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Hansel & Gretel

The Pantomime 2017

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Welcome to Probus Parish Player's 2017 Pantomime, Hansel and Gretel! We are delighted you could join us. We hope you enjoy the production, have a wonderful fun family filled evening and laugh your socks off... well not totally off because the weather is still quite cold!

Probus Parish Players all started with a lightbulb moment from Jeff and Jenny Townsend. After watching a small pantomime at St. Michaels Church in Newquay they wondered if Probus could do the same.

After a meeting where Rev Whitlock came on board, and with support from Probus Church, our first pantomime was showcased – Cinderella, January 1992.

25 years later and we are still entertaining and bringing our local community together.

Pantomime is not cheap to put on but we love it so much we are continually fundraising. Without all your support, we would not be here today, so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

We're always looking for new members to join our panto family whether it's behind the scenes or on stage.

If you are interested email us at probusparishplayers@outlook.com or message us on Facebook.



On behalf of everyone involved in this year's production we would like to thank our wonderful Chairman and Director for all their hard work. Not only are they extremely talented behind the scenes they aren't too shabby on stage either (pictured above, Cinderella 2012).

Enjoy and see you
at the bar for a
few bevviess!



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A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the Probus Parish Player's 2017 production of Hansel and Gretel. This is my first time writing this as chairman, I am normally on stage acting and dressing up! I am so proud to be part of an excellent, hardworking and devoted committee, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring you this production. They have been so helpful to me on my transition from acting person to chair-person and I thank them for that.

Of course, it would not be possible without the cast, chorus, crew and front of house team. There are some familiar faces and some you will not have seen on stage before. Since September they have spent many hours repeating line after line, singing and dancing until they know their parts off by heart and we have had some laughs on the way.

Our Stage Manager is a man of many talents and you as our audience will be well looked after by our welcoming front of house team. I would however like to single out one individual for praise, Megan Russell. Megan has performed in all our pantomimes since she was little. This year not only is she playing the part of Attrocia the witch, she has also taken on the role of director for the second year. She has worked hard putting the show together. Well done and thank you, Megan. I must also thank all of those, who have, in one form, or another supported Probus Parish Players over the year, for without them it would be difficult to put on a pantomime at all. Your support is very much appreciated.

Finally, please come and join us in the bar afterwards for an after show drink and meet some of the cast. All that remains for me to say is enjoy the pantomime and let us entertain you! Thank you for coming to see our pantomime, and don't forget to boo, hiss, cheer, the louder the better!

Julie Kennedy

"I love wine
too Julie!"



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The Director's Bit



Well, here we are again. Another year has flown by, and this time I return to the role of director as well as taking on the role of the wicked witch, Attrocia. This year has certainly been full of challenges and obstacles, but all them have been overcome with the support of my wonderful cast and committee. Once again, they have worked their socks off and I have had a blast. Without the incredible support I have received, I would not have been able to return to the stage as a performer.

I would like to take a moment here to mention two very special ladies who have supported the Probus Parish Players since the very beginning as founding members.

The first, who sadly passed away last year, is Jenny Townsend. Jenny was the director of my very first pantomime. How she directed an entire cast of under eighteens, I will never know. But she did it, and what a success it was! Even when Jenny was unable to perform with us, she, along with her husband, Jeff, watched every show and continued to support us in any way possible. The second person is our chairperson, Julie, who has worked tirelessly over the last twenty-five years, supporting and encouraging all of the cast and crew, particularly the younger members of the cast, myself included. Without her encouragement, I would not have taken on the role of director, and hope that with her help, the younger members of the cast will continue to take up back-stage roles.

And finally, I would like to thank you, our wonderful audiences, for supporting our shows and our fundraising events throughout the year. Without your support, none of this would be possible. We look forward to hearing you cheer, boo, hiss and laugh, and most of all, hope you enjoy the show!

Megan Russell



Pictured, from left to right: Jon Arnold, Dean Nolan, Julie Kennedy and Jenny Townsend.

Probus Parish Players are more than a group of people who act on stage - we are a family. We laugh together, cry together and share many memories together.

JENNY TOWNSEND

Jenny Townsend sadly passed away in June last year. She was, with her husband Jeff, a founding member of Probus Parish Players way back in 1991. Jenny took on various roles with the company, serving as a committee member, Director, and several roles on stage, including Baroness Har-dup in our very first pantomime, Cinderella in 1992, to a Fairy Queen. She performed alongside Alan Nicholls in Ali Baba as his wife, Rhum Baba. I have fond and fun memories of playing alongside her in Aladdin, as sisters Minnie and Winnie Wong, and again as her sister in Beauty and the Beast. We did look daft in those costumes as Candy and Flossy. To my panto sister with love. JK



ALAN NICHOLLS

Alan, who was a stalwart of the Probus Pantomime, died in January 2017. He was the driver behind panto over several years, holding a number of roles in the committee and backstage, before also trying his hand on stage.

Alan understood and handled the challenges of pulling the production together, juggling the demands of finances, the relationship with the Village Hall and all the less glamorous practicalities of the show.

I particularly remember Alan as Friar Tuck in Babes in the Wood, energetic, exuberant. And with the most orange of orange beards!

A good friend who will be missed. PD

As a wise bear once said, "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

Forest Fairy's Wordsearch

Z Z B C X H Z T F N R J M H L
N A M D A E R B R E G N I G O
P C D N S T C H B I R K D X L
T A S A K T T A D K H M P P I
H E H E Y D E R C M U Y B N P
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X G T I A F W L I S I Q K M L
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Can you find the 9 words associated with
this years pantomime?

Probus News

The Magazine for the Community

Wish great success to all members of

Probus Parish Players

For their 2017 Pantomime production of

Hansel and Gretel

Secretaries: Please support Probus News, YOUR village magazine by sending in reports and if possible, photographs of your meetings and events for publication. We need to know what's going on so we can publicise it for you. Reports and photographs should be sent to the editor at probusnews@probusvillage.com. The deadline for all copy is the 10th of each month.

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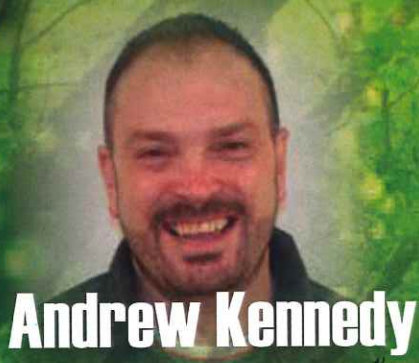
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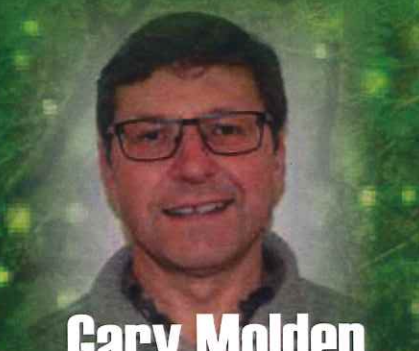
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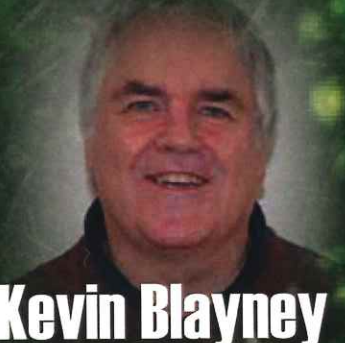
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Special thanks to Roger Miners for his assistance in preparation of the musical numbers, what a talented chap!

HANSEL & GRETTEL

BY NORMAN ROBBINS

Synopsis

Set in the village of Pumpernickel, the Forest Fairy and Attrocia, the Witch, battle for the villagers. Attrocia builds a gingerbread house to entice the children, Hansel and Gretel, but events stop short before they are eaten. Will Attrocia get her just desserts?

ACT 1

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| PROLOGUE | The Realm of the Forest Fairy |
| Scene 1 | The Village of Pumpernickel |
| Scene 2 | A Quiet Street |
| Scene 3 | The Village Fete at Siezitt Hall |
| Scene 4 | The Edge of the Great Forest |
| Scene 5 | A Clearing in the Village |

ACT 2

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Scene 1 | Back at the Village |
| Scene 2 | A Path in the Forest |
| Scene 3 | Outside the Gingerbread House |
| Scene 4 | Behind the Gingerbread House |
| Scene 5 | The Witch's Kitchen |
| Scene 6 | A Corridor in the Town Hall |
| Scene 7 | The Mayors Parlour and Finale |

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Musical Numbers

ACT 1

What Is This Feeling
We're All In This together
Tomorrow
All About That Bass
Come Little Children

Attrocia and the Woodland Fairy
Chorus
Karl, Lucy and Chorus
Dame
UV Dancers

ACT 2

Blame It On The Boogie
The Time Warp
Sweet Gingerbread Man
Whistle A Happy Tune
Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Chorus
Attrocia
Junior Chorus
Hansel and Gretel
Entire Cast



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