

Group: West Wickham Pantomime Society



Show: The Pied Piper

Venue: Wickham Hall West Wickham

Director: Lin Harrison

Stage Manager: Phoebe Ellis

Musical Director: Nicholas Grant

Choreographer: Sally Warsop

Lighting: James Simpson

Date: January 2026

My first visit to see West Wickham Pantomime Society was a thoroughly enjoyable one, with The Pied Piper delivering everything you would hope for from a traditional pantomime and more. From the moment we arrived at Wickham Hall, both myself and my guest were made to feel extremely welcome, with special thanks to Paul for such a warm reception. That sense of community continued throughout the evening and was clearly reflected both on and off the stage.

The production itself was slick, well-paced, and full of energy. The jokes were delivered confidently and landed well, keeping the audience fully engaged. The response from the audience was lively and enthusiastic, with plenty of laughter, cheering, and participation. It was clear that many family members and friends had come along to support the cast and were thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Rather than singling out individual performances, it must be said that the cast worked brilliantly as a whole, with everyone clearly on top form. Traditional pantomime elements were embraced throughout, creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere that appealed to all ages. The choreography was particularly strong, giving the younger members of the society the opportunity to shine and contribute confidently to the overall production.

Technically, the show was well supported by a dedicated backstage team. Despite a few microphone issues, these were handled efficiently, ensuring the performance continued smoothly and without disruption. The overall presentation was polished and well organised, a testament to the hard work happening behind the scenes.

This was a joyful and welcoming production that showcased the strength of community theatre and the spirit of pantomime. Congratulations to the cast, creative team, and everyone involved in bringing The Pied Piper to life. Well done all!

Adam James on behalf of Gordon Harris.
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