

**SPRING GROVE FRINGE - 2023**



**CAMELOT - THE PANTO**

**FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 8.00PM**  
**SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2.30PM**  
**SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM**

**ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE, KT1 2SU**

**CHARITY No. 1150982**

# CAMELOT THE PANTO

BY BEN CROCKER

Welcome back to the Spring Grove Fringe Panto - it's been three long years. After you have enjoyed the show, you will no doubt be looking for a weekend break - preferably as far away as possible.

Tripadvisor recommends Camelot - a hidden gem for the discerning tourist. For a gastronomic treat, it recommends 'La Table Ronde', where head chef Prince Arthur offers a range of dishes inspired by his very own knights (regrettably no longer able to be with us): Tristan Tartare, Galahad Goulache, Langue de Lancelot. The experience will be unforgettable.

If it's a family holiday with the children, be sure not to miss the Tangled Wood World of Misadventures. Matron Morgan le Fay will have your children screaming with excitement. The sink-hole mini golf course is so absorbing that no-one comes back for more. Free-fall skydiving from the romantic battlements gives them the ultimate experience without the encumbrance of a parachute. Junior jousting has removed the danger of annoying splinters by using only the finest surgical grade steel lances. Parents can relax while their over-excited children are taken off their hands.

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Directed by	Amanda Shaw & Nigel Duffin
Front of House	Tessa Kind & Roger Chown
Choreography	Suzanne Nail & Charlotte Quarmbury
Costumes	Jenny Robson & Jo Need
Make up	Emma Nail
Stage Manager and Props	Helen Dawson
Assistant Stage Managers	Alison King & Allan Lloyd
Prompt	Jo Need
Sound	Mark Springthorpe
Lighting	Nigel Duffin
Stage Crew	Gary Weston-Shaw
Bar	Jayne Britten, Al Britten, Laura Desmond, Roger Chown

# CAST

Mum, mother of Vladimir the Vicious and Queen of the Tangled Wood	Matt Sexton
Morgan Le Fay, evil sorceress	Lynn Charlton
Vladimir the Vicious, King of the Tangled Wood	David Hamilton
Merlin the Magician, ageing magician who is losing it!	Vronnie Birley
Laughalot, court jester	Nigel Bellwood
King Uther, father of Arthur	Chris Brookes
Arthur, romantic prince	Adrian Treloar
Guinivere, beautiful and feisty princess	Karina Ramnarain
Nell, her devoted and sensible handmaiden	Janice Smith
Connie, the Royal Chicken Keeper	Jonathan Nail
Cheeky, the Chicken	Cameron Weston-Shaw
Chicklet, the Chick	Thea Need
Harry, visible mercenary	Val Boyle
Larry, invisible mercenary	
Marlon, the Head, Merlin's alter ego	Suzanne Nail
Dave, the Snake	Bethany Birley
Evil Sisters, acolytes of Morgan Le Fay	Charlotte Quarmby, Betsy Brogan, Poppy Weston-Shaw
Cowardly Knights	Laurie South, Scott Milligan
Clock	Laurie South
Ghost	Suzanne Nail
Young Merlin	Daisy Jones
Bungling Bishop	Keith Glenly
Chorus	Betsy Brogan, Keith Glenly, Scott Milligan, Charlotte Quarmby, Laurie South

Craig Fortnam kindly gave us permission to use 'Twiddle Your Thumbs Mum' by Shrubbies.

# NATIONAL BRAIN APPEAL

Nick Sheldon, a loyal Spring Grove Fringe member and supporter for many years, died peacefully at home on 19th January 2023. Nick fought a long battle with a rare Fronto-Temporal Dementia and was a patient at and participant in many research projects at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery.

The National  
Brain Appeal  
Funding advances  
in neurology and  
neurosurgery

NEURO  
MUSCULAR  
STROKE  
EPILEPSY  
DEMENTIA  
ALZHEIMER  
PARKINSONS  
HIGGINS  
SPINAL  
MULTIPLE  
SCLEROSIS

Following this production, we will be making a donation to the National Brain Appeal.

The National Brain Appeal is the charity dedicated to raising vital funds for The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, and the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology. The vision is to improve the outcome and quality of life for the one in six affected by a neurological condition. This is done by funding pioneering research, providing access to the best technology for expert diagnosis and treatment, and training tomorrow's clinicians.

## 19/20 MAY - PRESENT LAUGHTER



Our next production will be 'Present Laughter', Noel Coward's comic play about an ageing, dilettante Thespian.

The play depicts a few days in the life of the successful and self-obsessed light comedy actor Garry Essendine as he prepares to travel for a touring commitment in Africa. Amid a series of events bordering on farce, Garry has to deal with women who want to seduce him, placate both his

long-suffering secretary and his wife, cope with a crazed young playwright, and overcome his impending mid-life crisis.

Coward admitted he wrote it to give himself a 'bravura' part and said it was 'not so much a play as a series of semi-autobiographical pyrotechnics'. Spring Grove Fringe cannot promise fireworks but we can promise our usual fun-filled evening and delicious supper.