Cinderella

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SOCIETY West Wickham Pantomime Society

VENUE Wickham Hall, West Wickham

TYPE OF PRODUCTION Pantomime

DIRECTOR Mike Simpson

MUSICAL DIRECTOR Nicolas Grant

CHOREOGRAPHER Sally Warsop

Report

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Cinderella at The Wickham Hall on a Sunday is the place to go if you want to be entertained to a high standard. West Wickham Pantomime Society's production of Cinderella will enthral you whether you like pantomime or not...I do, so it's always a pleasure to visit them.

Director Mike Simpson, assisted by David Warsop along with Sally Warsop as Choreographer and Nicolas Grant as Musical Director, keep up the standard of this society. I wouldn't have expected anything else. All at West Wickham are so committed to the art of Pantomime. I've had to review a lot of pantos in the last few weeks and still some to come, but it's always a pleasure to drive to West Wickham to review theirs.

Starting with Suzi Sutherland's Fairy Godmother, Cinderella (Elle Parrott), Buttons (David Warsop), Uglies Mona (Tony Dunne) and Grizelda (Dawn Hughes) all gave us stunning performances in these roles, supported by Barry Nichols as Baron Hardup, a very wicked step mother (Michelle Graydon), and solid performances from Zac Day and Vicky Kalber as Chamberlain and Dandini. We must not forget the love interest Prince: Phil Burns - this man has a great stage presence and he demanded our attention whilst on stage, as did David Warsop as Buttons. Costumes as per usual were superb, the hunting scene with the red riding gear and great choreography from Sally Warsop.

Musical direction by Nicolas Grant was very slick and well rehearsed, lighting was spot on from James Simpson, all brought together by good sound by James Mercer. Stage Manager Mike Simpson is a man of many talents being Director and Stage Manager - such a good job done Mike.

Well done once again West Wickham, you should all be very proud of your production of Cinderella.

