

Stage and Front of House Crew

Without whom, this production would not have been possible!
(so yes they are to blame!)

Director:	Leigh Conley
Assistant Director:	Kim Newton
Musical Directors:	Natalie Williams & Leigh Conley
Choreographers:	Sarah Williams; Moira Lucas; Taz Moores & Leigh Conley
Children's Directors:	Natalie Williams & Sarah Williams
Set Design:	Kim Newton & Leigh Conley
Set Construction:	Kim Newton; Piper Conley; Di Dowle & Leigh Conley
Lighting:	Nick Good & Team
Sound Controller:	Leigh Conley
Stage Manager:	Jim Pettiffer
Asst Stage Manager:	Diana Wraxall
Prompt:	Diana Swann
Hair & Make Up:	The Cast
Dame's Make Up:	Jane Tamone
Wardrobe:	The Cast
Childrens Liason:	Alyssa West
Official Stand In's:	Pam Fuller; Nick Zeiger & Moira Lucas
Box Office:	Hilary Baker
Front of House:	Myrtle Cheeseman & Friends
Promotional Artwork:	Jade Kidney
Poster Design:	Tim Muhl
Programme Design:	Leigh Conley
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The Bridport Pantomime Players & The Lyric School of Dancing for loan of children's and Miss Muffet's costumes.
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50p



November 24th,
25th & 26th 2011



THE STORY

The village of Pantoland is slowly being demolished to make way for a new bypass much to the delight of Pantoland's owner The Great Colin and his two henchman Bodgett and Scarper.

However the villagers of Pantoland take a different view to the demolition work and, led by popular local baker Dame Roid and her two sons Zipper and Simple Simon, they decide to fight back.

Along their journey they enlist the help of Miss Muffett and Cinderella the feisty manager of the local Londis. However a meeting with Mrs Smith from The Chideock Parish Council throws up more questions than answers, such as What is Colin really up to?; Whose side is Little Boy Blue actually on? And who is the mysterious Moira?

Will our heroes manage to save Pantoland, or is it really doomed forever?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

During this performance we are more than happy for you to boo the baddies; cheer the goodies and wolf whistle the Dame.

Infact the more participation the better!

We also have several well known songs, so please feel free to sing-a-long especially if you know the words (because that's more than the cast do!!)



AUTHORS INFORMATION

Tonight's pantomime has been written by Leigh Conley, with additional material by Kim Newton.

Leigh joined the Chideock Players 9 years ago playing Herr Flick in our very popular production of 'Allo 'Allo. Since then he has appeared in several plays, including his personal favourite Sandcastles where he played the obnoxious Stan Billet. Although Leigh has directed before, this is his first foray into writing.

Kim is a new member of The Chideock Players and apart from assisting Leigh with the writing has been very busy designing and painting tonight's set; tea making and cake baking. She is a very welcome addition to The Chideock Players and we wish both her and Leigh lots of luck for tonight!

PLEASE NOTE

We are very pleased to announce that a version of this pantomime has been optioned for future publication by Limelight Scripts.

<http://www.limelightscripts.co.uk/>.

SCENE DESCRIPTIONS

ACT ONE

SCENE 1 - The Village of Pantoland

SCENE 2 - Pantoland's Bus-stop

SCENE 3 - Dame Roid's Bakery

SCENE 4 - Outside the Village

SCENE 5 - Chideock Parish Council

SCENE 6 - Village Path

SCENE 7 - Colin's Bakery

ACT TWO

SCENE 1 - Colin's Bakery

SCENE 2 - Village Path

SCENE 3 - Dame Roid's Bakery

SCENE 4 - Pantoland Village

SCENE 5 - Dame Roid's Bakery

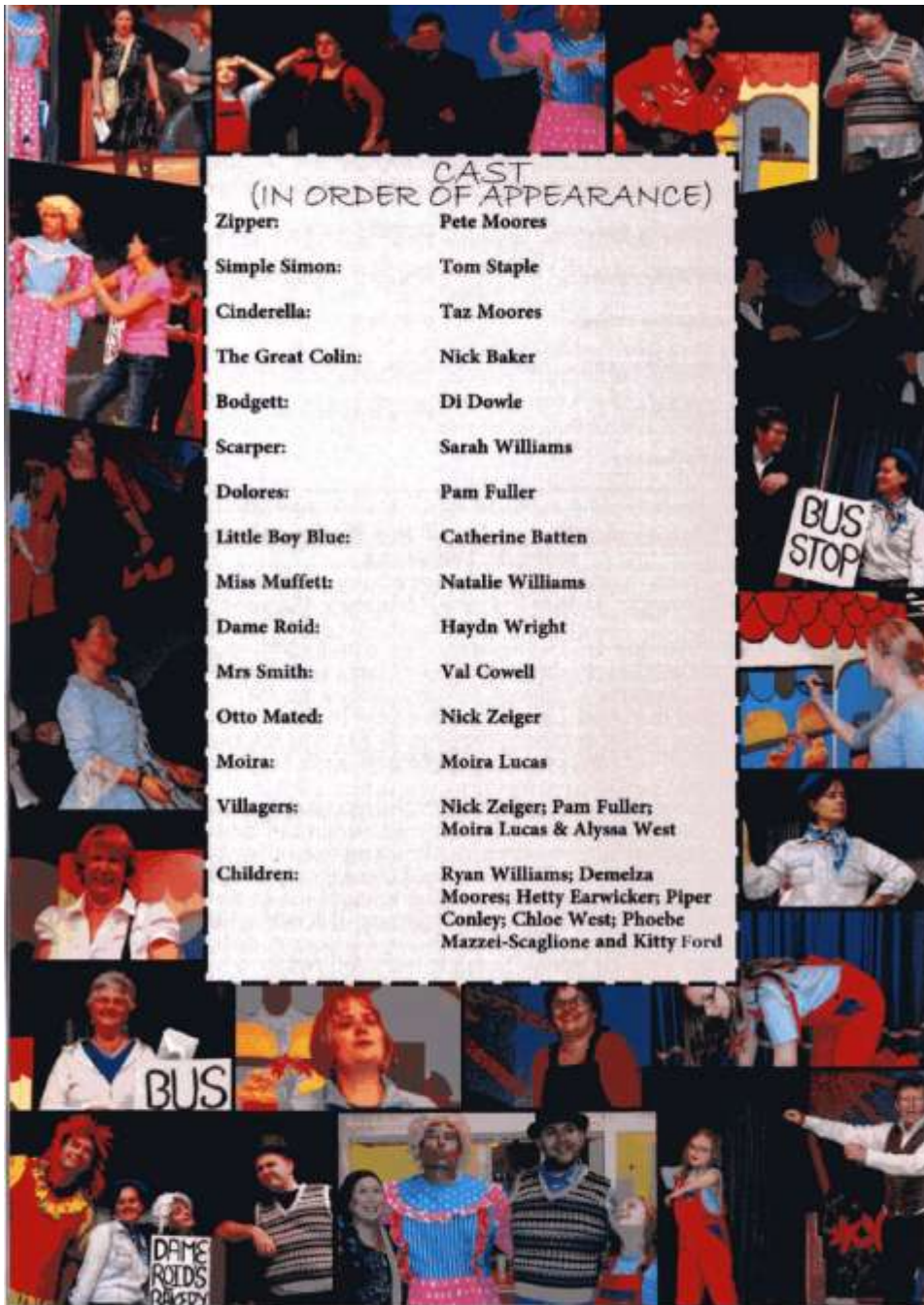
SCENE 6 - Finale

A bit of history and memoirs of the first pantomime by Natalie Williams

(AKA Little Miss Muffett and a well "seasoned" member of the Chideock Players!)

It wasn't until 1950 that the local community, who had for many years been putting on sketches or plays, decided to form an amateur dramatics group and adopt the name Chideock Players. Since the 1990's the group have endeavoured to put on 2 productions a year but due to falling membership, these performances have been difficult to maintain so the group has branched out into very successful one night only Murder Mystery evenings.

Our first pantomime was written by one of the true stalwarts of our group, Trixie Higham, in 1989. Trixie wrote her own version of Snow White and in particular I can remember a scene involving a coven of witches on Hardown Hill, one of whom, Diana Swann is tonight's prompt, plus it seemed to me that the cast included half the village! Even my own sister took part; we were the silly double act dreaming of a better life in the fast lane with the other yuppies of the time. Now, it's not my sister I'm acting alongside, but my own children - Sarah is truly following in my footsteps as she is part of tonight's silly double act! Snow White was my 3rd production with the group and I remember watching Trixie's face as Catherine Kingscott (now Batten) arrived for her first read through with the group. Trixie was wondering who'd play Snow White and in walked the perfect candidate - so perfect, that Catherine has actually played the role of Snow White twice! Another new face to the group in 1989 was Jim Pettifer who helped backstage, where you'll also find him tonight! Since then, both Jim and I have gone on to direct and produce shows for the group as well as performing on stage. I can therefore say, that I know just how hard Leigh has worked in bringing this original script to life - thanks Leigh - and I hope you enjoy the show!



CAST
(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Zipper: Pete Moores

Simple Simon: Tom Staple

Cinderella: Taz Moores

The Great Colin: Nick Baker

Bodgett: Di Dowle

Scarper: Sarah Williams

Dolores: Pam Fuller

Little Boy Blue: Catherine Batten

Miss Muffett: Natalie Williams

Dame Roid: Haydn Wright

Mrs Smith: Val Cowell

Otto Mated: Nick Zeiger

Moira: Moira Lucas

Villagers: Nick Zeiger; Pam Fuller; Moira Lucas & Alyssa West

Children: Ryan Williams; Demelza Moores; Hetty Earwicker; Piper Conley; Chloe West; Phoebe Mazzei-Scaglione and Kitty Ford



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Pete Moores is Zipper

Pete is a multi talented member of The Players having worked in every single possible position back stage, including Stage Manager, Lighting and Sound. When he is not back stage he is also a very accomplished actor having first performed as Edmund Timms in The Players 1994 production of Lark Rise. Pete is also a keen cyclist and an avid drummer and his favourite role was playing Leclerc in 2002's 'Allo 'Allo.

Nick Baker is The Great Colin

Nick has been a stalwart of The Chideock Players since 1993 when he was in the production of Aladdin. Since then Nick has been involved in every production either producing; directing or acting. That's an impressive run of 35 productions over 18 years, his favourite role of all being Ebenezer Scrooge in the 1998 version of the classic A Christmas Carol. As well as The Chideock Players, Nick has been involved with both the Symondsburly Players and St Gabriels.



Haydn Wright is Dame Roid

Haydn joined The Chideock Players 8 years ago as a Stage Assistant on Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the following year after a minor role in Daisy Pulls it Off, he was then cast in the larger role of Stephen Parker in Goodnight Mrs Puffin and it's this role he still looks back on fondly. Haydn was once a member of the band "Silver Lining" and is a very accomplished guitar player. Haydn has also performed several plays with The Symondsburly Players.



Taz Moores is Cinderella

Taz's first role for The Chideock Players was in The Crimson Coconut which was a small sketch during the 1992 review show 'This and That (and a Bit of the Other). In it she portrayed the often heard but never seen cookie! Since then she has been in numerous plays her favourite being Tell-Tale Murder. Taz always throws herself into any role; this was evident during her portrayal of Mimi Le Bonque in 'Allo 'Allo where it wasn't just Taz that was definitely seen!



Catherine Batten is Little Boy Blue

Catherine has been a member of The Chideock Players for 22 years having joined the group in 1989 playing Snow White in the production of the same name. Catherine has appeared in many productions, although she marks her portrayal of Yvette Carte-Blanche in 'Allo 'Allo as her highlight. As well as acting Catherine is also the longest serving member of our committee, having served for 10 years, most recently as Secretary.



Tom Staple is Simple Simon

This is Tom's first role for The Chideock Players and we are very happy to have him on board.

He has previously performed for The Bridport Pantomime Players in both Goldilocks and Jack and the Beanstalk and before that with The Bridport Musical Theatre Company for the productions of Anything Goes! and Showstoppers 1 where he played a very convincing 'Joliet' Jake Blues.



Natalie Williams is Miss Muffett

Natalie is most definitely tonight's longest serving member of The Chideock Players having joined the company, to perform in Mothers Talk a sketch as part of an entertainment evening, in 1987. Since joining she has been involved in many productions both as actress and in a producing and directing capacity, she marks 2002's 'Allo 'Allo as her favourite produced play and her role as The Wicked Witch in Jack and The Beanstalk as her favourite performance.



Val Cowell is Mrs Smith

Val is a well known figure around Chideock but has only been a member of The Players for 3 years, having joined to play the part of Ms Cowper in Cash on Delivery. During her short time with us she is extremely proud of her performance as Hattie in Winter Glory. Val joined the Players with over 25 years of amateur dramatic experience, having acted and directed with other groups previously.

Di Dowle is Bodgett

Di joined The Players in 2003 as The Ghost of Anne Boleyn in Goldilocks, she also provided props for this production and has since carved out a niche as a prop supremo. She has also performed in several plays, her complicated role of "Minnie" (Playing Banquo and Macduff's Son) in Farnedale Avenue's Macbeth being her favourite.



Di is also The Chairwoman for The Symondsburly Players.



Moira Lucas is Moira

Moira is a very well liked and prolific member of both The Chideock Players and The Chideock Community. Moira joined the players in 1997 playing a cannibal in Robinson Crusoe, since then she has been involved in many productions often playing a domestic servant! She has also successfully written and directed three pantomimes, as well as organising and directing two highly successful Murder Mystery evenings.

Sarah Williams is Scarper

Apart from being the youngest member of the cast tonight, Sarah is also one of the most talented being an accomplished dancer; tap dancer; ballet performer and violinist as well as recently winning her school's year 8 "X Factor" competition! Sarah has been performing with The Players since being dragged across the stage at the age of 2; however she counts her performance as a dancer in 2003's Goldilocks as her official debut.



Nick Zeiger is Otto Mated

Nick is very well known around Chideock having been involved in many important positions around the village for over 40 years; these have included holding a seat on the Chideock Parish Council and being the Chairman for The Village Hall. This is Nick's official debut for The Chideock Players although he claims that he has unofficially been a member for many years, as he has been cleaning up after us for some time!

Pam Fuller is Dolores

Pam is a relative newcomer to The Chideock Players having only performed with us twice before, first time in our Help the Heroes concert and the second was in our last play Chase me up Farnedale Avenue S'il Vous Plait in which she played the highly acclaimed feature role of front half of cow! Pam has previously been a member of Bristol's Unicorn Marching Band where she served 10 years as a member and an instructor.



Childrens Chorus

We could not produce our pantomime without the wonderful childrens chorus, who this year consisted of Ryan Williams; Demelza Moores; Hetty Earwicker; Piper Conley; Chloe West; Phoebe Mazzei-Scaglione; Holly Mazzei-Scaglione and Kitty Cavill. As usual the children have been highly professional and as well as thanking them we would also like to send a huge thankyou to their parents for their continued support.