

Faringdon Dramatic Society

The SNOW  
QUEEN  
- A Winter's Tale

by Peter Webster

30<sup>TH</sup> ~ 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

6<sup>TH</sup> ~ 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

CURTAIN: FRI/SAT 7:30 PM SAT MPT. 2:30PM

FARINGDON JUNIOR SCHOOL



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# The Snow Queen

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Carlo is a market trader, who really believes that the customer is always right; he is unfailingly cheerful – nothing is too much trouble. His only problems are his rather dotty mum Nelly, and that he cannot find the courage to tell his best friend Gloria how much he cares for her. His patter is overheard by the Snow Queen who is bitter, as she believes that she, and not her sister, should be the Sun Queen. Her vision of a perfect world is a land of perpetual winter and she resolves to start spreading her chilling message using her magic mirror fragments, starting with Carlo as he represents everything she hates.

Carlo is tricked into getting some of the mirror fragments into his eyes; his personality changes and he is lured away to the Snow Queen's icy kingdom on the promise of power and riches, which he must earn by spreading her message throughout the world. Gloria discovers his disappearance and resolves to rescue him. But can Carlo be turned back to his cheery self? Can he win Gloria's hand? Will warmth and sunshine ever return to the world? All will be revealed.....

## **Act One**

- Scene one – the Market Square
- Scene two – Somewhere out of town
- Scene three – the Market Square
- Scene four – the Snow Queen's kingdom
- Scene five – the Market Square

## **Act Two**

- Scene one – Somewhere in the North
- Scene two – in Fantasyland
- Scene three – the Market Square
- Scene four – in Fantasyland
- Scene five – the Snow Queen's kingdom

## Cast:

The Snow Queen	Amanda Linstead
Jackie Frost } <i>the Snow Queen's</i>	Katie Dyet
Jill Frost } <i>henchwomen</i>	Verity Roberts
Carlo	Seb Allum
Gloria	Andrea Smith
Nelly - <i>Carlo's mother</i>	Helen Thrower
Eleanor/ <i>the Sun Queen</i>	Yvonne Kelly
The Raven	Dominic Allum
Pinocchio	Joseph Armer
Gepetto	Sean Hodgson
Christa - <i>a robber girl</i>	Kiannah Naruszewicz
Cinderella	Ellie Hickman
Prince Charming	Eve Warner
Peter Pan	Leo Thrower
Wendy	Lottie Allum

## Orchestra:

Torin Brown - drums  
Emma Butcher - flute  
Stephanie Gammon - flute  
Richard Lock - guitar  
Debra Warner - piano  
Martin Waymark - bass guitar

Director - Peter Webster

Musical director - Debra Warner assisted by Jayne Hoyland

There will be an interval of twenty minutes between acts during which refreshments will be served and (at evening performances) the raffle drawn.

### **The Ice Elves:**

Finlay Brand  
Charlie Broughton  
Henry Marlow  
Caitlin Nicholls  
Devon Sansom

### **The Roses:**

Kia Howard  
Millie Lovegrove  
Emma Smith

### **The Robbers:**

Kayleigh Booth  
Helen Tate  
Matthew Warner

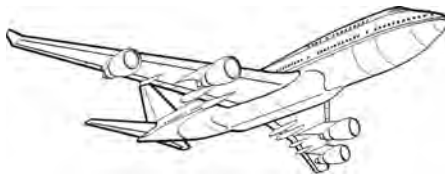
### **The Townspeople:**

Dominic Allum  
Lottie Allum  
Joseph Armer  
Julie Biggs  
Kayleigh Booth  
Lachlan Brand  
John Coffin  
Isabelle Dawson  
Benjamin Gee  
Daisy Gee  
Katie Goodwin  
Maisy Green  
Anna Handcocks  
Amanda Harvey  
Ellie Hickman  
Sean Hodgson

Kia Howard  
Millie Long  
Millie Lovegrove  
Kitty Marlow  
Poppy Mawdsley  
Kiannah Naruszewicz  
Katrina Naruszewicz  
Jake Nicholls  
Loren Nicholls  
Emma Riddle  
Emma Smith  
Sarah Smith  
Helen Tate  
Sam Tate  
Leo Thrower  
Eve Warner  
Matthew Warner  
Chloe Wright

## **Summer Holiday**

We're all going on a summer holiday,  
No more working for a week or two.  
Fun and laughter on our summer holiday,  
No more worries for me and you,  
For a week or two.



# Behind the Scenes

Producer/Co-director	Sandra Keen
Stage manager	Debbie Lock
Set design	Jo Webster
Set build	Jeff Barry, Gary Bates, Richard Lock, Alan Merrick, Austen Roberts, Peter Webster
Set decoration	Jo Webster, Gill Coffin, Amanda Harvey, Anna Marlow, Carole Tappenden, Helen Tate
Stage crew	Jeff Barry, Alan Merrick
Lighting	Ian Chandler, Paul Mountford-Lister, Tim Mountford-Lister
Sound	Gary Bates
Props	Ceri Baker
Choreography	Andrea Smith, Ellie Hickman
Wardrobe	Jeni Summerfield, Joan Lee, Lynda Bates
Make up	Mary Mountford-Lister, Becky Brand, Nancy Clayson, Julia Hill, Anna Marlow, Lyn Waugh
Prompt	Sandra Keen
Publicity	Fiona Merrick, Adrian Wells, Ian Lee
Programme	Dave Headey
Chorus co-ordinator	Ian Lee
Front of house co-ordinator	Sarah Couzens
Front of house team	Lynda Bates, Gary Field, Dave Headey, Fiona Merrick, Denise Monk, Shela Rowan, Carole Tappenden, Alan Taylor, Carolyn Taylor, Sarah Varnom

# The Principal Characters

## Amanda Linstead (The Snow Queen)

Amanda's first production with FDS was in **Daisy Pulls it Off**, followed by **Brush Up Your Shakespeare**, **Cabaret** (as Sally Bowles) and **Candleford** (as Dorcas Lane). We have seen her on stage recently in **The Odd Couple**, **Present Laughter**, **Wife After Death** and **Steel Magnolias**. This is her first role in a panto however, and she is very much enjoying being a "baddie"!



## Seb Allum (Carlo)



Seb has now been in eight FDS pantos, most recently as Alphonse in **The Scarlet Pumpernickel** last year, but this is his first one as "leading man"! Seb took two roles in last November's **Reflections** (a corporal and a second lieutenant) and has also performed for the Wantage Stage Musical Company, where he played Peter in **The Railway Children**. His dream is to become a professional actor and perform on a West End Stage. He hopes you enjoy the show!

## Andrea Smith (Gloria)

Andrea is a Dance and PE teacher, and we are pleased to welcome her back to FDS after two years – her last part was Florence in **Jack and the Beanstalk** and before that she took the title role in **Aladdin**. In the past Andrea has taken on other principal roles such as **Cinderella** and the **Sugar Plum Fairy** and her performance highlight to date was being chosen to represent her county in the Millennium Dome in 2000.



## Katie Dyet (Jackie)



Katie has appeared many times in panto, most recently as half of the horse Magnesia in **Jack and the Beanstalk** (2013), but has taken many roles in plays as well. In one role she didn't say a word, yet received critical acclaim – as the mute Loony Joe in **Candleford** - and was most recently in **The Odd Couple**, **London Suite** and **Wife After Death**. Katie is currently chair of FDS and has often worked behind the scenes.

## Verity Roberts (Jill)

Verity has taken leading roles in **The Importance of Being Earnest**, **Cold Comfort Farm**, and **The Odd Couple**, and was Hermia in 2013's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. She has now had significant parts in no fewer than six of our last eight pantos, most recently as the Dame (Mimi) in last year's **Scarlet Pumpernickel** – traditionally a male role but Verity made it her own. This year she is back on familiar ground as one of a comedy duo!





## Helen Thrower (Nelly)

Helen joined FDS for **Jack and the Beanstalk** in 2013, and she then took the role of Hippolyta in **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Truvy in **Steel Magnolias** and Madge in last November's **Reflections**. She has plenty of experience in drama, both at the Pegasus Theatre in Oxford and in schools where she has taught. At the Unicorn in Abingdon she has directed productions including **Robin Hood**, **Oliver Twist** and **Cats**, and last year's **Scarlet Pumpernickel**.

## Yvonne Kelly (The Sun Queen / Eleanor)

A relative newcomer to FDS, this is Yvonne's third stage appearance with us – she was the mysterious Simone de Boudoir in **The Scarlet Pumpernickel** last year, and Shelby in **Steel Magnolias**. Yvonne studied for a degree in Drama and Journalism in 2008 and now runs a soft play and party package hire company, as well as bringing up a family, so we hope she can find time for future productions!



## Peter Webster (Author & Director)

Although he is seen on stage from time to time, Peter is more likely to be found with a paintbrush or screwdriver behind the scenes. Or with a pen - he is a prolific author of pantomimes, including **The Snow Queen** and **Jack and the Beanstalk** which he directed two years ago. His last stage appearances were as the Baron in **Cinderella** (which he also wrote) and as Mr McGregor in **Reflections** last year.

## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank:

- **Faringdon Junior School** for their cooperation,
- **Faringdon United Church** for rehearsal facilities,
- **The Nut Tree** for ticket sales,
- **Parents** for fetching and carrying, and help with costumes and chaperoning

# Faringdon Dramatic Society

Faringdon Dramatic Society was formed over sixty years ago in 1948. Since then it has mounted around 150 productions, ranging from pantomime to dramas, comedies and Shakespeare. Recently we have carried off a number of awards including the NODA Flame Award for **Heroes** in 2010: 'for inspirational contribution to the pursuit of excellence in Theatre'.

Our current membership is 60, but new members are always welcome, and there are opportunities for backstage and front of house personnel as well as actors. For up to date details of the Society or membership please visit our website:

[www.faringdondramatic.org.uk](http://www.faringdondramatic.org.uk)

Or email us at [webmaster@faringdondramatic.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@faringdondramatic.org.uk)

Our next production will be **Office Hours** by Norman Foster, on **Fri – Sat 8th and 9th May**. This is being performed by members of **Garrison Little Theatre** on their third exchange trip to Faringdon. Foster is one of Canada's most popular playwrights and Office Hours is one of his funniest plays, so please do come and support them!



## **Community Choir in Faringdon**

*It's sociable, fun and rewarding*

Wednesday evenings, during term time

7pm - 8.30pm, School Hall, Ferndale House School, Bromsgrove, SN7 7JF

You don't need to read music and you don't need previous experience. All that matters is that you want to sing. The choir is led by Louise Woodgate, a local professional singer and teacher.

If you want to know more please phone 01367 240618, or just turn up. We'll be so pleased to see you!