shirley Lovell assisted by Julie Pettigrew and members of the cast
Poster	David Woolford
Programme	Nick Kearns & Sarah Hammond
Front of House Manager	Miriam Edmond
Front of House	Maureen Edwards, Margaret Woodley, Gina Bird & Robert Pettigrew
Box Office	Sarah Hammond
Bar Manager	Sarah Hammond
Bar	Julie Haviland

The Production Team

Special thanks to:

Jubilee Hall Committee and Secretary for their help in many respects.
Theatre Arts School for their help in moving Friday night classes.
Wessex Windows for providing overflow car parking.

ADH Printing for assisting with fliers and programmes.

Eleanor Hamblin for providing Parish magazine reports and reviews.

All those other members of the group not yet mentioned for helping out backstage or front of house.

For more information about the Worthy Players, either contact our chairman, Nick Kearns (tel _____), or visit our website at www.theworthyplayers.co.uk. You can also e-mail us (address – _____).

Special Thanks To...

The Performers



Christina Lewis

This is Christina's third panto with the Worthy Players. She is thrilled about taking on her second leading role after studying drama at secondary school. She is now at Peter Symonds and making time for fun and games at rehearsals.



Mike Heseldin

A member since 1994, Mike has lost count of the number of productions he has appeared in – from panto dames and bent (corrupt!) coppers to bed-ridden grouches. Most recently he played the drunken Cdr Chittenden in *Holiday Snap*.



Mark Smith

Mark is pleased to make his return after two years! He has completed a BTEC National Diploma in Musical Theatre at The South Downs College gaining Honours and worked in the technical department at Glyndebourne Opera House.



Clare Walker

Clare returned to the stage playing the part of Eve in *Holiday Snap*. She's delighted to be taking on a principal part in panto, especially as it doesn't involve playing a tart for once! Clare is also our Treasurer, so make sure you're nice to her.



Lyndsay Smith

Lyndsay has long been involved with the Worthy Players, starting as a dancer in the pantomimes, and progressing to appearances in the youth productions which include *A Murder Is Announced*. She is enjoying the role of Polly Perkins.



Jo Lewis

Jo has been a member since 2004 and this will be her sixth production with the group. She was thrilled to take on the role of Barnacle Bill and hopes her acting career will blossom in the next few years as she takes on yet more roles.

**Billy Pettigrew**

Billy made his debut in Robin Hood six years ago. Currently studying performance arts at Eastleigh College, he has appeared in shows by the Academy of Musical Theatre and played Widow Twanky at the Tower Arts Performance School.

**Jackie Nouwens**

As well as directing plays, Jackie has played a variety of roles including her husband's mother-in-law in *Kindly Keep It Covered*. The role of Blackpatch, horrible, hideous, moody and mean, is a wonderful way for her to explore her "dark side"!

**David Early**

After recent successes in *Holiday Snap* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*, David is part of the latest Worthy panto and enjoying being part of the crew, sailor or pirate! He's just off to Penzance where he heard there's an opening.

**Janine Blackmore**

A member since 1994, she is still an active Player despite moving to Swindon. This marks her return to the stage after a number of years "resting"!

**Daniel Hanvey**

This is Daniel's second production with the Players and he has also been in four Westgate School shows. He is now part of the Hampshire Youth Choir and recently sang in the Albert Hall for the second time in his career.

**Michael Edwards**

Michael, once a regular actor on our stage, is now better known for his art-work, props and scenic design for panto and other productions, as well as loudly calling the raffle! After an absence of several years from the stage, the lure of the grease-paint was too much and he returns (for yet another swan-song perhaps!) He's the old salt with a slight limp, over-size trousers and long hair lurking in the background!

The Performers



Elinor Haviland

This is Elinor's second time on stage and she is enjoying being the Gorilla. She has had fun as an active member of the Worthy Players and looks forward to more challenging roles in the future.



Kathryn and Maddy Walker

Having recently moved "down south" from Lancaster, both are really enjoying being part of the Worthy Players. Maddy was a member of the junior section of the Duke's Youth Theatre, but this is Kathryn's return to the stage after 30 years!



Miriam Edmond

Miriam joined the Worthy Players in 1992, singing and dancing and appearing in the occasional play, but in 1996 took on the role of pianist/ musical director . She now arranges music on computer so she may once again take part.



Julie Pettigrew

Julie briefly made her debut as a wench in King Arthur. Along with performing song and dance in the chorus, she has also supported the team during the production process, with choreography and costume requirements.



Debbie Lewis

Having chauffeured her two talented daughters to rehearsals and performances for the last few years, Debbie has decided to give it a second shot! She has particularly enjoyed the dressing up and learning new songs.



Connie Barnes

Connie is at Kings Worthy Primary School. This is her second pantomime with the Worthy Players and she has thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsals.
