

## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

- 1974** Cinderella Charleston
- 1975** Jack and the Beanstalk
- 1976** Turn again Scrooge
- 1977** Turnabout
- 1978** Ghoul, Frankenstein and Mirth
- 1979** Idol Days
- 1980** Superdame
- 1981** Way Out West
- 1982** Acropolis Now
- 1983** Sir Merryman
- 1985** Backstage
- 1986** Haggis in Wonderland
- 1987** Dame Sherlock
- 1988** Jack and the Beanstalk
- 1989** Pantomummy
- 1990** Cindy-Ella
- 1991** Oedipuss in Boots
- 1992** Way Out West
- 1993** Snow White
- 1994** Home Alone III (A Lad in London)
- 1995** P.A.N.T.O.O.7.
- 1996** Dick Whittington
- 1997** Ready Steady Goose
- 1998** Robin Hoodlum
- 1998** Turnabout
- 2000** The Millennium Dame



## the mitre players

present a pantomime for all the family

by Paul Beard & Colin Warnock

# THE MILLENNIUM DAME



At Trinity School, Shirley Park  
Thursday 13th To  
Saturday 15th January 2000  
at 7.30pm [Sat matinee at 3pm.]

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Summer production will be:

# THE COUNTRY WIFE

By William Wycherley



We will be performing this classic restoration comedy romp at the spectacular, world famous outdoor Minack Theatre, Cornwall during the first week of August, with performances in Croydon during the week commencing 17th July.

Auditions for this challenging production, directed by Martin Tyrrell, are at the Old Mid Whitgiftian Clubhouse, Sanderstead on Sunday 23rd January 2000 starting at 7.30 p.m.

If you would like more details of either the play or the auditions, please contact our secretary, Martin Garnett on 0181 650 7882.

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



What a pleasure it is to welcome you to the Mitre Players' Christmas Pantomime **The Millennium Dame**. I always enjoy the Mitres' pantomimes since they have their own (now traditional) way of being slightly offbeat. Having been involved in nearly all of these for over twenty-five years, I can honestly say that we are doing our bit for the new Millennium in the way of recycling. We haven't wasted any joke that has life left in it!

This evening's show brings panto right up to date and 'borrows' many popular characters from other shows to bring them all together in this extravaganza for the new Millennium. It is another of our home-grown productions, written by two of our members, Paul Beard and Colin Warnock.

Following on from our recent successful productions of **The Boy Friend** and **Habeas Corpus**, our next production will take place at our base, the OMWA clubhouse in Sanderstead from 26th to 28th April 2000 and will consist of a one act play and also a revue put together by Colin 'Mr. Music Man' Warnock, who just happens to have written most of tonight's tunes. Please do come and support us. After that, in July, we shall be performing the classic restoration comedy "**The Country Wife**" both in Croydon and at the world famous outdoor Minack Theatre in Cornwall. Further details of these and other Mitre activities will be sent to "Friends" and Members and will be found on our-soon-to-be-launched Web Site. ([www.themitreplayers.com](http://www.themitreplayers.com))

I hope you all enjoy tonight's show and will join in the fun. What's that? Oh yes you will.....

Andy Thompson.  
Chairman.

## TRINITY SCHOOL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TSPC  
AND THE SIXTH FORM COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING

# "A Midsummer Night's Ball"

Saturday 24th June 2000

Champagne Reception - marquee - three course dinner  
Four live bands - disco - fireworks - and much more  
Tickets will be available from February 2000 from the School Office

## THE PRINCIPALS

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**The Master of Ceremonies**

**The Millennium Bug**

**Fairy Nuff**

**Gloria Twanky**

**Idle Jack**

**Cinderella**

**Doctor Watt**

**Daft Moll**

**Anarchy Skystalker**

**Dick Whittington**

**TDS2**

**King Rudolph**

**Princess Ah-Me-Darling**

**Puss in Boots**

Michael Cheesman

Warwick Jones

Julia Gibbs

Ian Brown

Graham Read

Fiona Rae

Fraser Macdonald

Julia Ascott

Dave Price

Katherine Bottomley

Richard Jones

Alex Greenslade

Lorraine Titchener

Mary Holton

## THE PANTO CHORUS

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**The Genie of the Lamp**

**Peter Pan**

**Little Bo Peep**

**Robinson Crusoe**

**Sleeping Beauty**

**Aladdin**

**Little Red Riding Hood**

**The Beast**

**Gretel**

**Little Miss Muffet**

**The Snow Queen**

**Hansel**

**Snow White**

**Tinkerbelle**

Robert Anderson

Sophie Ascott

Carolyn Backway

Peter Bramwell

Louise Canfield

Paul Cohen

Naomi Eagers

Alex Greenslade

Megan Harries-Rees

Claire Jackson

Margaret Stockwell

Lucy Thompson

Lorraine Titchener

Natassja Williams

## THE SEVEN DWARFS

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Nathan Ascott, Oliver Ascott, James Backway, Ciara Daly, Grace Eagers, Benjamin Warnock,  
Stephen Willmington

*The Mitre Players would like to thank the Governors and Headmaster of Trinity School for allowing us  
to perform 'The Millennium Dame' in 'Big School'.*

## SCENES AND SONGS

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### ACT ONE

#### OVERTURE

#### SCENE ONE

#### THE PANTOMIME VILLAGE

Nice

Aunt Gloria's Munchy Bits

Seven Dwarfs Named 'Oi'

The Panto Chorus

Twanky, Jack, Cinderella & Panto Chorus

Twanky, Watt, Jack, Cinderella, Snow White & The Dwarfs

#### SCENE TWO

#### THE PLANET VULGAR

You Know Best

Moll, Anarchy & Chorus

#### SCENE THREE

#### THE PANTOMIME VILLAGE

The Pantomime Song

We're on the Watch

The Panto Chorus

Dick, Jack & Policemen

#### SCENE FOUR

#### THE FLIGHT DECK OF THE 'DARK DESTROYER'

Nasty but Nice

Moll & Anarchy

#### SCENE FIVE

#### THE PANTOMIME VILLAGE

A Fine New Panto Morning

Beyond the Sky

Cinderella & Panto Chorus

Dick, Cinderella, Jack, Watt & Panto Chorus

*There will be an Interval of twenty minutes between Act One and Act Two  
(Refreshments will be available)*

### ACT TWO

#### ENTR'ACTE

#### SCENE ONE

#### DR. WATT'S LABORATORY

It's so Good to be Alive Today Dick, Cinderella, Jack, Watt & Panto Chorus

#### SCENE TWO

#### THE FLIGHT DECKS OF THE 'TITAN ICE' & 'DARK DESTROYER'

Seeing Stars

Cinderella

#### SCENE THREE

#### THE RED PLANET

Alien Rock

Dick, King Rudolph, Jack & Chorus

#### SCENE FOUR

#### THE CELL CHAMBER WITHIN THE 'DARK DESTROYER'

We're Getting Out

Twanky & Princess Ah-Me-Darling

#### SCENE FIVE

#### THE PLANET VULGAR

Love to Show you Panto

The Burger Song

The Company

Twanky, King Rudolph, Princess Ah-Me-Darling,  
Robinson Crusoe & Aladdin

#### SCENE SIX

#### THE PANTOMIME VILLAGE

The Millennium Song

The Company

**KATHERINE BOTTOMLEY ( Dick Whittington)** Katherine has been in the Mitre Players since 1993 but it's the first time she's been a Dick on stage. This is in contrast with other roles which include a rat, a lesbian vampire, the eldest juvenile lead (is this still true?) and assorted showgirls. However, none of those wore thigh length boots!

**PETER BRAMWELL (Robinson Crusoe)** This is Peter's fourth panto with the Mitre Players, having played Eliot Mess in **Robin Hoodlum** two years ago. He appeared as Tony in the summer production of **The Boy Friend** but he's a bit worried about this show's casting as he thinks the Mitre Players are telling him to get lost.

**IAN BROWN (Gloria Twanky)** A Mitre Player since 1983, Ian is world famous for his portrayal of upper class twits. Further talents have now been realised and he is delighted to be playing Pantomime Dame. Ian's directorial debut for the Mitre Players was **The Boy Friend** last summer – getting everyone else to be upper class twits.

**MICHAEL CHEESMAN (Master of Ceremonies)** As this is his smallest Mitre pantomime part, Michael is really enjoying himself. It gives him something to do in the Millennium – he can't think of anything better!

**LOUISE CANFIELD (Sleeping Beauty)** This is Louise's fourth pantomime with the Mitre Players. She has also been involved in the Mitre productions of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** and **Quasimodo**.

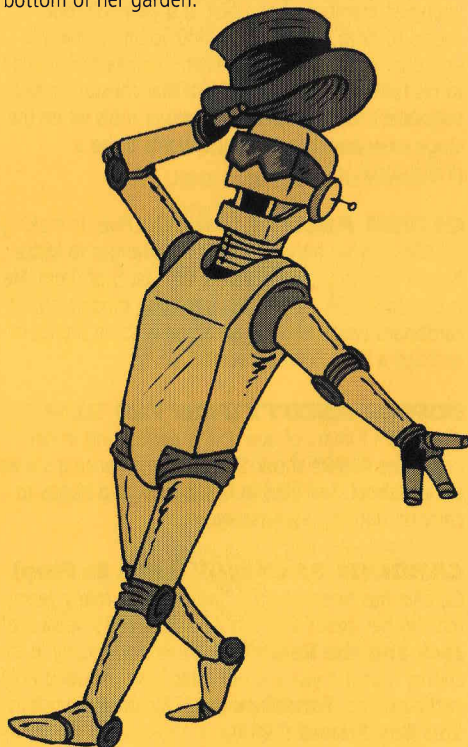
**PAUL COHEN (Aladdin)** Paul has been with the Mitre Players for 3 years, appearing in two previous pantomimes and two touring shows. He also performs with various other companies and previous parts include Barnaby Tucker in **Hello Dolly**, Fyedka in **Fiddler on the Roof** and Tommy Djilas in **The Music Man** to name but a few.

**CIARA DALY (Dwarf)** This is Ciara's first time performing with the Mitre Players. She is 6 years old and attends Margaret Roper Primary School. She enjoys singing and dancing and has had great fun being a Mitre Player.

**GRACE EAGERS (Dwarf)** This is Grace's second pantomime. After starting rehearsals she has decided that she wants to become an actress and at the age of 8 she has already got dramatic tantrums down to a T. She has thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to be in this year's pantomime and can't wait for next year.

**NAOMI EAGERS (Little Red Riding Hood)** Naomi made her debut in the Mitre Players in **Ready Steady Goose**. She then went on to appear in **Robin Hoodlum** and this is her third pantomime. Between rehearsing pantomimes she has grown 3 inches (upwards), passed 10 GCSEs, left her all girls' school (oooh) and is now studying A Level Human Biology, Psychology and Sociology. She can now explain what makes you move, what you are thinking and what peer group pressure is currently affecting you.

**JULIA GIBBS (Fairy Nuff)** Julia waved her wand early in rehearsals to ensure that someone else gets the custard pie this year! Her fairy castle was recently featured on BBC Home Stories and if you ask her very nicely she may give you a tour of the bottom of her garden.



**ALEX GREENSLADE (The Beast and King Rudolph)** As the Mitre's resident linguist for the past fifteen years, Alex first appeared as a German in **Cabaret** and recently as a Frenchman in **The Boy Friend**. In his first panto for nine years, this time he is relieved not to be appearing as a foreigner (from this planet at least!).

**MEGAN HARRIES-REES (Gretel)** Megan is 11 years of age and has been in the Mitre Players all of her life. She has appeared in many productions such as **The Sound of Music** and **Merrily We Roll Along**. She has also been in quite a few pantomimes.

**MARY HOLTON (Puss in Boots)** Mary has been in the Mitre Players since the original **Way Out West**. Her favourite role to date has been Mustard Seed in **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at the Globe theatre. A trusted and gifted painter, she has been allowed to paint most of the black on the set.

**CLAIRE JACKSON (Miss Muffet)** This is Claire's first appearance with the Mitre Players and she is very pleased to have had the opportunity to choreograph several of the numbers. She is also a member of CODA and has appeared in a number of shows including Martha in **A Christmas Carol**, Charlotte in **Oliver** and, most recently, **Starship Pina 4**.

**RICHARD JONES (TDS2)** This is Richard's second Mitre show having played Roly in last year's **Turnabout**. In between he has been a 'Fairy' with the Trinity Boys' Choir in Rome – a three week period about which he is uncharacteristically quiet!

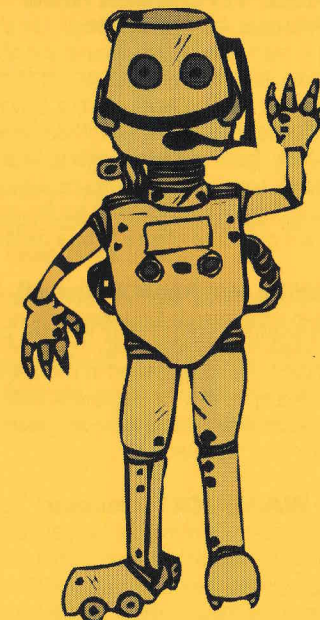
**WARWICK JONES (The Millennium Bug)** This is Warwick's first panto for 10 years. Like pantomime itself, he has not altered over those years; this is another way of saying he has still not learned either to sing or dance.

**FRASER MACDONALD (Doctor Watt)** Pantomime is nothing new to Fraser – he does teach at Trinity after all! Past performances include Dame and King Rat. This year, having piped in the New Year for the Old Boys, he is busy playing Doctor Watt, the mad inventor in Millennium Dame. Any similarity to the Trinity Science Department is purely coincidental.

**ANNE MORLE (Designer)** Anne's designing skills have been sorely missed since **Superdame** in 1980. Since then Anne has 'produced' Heloise and Nathalie, two of our young scenic artists and has been heavily involved with their school productions. Her legendary breeze block set for **Abelard and Heloise** will be remembered by many, including the entire stage crew at the Ashcroft Theatre.

**DAVE PRICE (Anarchy Skystalker)** Dave has been the villain in so many shows now, the Mitre Players figured it was high time they actually cast him as one. Dave can't remember how many shows he's been involved with but reckons it's either not enough or far too many depending on what you think of him. The highlights, according to Dave, are **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, **Man of La Mancha** and being fantastically rude – albeit in rhyming slang – in **Home Alone III - A Lad in London**. Dave would love to have a beer with all of you!

**FIONA RAE (Cinderella)** Fiona is really pleased to be playing the part of Cinderella. Her mother is also pleased as she feels it might encourage her to tidy up around the house more. Other parts in the area include Jane in **Salad Days**, Belle in **A Christmas Carol** and recently Louisa in **The Fantasticks**.



**GRAHAM READ (Idle Jack)** This is Graham's eleventh panto (what a glutton for punishment!) but even though he is on the wrong side of thirty, is still young enough to play juvenile lead. This year he has played Gary in **A Slice of Saturday Night** and Pierre in **The Boy Friend**. His favourite panto roles have been the Dame in **Ready Steady Goose** and Jack in **Snow White**. In his spare time he teaches primary children in Woldingham.

**MARGARET STOCKWELL (The Snow Queen)** Margaret first appeared with the Mitre Players in the Christmas 1982 pantomime **Sir Merryman**. She is the only person to have been in the cast of all 13 of our touring shows, usually in the chorus, but occasionally she has been given lines to say. Her most recent notable performance was as Lady Brockhurst in our touring production of **The Boy Friend**.

**LUCY THOMPSON (Hansel)** Lucy Thompson has been in the Mitre Players all her life and has starred in many of their productions as part of the Children's Chorus. Now (being 12 years old) she is able to be in the Adults' Chorus. She hopes to be in many more productions and hopes you enjoy the show.

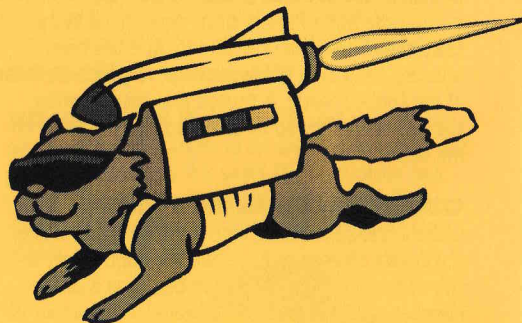
**LORRAINE TITCHENER (Snow White/Princess Ah-Me-Darling)** Lorraine has appeared in many productions around and about the Croydon area, but this is only her second Mitre Pantomime. She has had much practice at playing the 'good' character, some of which have been with CODA, namely Carrie in **Carousel** and Jane in **Salad Days**. Lorraine is thrilled to be playing a Princess and Snow White but longs for the day when someone will give her a chance to be a baddie!

**BENJAMIN WARNOCK (Dwarf)** Nine year old Benjamin attends Ridgeway Primary School in Sanderstead. He also learns tap, modern and musical theatre. He has appeared in two television commercials and models for magazines. Benji likes drawing and WWF wrestling. When he grows up he wants to be boat designer.

**COLIN WARNOCK (Composer)** Colin has spent almost every Christmas for the past 26 years writing music for the Mitre Players. At the time of writing he is, as usual, wondering why! However, by the time you read this, he will be loving it, loving it all!

**NATASSJA WILLIAMS (Tinkerbelle)** Natassja is 12 years old and lives in Chislehurst. Natassja has been doing performing arts since she was young and has acted and danced in many shows. She was also involved in LWT Audience with the Spice Girls. Natassja's first priority is dancing and performing. She is happy in the Mitre Players' show and has enjoyed it.

**STEPHEN WILLMINGTON (Dwarf)** Stephen is 9 and attends Ridgeway Primary School. He has two older sisters who go to Coloma. His hobbies are football, tennis and wrestling. He has thoroughly enjoyed his first stage performance and looks forward to next year's pantomime – if he's in it!



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## PRESIDENT

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## 1999/2000 COMMITTEE

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Martin Garnett

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Julia Ascott

### Additional Members

Gillian Bartle

Ian Brown

Julia Gibbs

Anna Warnock

## COME AND JOIN US!

The Mitre Players are a very friendly and sociable society, presenting 4/5 productions a year. Putting on a production not only requires people on stage, but also involves a great deal of hard work behind the scenes. We design and build our own sets, paint our scenery, and have even been known to make our own props and costumes.

We would welcome any new members so if you have any aspirations to act, sing or dance, we would like to hear from you. If

you prefer to remain behind the scenes, building, lighting, painting, shifting scenery, making costumes, making props, (especially making tea!) we would still like to hear from you.

Most of our rehearsals take place at the Old Mid-Whitgiftian Clubhouse in Sanderstead. The bar facilities at the Clubhouse lend a social and convivial atmosphere to our rehearsals.

For further information about the Mitre Players CONTACT JULIA ASCOTT 0181 239 1010.