

## ALICE the PANTO

The Drama Group's 'festive' production was 'Alice.....The Panto', by Archie Wilson. Directed by Harriet Padina and produced by Toni Lewendon, we knew it was going to be an entertaining and busy evening as soon as Lewis Carroll's perfect Alice appeared!

Alice (Casey Norlin) was searching for the White Rabbit (Sophie Rotenberg), who pleaded with us to shout out the time, as indicated by a clock on the wall, whenever we saw him (which was often).



In Act 1 we were treated to a succession of familiar characters - Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the two headed caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat and the Duchess with her baby.

The second Act included the famous Tea Party with the Mad Hatter, the Dormouse and the March Hare, some slapstick here, and more audience participation.

Then the Queen of Hearts arrived with her King and Knave to play the traditional game of croquet. There was singing and dancing, in fact all the traditions of pantomime including 'look behind you' and of course a Ghost, a Fairy Godmother who got all her pantomimes mixed up and even Robin Hood popped in from Sherwood Forest!



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The undoubted success of the production was the result of weeks of hard work by all the group led by Harriet and Toni, from battling through snow for rehearsals to finding room to store all the props and bits and pieces.



The young Cat Dancers and Queen of Hearts Dancers, were from the 'Di Ruddick Dance Classes' with lots of music from Musical Director Margaret Brady.

There were costumes 'a plenty' from Angela Radlett, and brilliant make-up, (or disguise) by Natalie White and Jane Young.

The Stage Manager and artwork designer was Maggie Kwaan with Kevin Benstead and his team responsible for set construction, sound, lights etc.

If you would like to find out more and become involved with the Theatre Group, visit [www.windleshamdramagroup.com](http://www.windleshamdramagroup.com) for further details.



The next production will be 'Calendar Girls' on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.