

SPRING GROVE FRINGE - 2018

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# THE GREAT AMERICAN DREAM?

FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT 8.00PM  
SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

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

REG. CHARITY NO. 1150982

# The Great American Dream?

written, directed and produced by  
**Jenny Robson & Janice Smith**

“The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.” (*James Truslow Adams*)

“I have spent my life judging the distance between American reality and the American Dream.” (*Bruce Springsteen*)

“For many, the American Dream has become the American nightmare.” (*Bernie Sanders*)

Let us take you on a whistle-stop journey through 400 years of American history. From Plymouth Rock to Pennsylvania Avenue, we'll be exploring the characters, ideas and events that have influenced the American Dream. Like all the best dreams, who knows where this one will go?  
Sit back, relax and we'll wake you all up when we're done!!

“First, think. Second, dream. Third, believe. And finally, dare.” (*Walt Disney*)



## Act 1

I want to be in America	the Company
The Star Spangled Banner	Ross Jones
Introductions	Allan Lloyd
Squanto and the Puritans	Ross Jones, Veronica Birley, Scott Milligan
Sailing to Philadelphia	Jenny Robson, Scott Milligan
Clementine	Matt Sexton, Amanda Shaw
A wandering Star	Roger Chown
Cowboys & Cowgirls	
David Hamilton, Nigel Bellwood, Laurie South, Matt Sexton, Suzanne Jones, Jenny Robson, Janice Smith, Veronica Birley, Lynn Charlton	
Little Women	Amanda Shaw, Bethany Birley, Grace Brookes, Hannah Chen, Janice Smith

Gatsby and the Jazz age	Adrian Treloar, Allan Lloyd, Jenny Robson, Janice Smith, Grace Brookes, Hannah Chen, Veronica Birley, Nigel Bellwood
Of Mice and Men	David Hamilton, Laurie South
Herbert Hoover	Daisy Jones, Allan Lloyd

## INTERVAL – An Early Thanksgiving Dinner

### Act 2

New York	Jenny Robson, Daisy Jones, Allan Lloyd
The new Toaster	Janice Smith
Hello Muddah	Lynn Charlton
The Times are a-changing	Matt Sexton
I have a Dream	Martin Luther King, projected (1963)
San Francisco	Janice Smith, Hannah Chen, Grace Brookes, Bethany Birley, Veronica Birley, Nigel Bellwood, Scott Milligan
Mercedes Benz	Jenny Robson, Daisy Jones, Janice Smith
Immigration	Laurie South, Amanda Shaw, Lynn Charlton, Nigel Bellwood
The Star Spangled Banner	Ross Jones
Donald Trump	David Hamilton
Piano Man	David Hamilton and the Company
When you wish upon a Star	the Company

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Costumes and props	Jenny Robson, Janice Smith, Sandy Gavshon
Lighting	Nigel Duffin
Sound	Mark Springthorpe
Projection	Peter Case
Door, Front of House	Sandie Glennly
Catering	Amanda Shaw, Val Boyle, Mary Webb, Barbara Higham
Bar	Rod & Sandy Gavshon

## Our charities for this show

Following this production, donations will be made to Princess Alice Hospice, and Pets As Therapy.



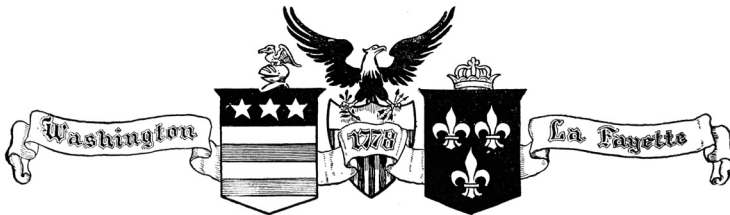
Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, cares for people living in a large part of Surrey, south west London and Middlesex. The hospice provides free care and support for patients and their families through illness and bereavement. This may affect any one of us at some point in our lives.

*"As a charity 74% of our income is generated by fundraising, retail operations, donations and legacies and it is only the ongoing generous support of the local community that makes it possible to do our work"*



Pets As Therapy is a national charity founded in 1983. "We enhance health and wellbeing in the community through the visits of trusted volunteers with their behaviourally assessed animals. We provide a visiting service in hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, special needs schools and a variety of other venues all across the UK.

"Our therapeutic visits: provide companionship and friendship and help to tackle loneliness; improve the lives of people suffering from debilitating mental and physical health conditions; improve literacy in children by developing their confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading."



### Next SGF production ...

#### **November 23rd/24th – 'A Bunch of Amateurs'**

Private Eye editor Ian Hislop and award-winning cartoonist Nick Newman have combined to write a very funny play about the pitfalls of amateur theatre when 'invaded' by a fading Hollywood film star who thinks he has been chosen to star in a production in Stratford On Avon, whereas in fact, he has unwittingly committed himself to 'King Lear' in Stratford St John in Suffolk.