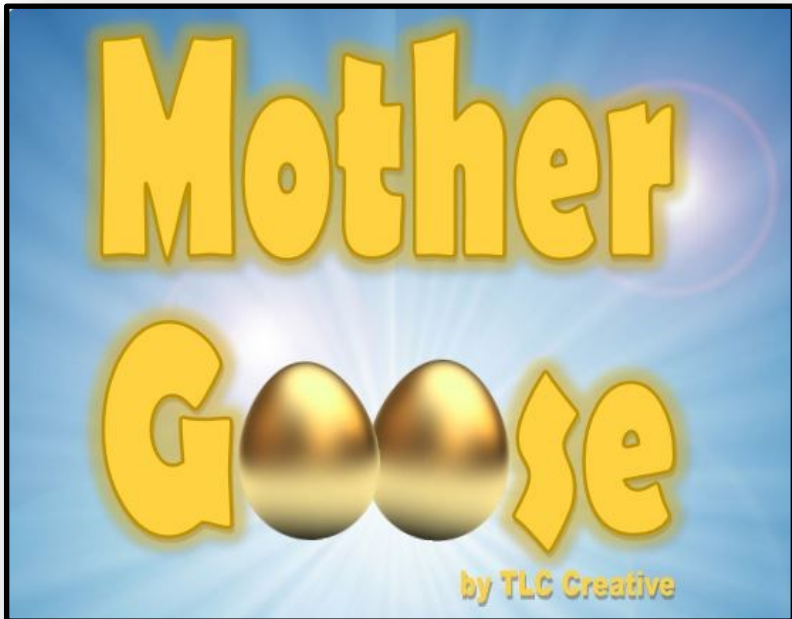


# THE WORTHY PLAYERS



AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

presents



**THE WORTHYS JUBILEE HALL,  
KINGS WORTHY**

**2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th December 2016 - 7.30pm**

**3rd, 10th December 2016 - 2.30 pm**

# Mother Goose

By

Damian Trasler, David Lovesy, Steve Clark and Brian Two - TLC Creative



## A word from the Director

### Miriam Edmond

I became involved with the Worthy Players in 1993 singing and dancing in music hall each year, having never been near a stage before. I had my first part in a pantomime with 'Panto Trek' and then went on to enjoy acting in 'Outside Edge' and 'Visiting Hour', but it was in 2001, I first played the piano accompaniment for Dick Whittington, after our resident pianist moved away. Since then I have continued to provide the music for pantomime most years.

I took the decision this year to have a go at directing for the first time, but could not have achieved this without the solid support of Martin and Nick, both of whom have lent their experience and knowledge every step of the way. I also want to thank David and Alison Woolford who helped hugely before setting off on their travels, Shirley for the wonderful costumes and Richard and David for the sound and lights. As for the cast, they have been truly fantastic, having contributed their ideas and skills and in some cases suddenly taking on more than they thought. It has been a real team effort! I hope you have as much fun watching 'Mother Goose' as we have had in the making and performing of it.



# **The Action**

## **Act 1**



Prologue

Scene 1 The Village Green

Scene 2 A Woodland Track

Scene 3 Mother Goose's House

Scene 4 Mother Goose's Garden

Scene 5 Mother Goose's Mansion

**There will be an interval of 20 minutes after Act 1 during which the bar will be open and coffee will also be on sale from the kitchen. The Raffle will be drawn during the interval.**

## **Act 2**

Prologue

Scene 1 The Fountain of Youth

Scene 2 A Woodland Track

Scene 3 Mother Goose's Mansion

Scene 4 Near Mephisto's Lair

Scene 5 Mephisto's Lair

Scene 6 The Sing-Along

Scene 7 The Village Green

### **The Sing-Along Community Chorus**

Goose goose goose goose Lucy,  
Lay a little egg for me.

Goose goose goose goose Lucy,  
I want one for my tea.

I haven't had an egg since breakfast,  
And now it's half past three, so ...

Goose goose goose goose Lucy,  
Lay a little egg for me.

# The Cast



## **Jill, heroine - Maisie Flight**

This is Maisie's fourth production with the Worthy Players - her third panto. She has thoroughly enjoyed playing Jill the heroine and wishes to take part in future productions with this splendid group.



## **Jack, Mother Goose's son - Nicki Lake**

This is Nicki's second production and second pantomime with the Worthy Players. Last year she was one of the evil villain's henchmen so she's finding it a bit of a step up being the principal



## **Mother Goose - Nick Kearns**

Nick said "never again" after playing Mother Tuck in last year's panto - and here he is again! Never say never again - fortunately Mother Goose is no 007! Nick's been lured back by the Fountain of Youth but can it help one so ancient?



## **Silly Billy, Mother Goose's other son - Barbara Kearns**

Barbara has been with the Worthy Players for many years and has been in a few pantos, usually in a part where she can play the fool. The toughest thing about this year is having to live with a diva of a dame!



## **Lucy the Goose - Liam Clothier**

After being slung under Dobbin the horse's head in last year's panto, Liam was promised that at least his face would be shown this year...in the middle of a goose's neck as it turns out! Keep a look out for his poo-uh...I mean...egg-laying face.



## **Mephisto, wicked villain - Peter Wooldridge**

Here we are again—the panto villain! At least I am not doing a bad welsh accent on this occasion. I am sure that you must have got tired of booing me. So if you wish, feel free to cheer for a change!! Only joking—I can almost hear the boos Already. Make them nice



## **Fairy Goosedown - Janine Blackmore**

Janine clearly must have had a minor concussion when taking on the role of Fairy Goosedown, as not only does it involve wearing a dress but make up too! Janine is enjoying playing the good fairy and brushing up on her rhyming couplets.



## **Nifty - David Early**

Well here we are again, my first decade with The Players. Just a brief hiatus, so now ready to ready to reach the dizzy heights of Nifty McNifty face.



### **Shifty - Mike Heseldin**

Has been in the Worthy Players since he was “young-ish”, tonight he is making his debut in the group as one half of a Panto double-act but he’s not sure which half he is!



### **Keeper 1 and Chorus - Abby Hammond**

Abby first graced the Worthy Players’ stage in 2005 as Tiny Tim in a Christmas Carol, aged just 9. Now about to finish her History Degree, she’s continuing on to train as a teacher - she may need more luck for that than the panto...!



### **Keeper 2 and Chorus - Julie Pettigrew**

Following her recent success appearing in her first non-panto roles in The Wyrd Sisters, Julie is happily back on stage again and will be singing her heart out for your pleasure, amongst many other things!



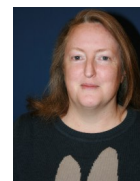
### **Charlie and Chorus - Clare Nicholas**

Having had a break from being on stage, Clare jumped at the chance to be part of chorus this year and has thrown herself into learning the songs and routines.



### **Forest Creature and Chorus - David Clement**

This is David’s second show with the Worthy Players. His first performance was “Wyrd Sisters” earlier this year, and this will be his first pantomime. He sees it as the launching pad for a new career on the stage. Next stop RSC, or failing that, “Eastenders”!



### **Old Person and Chorus - Kirsty Turner**

Kirsty has been a Worthy Player for 6 years now, but has never been in chorus before, and claims she never will again. Not being a natural at singing and dancing she is finding it all rather hard work, but it will be all right on the night!



### **Chorus - Treive Nicholas**

It’s a promotion up from being Stage Manager! This is all new to Treive so give him a warm welcome to the wonderful world of panto.



### **Young Person - Charlotte Tarrant**

This is Charlotte’s first appearance with the Worthy Players. A member of Winchester’s Theatre Royal’s Junior youth group, she attends regular lessons and has performed in the musical Into the Woods at the Theatre Royal and taken part in the Hat Fair. She also performed at Southampton Guildhall’s Junior Rock Challenge

## The rest of the team:

<b>Director</b>	Miriam Edmond
<b>assisted by</b>	Martin Pettigrew
<b>Music &amp; Dance Director</b>	Miriam Edmond
<b>Set Design</b>	David Woolford
<b>Set and Prop Construction</b>	Richard Aldous, Janine Blackmore, Norman Dangerfield, David Early, Miriam Edmond, Nigel Edmond, Mike Heseldin, Nick Kearns, Clare Nicholas, Treive Nicholas, Julie Pettigrew, Martin Petti- grew, Kirsty Turner, Peter Wooldridge, David Woolford
<b>Stage Management</b>	Martin Pettigrew
<b>Assisted by</b>	Treive Nicholas
<b>Costumes by</b>	Shirley Lovell & Alison Woolford assisted by members of the group
<b>Lighting and Sound</b>	Richard Aldous & Dave Alderson
<b>Box Office</b>	Richard Aldous & Janine Blackmore
<b>Posters and Flyers</b>	Richard Aldous
<b>Programme</b>	Sarah Kesterson & Nick Kearns

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### **Assistant Director and Stage Manager- Martin Pettigrew**

Martin's been a Worthy Players stalwart since 2003. He's sacrificed his acting talents for this show in taking on the demanding stage manager role, but rest assured he'll be enjoying giving the cast a hard time if they don't behave. He'll also be responsible for any crashes you hear from behind the stage curtains!



### **Sound and Lighting Design - Richard Aldous**

For the last 24 years, Richard has normally been found hiding behind the stage curtains as part of the Stage Management team, or in the freezing cold cupboard at the back of the hall operating the lighting and sound. This time he's got a new friend; they're at the back of the hall, go and say hello to them!



### **Lighting- Dave Alderson**

Dave is a new member of the Worthy Players, here engaged as the Sub-Deputy Technical Assistant's Mate. He was a drama society all-rounder (and master of none) many years ago.

# Welcome and thanks to all our patrons

Thank you to all of you, our patrons, for coming to see our play.

Thanks also to all the following for their assistance:



Wessex Windows for providing overflow car parking; The Hampshire Drama Network and to The Parish Magazine for help with publicity; ADH Printing, Kings Worthy for printing our programme; The Jubilee Hall Committee and Secretary for their help in accommodating our needs; The Winchester Theatre Arts for their help in moving classes on performance days; And last but not least, all those other members of the group and friends not yet mentioned for helping out backstage or front of house.

For more information about the Worthy Players, please visit our website at **[www.theworthyplayers.co.uk](http://www.theworthyplayers.co.uk)**

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**The Worthy Players** are always looking for new people to join the group. We put on two or three performances a year at present, all at the Jubilee Hall.

Apart from the acting there is always space for anyone looking to do some scenery painting and building, costume making, directing, technical, publicity or Front of House.

Right now we particularly want to hear from new people who'd like to be involved in our pantomime next year (December 2017). This ranges from those who'd like to go on stage to anyone who'd rather take on one of the many back-stage and Front of House roles, and to willing directors. Please speak to one of our team tonight if you or your children would be interested, or get in touch through our website. There's something for all ages, abilities and skills and it's good fun (well we think it is!).

**[www.theworthyplayers.co.uk](http://www.theworthyplayers.co.uk)** or  
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**Our next full production will be our French Farce Night  
featuring two plays by Moliere  
Performance Dates: 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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## Past Performances

1973	Dick Whittington	1987	The Chalk Garden Music Hall	2000	Cinderella and the Football Boots
1974	Double Bill Mother Goose		Do Not Disturb Babes In The Magic Wood	2001	Outside Edge Black Comedy/Red Letter Day Dick Whittington
1975	Swithun Puss In Boots	1988	Something To Hide Music Hall There Goes The Bride Pinocchio The Chalk Garden	2002	Play On Visiting Hour Aladdin
1976	2 One Act Plays Bonaventure St George and the Dragon A Worthy Tale	1989	Blithe Spirit Music Hall 3 One Act Plays Jack and The Beanstalk	2003	Bedroom Farce Lettice & Lovage Robin Hood
1977	2 One Act Plays Murder at Key Cottage Jack and the Beanstalk	1990	The Other Fellow's Oats Music Hall Pardon Me Prime Minister Sinbad The Sailor	2004	It's Those Worthies Again Laying The Ghost Beauty And The Beast
1978	Flat Spin 20's Revue Deadly Record Sleeping Beauty	1991	Confusions Music Hall Breeze Block Park Robinson Crusoe	2005	Party Piece Stage School (y) Present Laughter A Christmas Carol
1979	Ladies In Retirement Sailor Beware 3 One Act Plays Pantomania	1992	84 Charing Cross Road Music Hall The Secretary Bird The Wizard of Oz	2006	The Darling Buds of May A Murder is Announced Snow White
1980	When We Are Married Music Hall Suddenly At Home Hickory Dickory Dock	1993	When We Are Married Farndale Ave - Murder Mystery Music Hall	2007	Confusions Youth III (y) Kindly Keep It Covered King Arthur & The Nuts
1981	Nothing Legal/Black Comedy Music Hall The Edge of Darkness Mother Goose's Golden Christmas	1994	A Month Of Sundays Farndale Ave - S.S. We Found Love Music Hall Humpty Dumpty	2008	The Importance of Being Ernest A Bolt From The Blue Jack & The Beanstalk
1982	Rose Music Hall Don't Just Lie There Say Something Dangerous Corner	1995	One For The Road Living Together Falling Off A Log Music Hall	2009	Holiday Snap Robinson Crusoe
1983	Revue, We'll Meet Again Move Over Mrs Markham Aladdin	1996	Murder In Company Local Affairs Panto Trek	2010	'Allo 'Allo Once Upon A Time
1984	Rock-A-Bye Sailor Music Hall Not Now Darling A Right Christmas Caper	1997	Gaslight Mixed Doubles Relatively Speaking Music Hall	2011	Suddenly At Home Music Hall
1985	End of the Honeymoon Music Hall Key for Two Cinderella	1998	Farndale Ave - Haunted Breath Of Spring Music Hall	2012	How The Other Half Loves The Snow Queen
1986	Table Manners A Tomb With A View Music Hall Dick Whittington	1999	Business of Murder Educating Rita The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers Music Hall	2013	Murdered To Death Old Mother Hubbard
				2014	The Militants Aladdin
				2015	Todd the Barber Murder by the Book Robin Hood & The Knights of the Flat Pack Table
				2016	Wyrds Sisters