

## BACKSTAGE CREW

DIRECTOR	MORAG UNDERWOOD
PRODUCER	DAVE BRIDGER
SCENERY & STAGE MANAGER	PETER FISHER
PROPERTIES	JOHN COATSWORTH VAL SMITH DAVE DYNDOR
CHOREOGRAPHY	VANESSA VICARS & KATHY QUINEY
BACKSTAGE RUNNER	ELEANOR SHEPHERD
MAKE UP	KATHY QUINEY & HER TEAM OF "LOVERLY LAIDIES"
LIGHTS & SOUND	PHIL BRIDGER
CREATION OF SOUND EFFECTS	JOE ADHEMAR
FRONT OF HOUSE	FLISS AND ZOE DYNDOR
REFRESHMENTS	ANDREW RIMMER
RECORDIST	MADDY BARNES
CURTAINS	MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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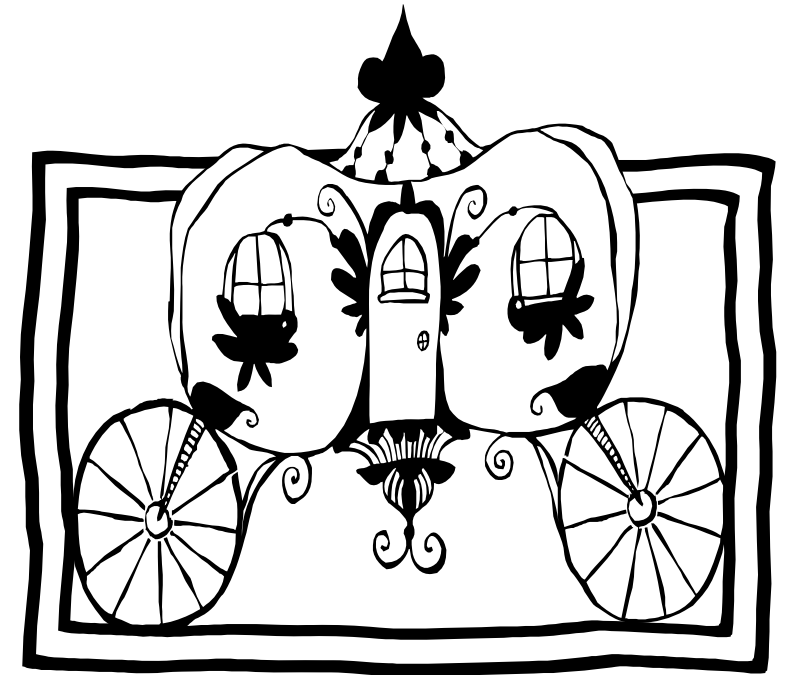
John and Geoff Watson for providing us with space on their land for our costume and props storage and for assisting with transport

The Reading Room for the loan of chairs  
The staff of Helmdon School for putting up with us  
Martin the caretaker for his patience and humour  
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James Gidman for the hire of the lights



Helmdon Bridge Players  
Present  
their  
20th Anniversary Pantomime  
**Cinderella**

CINDERELLA 2008



A pantomime by Derek Dwyer and Merlin Price  
adapted by Morag Underwood

Directed by Morag Underwood

## The Plot

The action takes place in Helmdon, a very special village in Northamptonshire. Baron Hardup lives in a big house but has very little money since his first wife tragically died and he married again to Edna Blowave. Edna has a need for a great deal of money.....both to satisfy her own greed and to fulfil her plan for world domination. The Baron's beautiful daughter, Cinderella, now has to take orders and insults from her new stepmother and stepsisters Marge and Morticia. Poor Cinders is downtrodden and miserable but life changes when Edna decides to appoint a new butler. Mystery and intrigue surround the new butler and Edna seeks a team of secret agents to uncover the truth.....but gets more (or less) than she expected. Will her plan succeed or will the British Secret Service come up trumps?

## The Bridge Players twentieth anniversary 2008

The Bridge Players formed in 1988 to put on their first village pantomime. Key players in the original group were Sue Wallace, David Derbyshire and Richard Watson. Sue established our wardrobe of costumes which has continued to serve us well, although the mice have successfully demolished a few items. Bryony Worthy, who is now a mother of two promising young actors aged 3 and 1, has been in almost every pantomime since our inception, only missing out when heavily pregnant! Scores of Helmdonites have passed through our clutches and are now sadly missed but we continue to evolve as a group and enjoy ourselves enormously. Over the years, the technological sophistication has changed. We have progressed from fairly crude manual sound effects and a few stage lights to an array of wires, speakers and fader desks that look very impressive. The lone pianist has developed into a full-blown band who put in hours of rehearsal time and become very accomplished. The original stage, carefully crafted by Tim Law, has rusted and rotted and been replaced by a more modern (but creaky) version. In addition to pantomime in December, our summer plays are produced in June each year and although they usually take place in the Reading Room we have, in the past, mounted open air plays at Fountain House.

In this production we are delighted that some old timers have been able to add their presence to the ball scene (without rehearsal)...Christine Duke on Friday night and David Derbyshire on Saturday night. Here's to 20 more years! .....and don't forget that if you would like to join us you will be made very welcome.

## The Cast

James Buttons	Fraser Turner
Baron Hardup	Paul Stothard
Edna Stavro Blowave Hardup	Becky Leitelmayer
Marge	Dave Bridger
Morticia	Gary Turner
Cinderella	Jess Quiney
Miss Funnypenny	Sue Blackburn
M (Head of M27)	Paul Underwood
Q (How does she do it?)	Nicola Dent
Bareback Bruce/Clint Tricep	Jonty Bridger
Dandini	Hector Sharpe
Odd-doc	Neil Smith
Peg and Pauline (the burglars)	Kate Blackburn and Georgia Crouch
Prince	Bryony Worthy
Ball scene extras:	John Coatsworth, Vanessa Vicars, Kathy Quiney, Derek Morris, Paul Underwood, Neil Smith
	Guest stars from yesteryear as announced
Footman	Lawrence Sharpe
Secret Agents and dancers:	Darcy Butler, Bethany Gordon, Bob Duncombe, Rhian Rimmer, Esme Earl, Shannon Smith, Jade Kent, Josie Pamment, Hannah Shepherd, Eleanor Ezzy, Daniel Ezzy, Amy Ruffley, Ben Humphrey, Emmy Haynes.

## The Band

Musical director & lead guitar	John Plunkett
Keyboards	Joe Adhemar
Guitar	Simon Martin
Bass	Andy Hart
Drums	Harvey Taylor
.....and what a great sound they make. Bookable for parties, weddings.....	