

Robin Hood

West Wickham Pantomime Society

Wickham Hall

Friday 12th January 2018

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All right ? It wasn't just All right it was Fantastic !!!!!

"I have seen hundreds of Panto's over the years and didn't think I could be surprised –Robin Hood moreover did! It was top-class amateur theatre at its best; it relied on the professionalism of the actors and its Director **James Harrison- Baker**. The story is great, but what I particularly enjoyed was the sheer professionalism and phenomenal singing by the leading characters. I cannot recommend this Panto at West Wickham enough.

The musical numbers under choreographer **Sally Warsop** looked effortless and every one that had to dance and tap did so with ease. Wonderful. With the most exquisitely hand painted scenery, ably assisted by the lighting and sound crew showering the cast with just the right amount of light as the story unfolded. From the opening number until the final curtain the costumes were a feast for your eyes. Technically sound as per usual by **Mike and James Simpson**..

Casting was exquisite led by the very strong principals in the guise of **Ellie Chapin** (Maid Marion) who looked every inch a lead, with a beautiful singing voice fit for any stage. as did **Adrian Morrissey** (Robin Hood) and **Amanda Farrant**. (Mandragora) Amanda was teamed with **Darren Haley** as a nice camp Sherriff of Nottingham. (Much) **David Warsop** entertained throughout with his wit involving the audience whenever he appeared along with **Tony Dunne** as the rotund Dotty Doughtworthy looked every inch a Dame.

There was a very strong cameo role from **Phil Burns** as Little John well done to him on his knees, but I thought could had stood up at his bow. Other roles played by **Laura Harrison-Baker**, **Ellie Parrott**, **Rebecca Graydon**, **Philip George** (Fanfare Player) and **Paul Graydon**..

Once again an exquisite programme, West Wickham you succeeded again keep this professionalism up, as I'm sure you will.

Gordon Harris.

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