

Spring Grove fringe ... 2026

1001 Arabian Nights

... and a Matinée

Friday 6th February, 7:30 pm

Saturday 7th February, 2:30 pm

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St John's Parish Hall,
Grove Lane, KT1 2SU



Charity No. 1150982

1001 Arabian Nights ... and a matinée

by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark
directed by Val Boyle and Lynn Charlton

Cast

Ali Barber	Becca Knifton
Singbad	Nigel Bellwood
Dame Barber	David Hamilton
Princess Bobastasia	Karina Romnarain
Princess Jasmina	Christina Martinez Alvarez
The Grand Vizier	Laurie South
Genie	Matt Sexton
Humpy, the Camel	Chris Brookes, Gabriel Brookes, James Farrant, Brian Shindler
Handmaidens	Jess Waterhouse, Sian Talbot, Darcey Steinet, Stella Gurney
Traders	Julia Becker, Linda Rhead, Charlotte Quarmby, Amanda Shaw
Guards	Roger Chown, Peter Freeman
Skeletons	Stella Gurney, Felix Gurney, Fabiana Kennedy, Noah Lyons



Scheherazade

Long, long ago in a distant kingdom under a starry sky, lived Scheherazade, daughter of the Royal storyteller. From her father, she learned tales of magical lamps, powerful genies, flying carpets and fabulous jewels. One dreadful day, in order to save herself from the anger of the wicked Sultan, Scheherazade told him a wonderful story, making sure to stop at the most exciting point. Later that night and for a thousand nights that followed, Scheherazade continued her stories, but always stopping just as the Sultan wanted to find out more.



Our pantomime tonight is a story that Scheherazade herself might have told.

There's Ali Barber, who is in love with the Princess (which one?), his Mum, Dame Barber and brother Singbad and Humpy, the very grumpy camel, There's a wicked Vizier who wants to rule the kingdom for himself and he'll do anything to get it! We meet a genie, skeletons and of course, all the folk who live in Baghdad. We have music, dancing and songs ... so feel free to sing along and don't forget to boo at the nasty Vizier!

Costumes	Jenny Robson
Sound	Adrian Treloar
Lighting	Nigel Duffin
Props	Helen Dawson
Stage Management	Sylvain de Filippi, Janice Smith, Cameron Weston Shaw
Prompt	Sarah Richardson
Front of House	Jilly Talbot, Ria Larcombe
Bar	Jayne Britten, Al Britten

Following this show, a donation will be made to the Alzheimer's Society.



From the moment someone starts worrying about their symptoms, Alzheimer's Society can be there for them.

Dementia Advisers provide critical support to people throughout their experiences with dementia. Their depth and breadth of knowledge mean that everyone affected by dementia can have personalised support that truly meets their needs.

The Alzheimer's Society looks to the future as well, investing in ground-breaking research into better ways of treating and caring for people with dementia.

Next Production ... May 15th and 16th

An evening of great drama, humour and Russian delights.

The Bear, and *The Marriage Proposal* are two one act plays by Anton Chekov which are small masterpieces.

Michael Green is well known for writing *The Art of Coarse Acting* amongst many other triumphs. His play, *The Cherry Sisters*, is an hilarious mash-up of *The Cherry Orchard* and *The Three Sisters*.

A leaking samovar also plays a leading role.

No doubt we will do them justice!



SGF is grateful to Big Yellow, New Malden, for assistance with storage for props, costumes and technical gear.

