

*Faringdon
Dramatic
Society*



Proudly presents

Snow

by John Beeteson

White



in Faringdon Junior School

January 28th and 29th. February 4th and 5th 2005

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The poor downtrodden folk of Faringdon are frightened away from their dancing by the arrival of the wicked witch **Queen Wormelda**. Not only has she cast her spell over the King and married him, she has magicked our hero **Billy Biggles** into a bottle. Luckily the good hearted King Woodynut makes her release Billy, who overhears Wormelda's plan to kidnap the orphan baby Prince of the next door Kingdom.

Billy rushes to save the baby Prince and enlists the help of **Tiggles** the tiger who's on his way back to the jungle having finished his degree at Oxford. Tiggles tells Billy to hide the Prince with his circus friends.

Meanwhile the Queen claims the throne and with an evil spell imprisons the King inside a mirror. She asks the Looking-glass "Who in this land is the fairest of all?" Of course the answer is the Baby Princess **Snow White**, who is brought on by nurse **Desiree Lallybody**, a scatty woman of indeterminate age with somewhat dubious dress sense.

You'll need to be prepared to shout at the top of your voices as Billy and Tiggles recruit everyone to help protect Snow White. Billy's plans to be an actor and Tiggles' plans to return to the jungle are soon to be sidelined by the need to protect the growing Prince and Princesses.

Time passes rapidly in panto-land and we are soon transported to Snow White's eighteenth birthday. It is a sad day for her because the Queen is unkind. Help is at hand as the nurse sings about her misspent youth and Billy and Tiggles introduce Snow White to the grown up and dashing handsome **Prince Boldligo** in his red nose circus clown disguise. The villagers celebration is brutally cut short as the Queen angrily rushes in.

On the Mirror's assertion that that Snow White is now the fairest in the land the Queen rushes off to find some simpletons to do her evil deeds. **Poor Velda Vixen, Silas Sly** and their friends are soon rounded up and magicked into becoming her robber gang with the aim of kidnapping Snow White.

They are soon to be thwarted as our heroes rescue Snow White from the robbers and leave her in the cottage of the eight little people. The robbers meanwhile pretend to the Queen that they carried out her wishes. The eight little people look after Snow White but whilst they are away she falls prey to

an itinerant fruiterer. The Queen tricks Snow White into eating a poisoned apple and the robbers imprison her in the castle.

To the delight of the villagers **Allyoop** the circus ringmaster and **Pepe Mint** agree to put on a show to entice the Queen out of her castle. She is lured away and our heroes are free to attempt a rescue.

Can Snow White be saved? Will the King be released from the Mirror? What is in store for Nurse Lallybody, Billy, Tiggles and the gang? Whatever it is, YOU will have to help by learning the **magic spell** which you will find on page 8 of the programme!

Scene 1 - A Village Street

Scene 2 - The same

Scene 3 - The Castle Throne Room

Scene 4 - A Forest Path

Scene 5 - A Village Street

Scene 6 - Bumpkin Alley

Scene 7 - A Forest Glen

Scene 8 - In Front of the Castle

Scene 9 - A Forest Glen



INTERVAL

Scene 10 - A Forest Path

Scene 11 - A Village Street

Scene 12 - In Front of the Castle

Scene 13 - On the Way to the Castle

Scene 14 - The Castle Throne Room



There will be an interval of twenty minutes between acts when refreshments will be available. We request that no flash photography or private videos are taken during the performance. A professional video will be made available.

We request that parents keep children in their seats and do not allow them to wander in the aisles, especially important during the circus scenes.

We would be very grateful if you could fill in the Audience questionnaire and if you are interested provide an e-mail address so we can inform you of up-coming productions.

Cast (in order of appearance) :

Queen Wormelda

King Woodynutt

Nurse Desirée

Billy Biggles

Tiggles

Princess Snow White

Prince Boldligo

Sarah Varnom

David Field

Simon Wisbey

Grace Logan

Lindsay Kendrick

Kathryn Whiffen

Lauren Anderson

The Robbers

Velda Vixen

Silas Sly

Nathan Sluggit

Midgy Itchin

Bizzy Lizzie

Wizzy Wazzy

Lois Wells

Katie Dyet

Josh Osment

Tom Kennedy

Grace Anderson

Tara Whenray

The Little People

Dow

Footsie

Nikkei

Nasdaq

Hang Seng

Dot Com

Euro Bond

Inflation

Huw Lewis

Oliver Bilson

Matthew Mountford-Lister

Rowan Twine

Jack Porter

Jake Thorpe

Hazel Wells

Joe Benson

The Circus

Allyoop (Ringmaster)

Pepe Mint (His Assistant)

Joey)

Charli)

Mopp) Clowns

Oli)

Chico)

Lulubelle) Circus

Leonardo) Announcers

Marvello (Strong Man)

Sylvester (Sword Swallower)

Tilly (Tightrope Walker)

Rob Thorpe

Sophie Russell

Simon Faulks

Jamie Rogers

Billie Geehan

Katie Goodwin

George Morton

Esmée Barwood

Laurence Cain

Tim Fuller

Elliott Coard

Miriam Wells

Village Dancers

Charlotte Cockcroft
Sarah Coward
Rosie Fowler
Becky Hodgson
Lucy Hodgson
Beth Jones
Grace Robinshaw
Jennifer Whiffen
Rosie Woods

Acro-Magic (Acrobats)

Hannah Bilson
Marta Dyet
Kate Mitchell
Bethan Murphy-Hand
Alice Stephens
Charlie Thorpe
Michaela Williams
Tamara Williams

Robbers Gang

Elliott Coard
Matthew Cockcroft
Hannah Lardner
Becca Wisbey

Circus Horses

Rebecca Lock
Amelia Naylor
Catherine Smith
Catherine Walden
Jennifer Whiffen
Rebecca Whiffen

Circus folk

Natasha Cain
Ben Scotcher-Lane
Jamie Townsend

Orchestra:
Piano - **Chier Chang**
Flutes - **Rebecca Whiffen, Alison Jerome**
Saxophones - **Alison Jerome, Debra Warner**
Clarinets - **Debra Warner, Ellie Morton**
Bass Guitar - **Cleve Forty**
Rhythm Guitar - **Richard Lock**
Drums - **Luke Gerry**



Director: **Karen Whiffen**
Assistant Director: **Paul Mountford-Lister**
Musical Director: **Chier Chang**
Choreography: **Becca Lock**

The Principals



Sarah Varnom (Queen Wormelda)

Sarah has been a member of FDS for nine years, and has been involved in many productions, both front and back stage. She is a talented actress, who has appeared on stage in a number of theatres, including the Coventry Belgrade. She is particularly looking forward to playing this role, as it is one she has wanted to play for a number of years, especially as she already knew some of the lines before she started (“Mirror, Mirror on the wall etc”)

David Field (King Woodynutt)

David has been a member of FDS for only 2 years, and this is his first Panto. He says “This has been a real eye-opener for me. I have been very impressed with the talents and enthusiasm of the young players, and watching them rehearse with such gusto has been a privilege. Let no-one be in doubt that Faringdon has a pretty fine bunch of youngsters, and it has been an honour to support them in this production.”



Simon Wisbey (Nurse Desirée)

Having taken on many serious roles for FDS, Simon was initially nervous about taking on the role of Pantomime Dame. Luckily for us, he agreed to accept the part, and has come through in his own inimitable way. Simon’s appearance as an inebriated scoutmaster in **Gosforth’s Fete** continues to be remarked upon by many, but may now have been superseded by Nurse Desirée!

Grace Logan (Billy Biggles)

Grace’s most recent involvement with FDS was in **Dancing at Lughnasa**, for which she did the props. She has been involved in two other FDS Pantos when she appeared as the smallest Rat in **The Pied Piper**, and a Weasel in **Wind in the Willows**. She is looking forward to not being an evil rodent this time, for a change!



Lyndsay Kendrick (Tiggles)

As a newcomer to Faringdon, Lindsay has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Snow White, and made a number of new friends. She wishes to thank all members of FDS for making her so welcome to the Society.

Kathryn Whiffen (Snow White)

Kathryn is studying A Level Drama at Cirencester College, and has taken part in many FDS Productions over the last 10 years, both on stage and in the Orchestra. Her favourite roles were as Mary Warren in **The Crucible**, and Laura in **Lark Rise**, which she played at the age of 10. She is looking forward to playing Snow White, her first leading role in an FDS Pantomime.



Lauren Anderson (Prince Boldligo)

Regulars to FDS Pantomimes may recall seeing Lauren as Mary in **Clarence** last year. Lauren is studying Drama at Cirencester College, and is a talented all-round performer. She has enjoyed getting her teeth into the role of the Principal Boy in **Snow White**.

Lois Wells (Velda Vixen)

Lois joined FDS 8 years ago as a nervous beginner, playing Mystic Meg in **The Pied Piper**, and has since graced the stage here in Faringdon many times. She has a particular talent for voices and accents, and has played many characters, both human and animal, but her favourite role was as Mole in **Wind in the Willows**. She still appreciates the way FDS welcomes new members, and encourages them to have a go.



Katy Dyet (Silas Sly)

Katy joined FDS two years ago and in that time has appeared in no fewer than three pantos - and helped with the makeup. She has also been a Kit Kat Girl in **Cabaret**, and played Sybil in **Separate Tables**. "Although I like the fun roles, Sybil was the one I could get my teeth into. And I've really enjoyed being a simple, sly, dumb male as well"

Rob Thorpe (Ringmaster)

Rob enjoys singing and acting, and is a member of both FDS and Wantage Stage Musical Society. His first role with FDS was as the Bartender in **Clarence**, but he is also a talented artist, and has worked behind scenes on a number of sets for various productions. Indeed, the wonderful scenery in **Snow White** was all designed and created by Rob and his team of helpers.



Production team

Casting Support	Claire Forty
Publicity	Paul Mountford-Lister
Posters	Adrian Wells
Set Design	Rob Thorpe
Set Construction	Rob Thorpe, Paul Mountford-Lister, Karen Whiffen, Rebecca Whiffen, Cleve Forty
Costumes	Jeni Summerfield, Joan Lee
Sound	Gary Bates, David Campbell
Lighting	Ian Chandler, Rob Griffin
Prompt	Debbie Lock
Coordinator Backstage	Claire Pinkney
Make Up Coordinator	Mary Mountford-Lister and Mums
Stage Managers	Sharon Gerry, Tim Gerry
Chaperone Coordinator	Karen Whiffen
Front of House Coordinator	Denise Monk
Front of House Team	Lynda Bates, Tim Evans, Joyce Harrison, Dave & Jill Headey, Roger Leitch, Mary Mountford-Lister, Jim & Carole Tappenden, John & Ann Taylor, Lynda Wisbey
Choreography	Becca Lock
Gymnastics Advisor	Caroline Murphy-Hand
Circus Skills Advisor	Simon Faulks
Properties	Claire Forty
Tickets	Paul Mountford-Lister, Matthew Mountford-Lister
Programmes	Dave Headey
Video	Big Yellow Foot Company

The Magic Spell

"Mirror, mirror, help us we pray,
Mirror, mirror, open the way!"

Karen Whiffen (Director)

Karen has been a member of FDS since 1994, and first trod the boards as a chorus member in **Sleeping Beauty**. Since then, she has appeared in a range of productions, most memorably as a dancing wraith (who couldn't dance!) in **Arthur's Adventures**. **Snow White** is her second attempt at Directing – her first was **Cinderella**, for which FDS won 3rd prize in the ODN Panto competition. She wishes all cast and crew members lots of luck with this production.

Paul Mountford-Lister (Assistant Director)

Paul first appeared in FDS as a soldier in **Oh What a Lovely War**, and has since then taken on ever more important roles. This is his first time as a Director, and he has taken all his responsibilities very seriously, even attending a training course before taking on the position.

Chier Chang (Musical Director)

Chier has never been involved in a Panto before – indeed had never even seen one before last year! She thought it would be almost impossible to teach music all day, and work on the panto music too, but has managed to keep her sanity throughout! She wishes to thank the many friendly people in FDS for their continued help.

Becca Lock (Choreographer)

Becca has been involved in Faringdon Pantos since the age of 9, and has taken on many different roles, both with FDS and elsewhere. She played the Principal Boy last year in **Clarence**, but feels that her most challenging role to date was as Maria, in a school production of **West Side Story**. She studies Dance at Swindon New College, and has recently passed her Student Dance Teacher exam.

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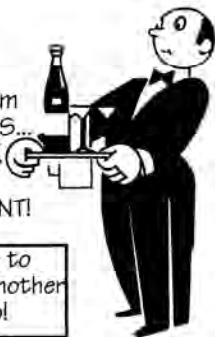
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