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*The MAD Company Presents*

# CINDERELLA

*A pantomime  
Written and directed  
by Vanessa K Breach*

*21st, 22nd & 23rd  
February 2025*

*The Millennium Centre,  
Liphook*



The MAD Company  
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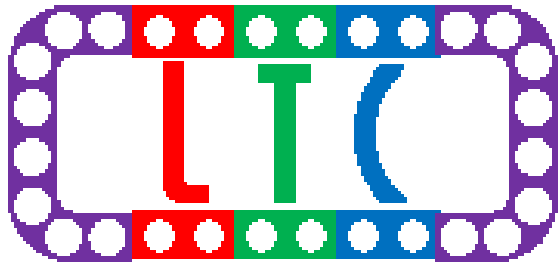
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Putting on a show is a real team effort and the children will be covering all aspects of stagecraft, having a chance to be involved with a paintbrush and papier-maché if they want to, as well as acting, singing and dancing. This will be a fabulous fun-filled opportunity for children to learn new theatre skills and be involved in a great little production.

Liphook Theatre Club is led by **Vanessa K Breach** in association with **The MAD Company**.  
For more details, please contact Vanessa on 07766 083862 or [liphooktheatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:liphooktheatreclub@gmail.com)

## BRAIN TEASERS!

### ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the letters to find the names of some characters, places, or things related to today's show.

LID CLEANER (1 word)

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SNOT TUB (1 word)

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INN REBEL ABOARD (2 words)

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HOT TEMPERS (1 word)

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IMAGED OR FROTHY (2 words)

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FACED BREATHTAKING TROLL (6 words)

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COMEDY BANANA HIRE (3 words)

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DIM THING (1 word)

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GRIP MINCE RANCH (2 words)

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PYLONS SNARE MEN (2 words)

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REASONABLE BINDERS (2 words)

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### WORD SEARCH

BARON BREADLINE

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CINDERELLA

DALLY

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MARIAH

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P	N	D	H	L	H	L	X	J	G	I	T	D	S	C	F	L	J



## The MAD Company ...



Thank you all for coming today. Without you, our wonderful audience, we wouldn't have a pantomime!

Thank you to all those who have helped with this year's production, including staff of the Liphook Millennium Centre and Liphook Co-op.

Many thanks to Jo Banbury for co-ordinating the bookings for the Thursday evening preview performance.

Finally, grateful thanks go to everyone who kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

**We hope to see you all again next year!**

# CINDERELLA

**Welcome!** Join us in the village of Merrivale, where the villagers are excited by an important announcement from Dandini, Prince Charming's Valet.

Meanwhile, in Pennyless Manor, Buttons, a pageboy, reveals that he is in love with his boss's daughter, Cinderella, who eagerly awaits her father's return from a trip. He returns, with a surprise for Cinderella - unfortunately, not a very pleasant one!



We're guessing that you probably know the story quite well, so settle in and enjoy the show - and don't forget to join in and boo, hiss and shout at the appropriate moments! Don't be shy! We hope you enjoy watching the performance as much as we have enjoyed rehearsing it!

You might be interested to know that the Cinderella story that English speakers know and love can be traced to the French story Cendrillon, first published in 1697 by Charles Perrault. However, Chinese and Greek versions of this classic tale go back to the 9th century CE and 6th century BCE, respectively.

The earliest recorded tale is by Strabo, a Greek who recorded the story of Rhodopis between 7 BCE and 23 CE. Rhodopis was a young Greek courtesan who attracted the attention of the Pharaoh when an eagle flew off with her sandal and dropped it in his lap. He was so intrigued by the shoe and its shape that he searched for the owner.

The Chinese have the story of Ye Xian, which dates back to 860 CE; the Malay-Indonesian people have the tale of Bawang Putih Bawang Merah; the Vietnamese have Tam Cam - and other ethnic groups have their own similar tales.

The first written occurrence of the European Cinderella story was in a collection of folk tales called The Pentamerone, published posthumously by an Italian named Giambattista Basile in 1634. Basile was the first person to produce written versions of various traditional stories, including Rapunzel, Puss in Boots, Sleeping Beauty, and Hansel and Gretel, that had been passed down the generations through oral storytelling. His tale about Cenerentola (Cinderella) included a wicked stepmother, evil sisters, losing a shoe - and magic.



Charles Perrault's version of Cinderella, that we know and love today, was included in his collection of folk tales called "Histoires ou Contes du Temps Passé" (Stories or tales from Times Past) in 1697. Perrault's version includes the pumpkin, the fairy godmother and the glass slipper and is the version that Walt Disney used to create his animated film of Cinderella in 1950.

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It all began with Cinderella in 1992 - and, with the exception of 2021, **The MAD Company** has been entertaining the local community with a pantomime show every year since.

This year we return once more to Cinderella for the company's fifth performance of this ever-popular pantomime.

1992	Cinderella		2009	Snow White	
1993	Aladdin		2010	Mother Goose	
1994	Dick Whittington		2011	Cinderella	
1995	The Sleeping Beauty		2012	Aladdin	
1996	Jack & the Beanstalk		2013	Dick Whittington	
1997	Robinson Crusoe		2014	The Sleeping Beauty	
1998	Robin Hood & the Babes		2015	Jack & the Beanstalk	
1999	Rumpelstiltskin		2016	Rumpelstiltskin	
2000	Mother Goose		2017	Cinderella	
2001	Cinderella		2018	Robinson Crusoe	
2002	Aladdin		2019	Aladdin	
2003	The Sleeping Beauty		2020	Robin Hood & the Babes	
2004	Dick Whittington		2022	The Sleeping Beauty	
2005	Beauty & The Beast		2023	Dick Whittington	
2006	Robinson Crusoe		2024	Mother Goose	
2007	Jack & the Beanstalk		2025	Cinderella	
2008	Robin Hood & the Babes				

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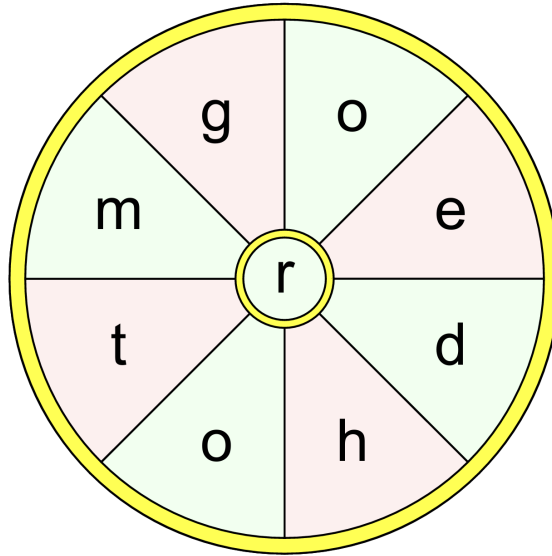


## WORD WHEEL

How many words of 3 or more letters can you make, using the letters in the word wheel? You can only use each letter once and every word must contain the letter R.

Can you find the 9-letter word? .

- 5 words = beginner
- 15 words = good
- 20 words = very good
- 25 words = excellent
- 35 words = amazing
- 45 words = genius



**The MAD Company**, Liphook's very own theatre company, was founded in 1991 by the then Methodist Church minister and a group of like-minded friends.

On a shoestring budget, in 1992 the company put on its first production, Cinderella, to a small but enthusiastic audience. Spurred on by that success, a second production, Aladdin, took place the following year - and thus a Liphook tradition was born.

Since those early days over 30 years ago, the company has grown and evolved and continues to go from strength to strength, producing an annual pantomime to entertain the community and bring a little fun and cheer to those last dark days of winter. In addition, in more recent years it has expanded its repertoire to include a murder mystery evening, three abridged productions of some of Gilbert and Sullivan's best-known works and a concert performance of Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

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# Acts and Scenes

## Act 1

- Scene 1 The Village of Merrivale  
Scene 2 A Woodland Path  
Scene 3 A Clearing in the Forest  
Scene 4 A Woodland Path  
Scene 5 The Kitchen of Pennyless Manor

**INTERVAL** Approximately 20 minutes

## Act 2

- Scene 1 A Corridor in the Palace  
Scene 2 The Palace Ballroom  
Scene 3 A Passageway in the Palace  
Scene 4 The Kitchen of Pennyless Manor  
Scene 5 A Pathway from Pennyless Manor  
Scene 6 The Village of Merrivale  
Scene 7 A Pathway from Pennyless Manor  
Scene 8 Finale

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Stage Manager: Hazel Simmons  
Continuity: Judith Brandon  
Backstage Crew: Ray Breach, Ben Calvert, Bryan Jackson & Alan Jordan  
  
Technical Manager & Sound: Kevin Carrig  
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Set & Props Manager: Hazel Simmons  
Assisted by Amy Bowers, Andy Bowley, Emily Kennedy, Thomas Simmons, Caroline Stephenson + Cast & Crew  
  
Costumes Manager: Mandy Coluccia  
Assisted by Alison Munday & Sharon Titchard  
  
Make-Up: Mandy Godridge & Cast  
Wigs: Vanessa K. Breach  
Front of House: Jan Treacher-Evans  
Assisted by Mary Braitch & Friends  
  
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Children's Dressing Rooms: Claire Kennedy, Sharon Titchard & MAD parents  
  
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# Adult Chorus



Autumn Ashton, Janet Avarne, Sue Bradley, Sue Calvert, Lucy Coluccia, Jane Gleeson, Alison Munday, Peter Munday, Geraldine Sheedy, Steve Totman and Peter Whitlock

# Junior Chorus



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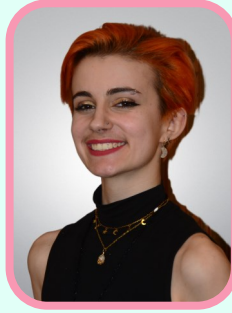
# Cast in order of appearance

Buttons



Claire  
Fewings

Dandini



Matilda  
West

Mariah



Denis  
Titchard

Prince  
Charming



Tatum  
Shields

Dilly



Kim  
Coombes

Dally



Olivia  
Tress

Fairy  
Godmother



Lucy  
Coluccia

King Herbert



Peter  
Munday

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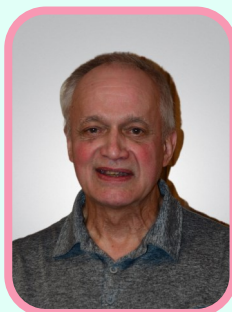
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