

Launton Village Players present



Another Opening, Another Show!

An outdoor variety show celebrating
the return of Am Dram!

**Saturday 14th August
and
Sunday 15th August**

Held in the garden at 51 West End, Launton, OX26 5DG

Programme

All money raised will be
given to The
Hummingbird Centre

LAUNTON
VILLAGE PLAYERS



What happened to the Village Players in 2020?

Last year will long be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic but the Village Players took the time given by the lack of shows to make a step change in their organisation. After a mere 35 years the time had come to make the organisation more formal so it was “the Launton Village Players is dead long live the Launton Village Players CIO”. That is LVP is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose main purposes are

1. To advance, improve, maintain and develop public education and appreciation of musical and dramatic art and artistic events, in particular by performing or assisting in the performance of musical productions and plays and by any other means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine

2. To support such charitable purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion determine by making grants and donations according to the laws of England and Wales”

Quoted from the [constitution](#)

So they put on shows, have fun and work hard as well as raising money for good causes and other charities. When they do perform they aim to perform to a high level and have a unique sense of team spirit which will mean that as well as working hard members will be having fun and enjoying themselves.

Everyone gives up their time to rehearse and perform and their love for what they are doing has resulted in the group becoming a known and loved institution in the local area. New members are always welcome. LVP do not generally audition as the group believes that everyone has a talent to offer and they only ask for commitment and enthusiasm!

The new regime is more formal than before but it looks much like the old one. The trustees are all long serving members of the organisation. They are all in today’s show and they are

Celia Evans, Martin Evans, Julia West and Lesley Watson-Burn

Please feel free to talk to them about the change after the show, particularly if you’d like to join.

Launton Village Players next panto will be Dick Whittington, to be performed in February 2022 (COVID willing). They have performed this twice in the past, firstly in Launton Parish Hall in 1993



And then in Cooper School in 2006



Will there be a new script? **Oh yes there will!**



At The Hummingbird Centre, we know that finding out you have cancer is frightening, over-whelming and life changing.

We believe that nobody should feel alone and we can help you to find out more about cancer as well as explore complementary therapies to support your lifestyle changes.

Not far from central Bicester, in a rural and calm setting that is easy to get to, The Hummingbird Centre is a relaxed place for cancer patients, whatever stage throughout the cancer journey. We also want to encourage those who have survived the journey but feel they cannot express how they feel about surviving, which can also be a difficult emotion to have to cope with.

One in three of us will be affected by cancer. You and your loved ones will need plenty of support and care to help you cope and live well.

The Hummingbird Centre is a great place to meet people, get information, talk to our team, be pampered and have fun. We have created a space for you to come and relax, escape your daily life and pressures and have the opportunity to talk to people who can help and support you both practically and emotionally.

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For this production

Programme

Act One	
Compere	Miles Penhallow
Another Opening Another Show	Miles, Nicky and Martin with all the cast
Shakespeare Re-Imagined	Marty- Christine Dennis- Miles
We said we Wouldn't look back	Martin, Eileen, Jackie and Andy.
The Master and the Maid	Master- Simon Wife- Lesley Maid- Sarah N Lover- Miles
I'm gonna sit right down and write myself a letter	Martin
Toddlers' Truce	Dick- Andy June- Cathy Jim- Lorraine Wall- Sarah T
Hands	John
You'll Never walk Alone	Nicky & Lorraine
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	Cathy, Julia, Jackie, Lesley, Lorraine, Nicky and Eileen
One day	Celia
We'll Meet Again	Lorraine with all the cast
Act Two	
The Sun Has Got His Hat On, When You're Smiling, You Are My Sunshine.	Lesley with all the cast
Securing the Sponsor	Leona- Jackie Producer_ Eileen Director- Christine
Under the Moon	Nicky and Andy
The Magna Charter	John
French for Beginners	Announcer- Miles Monsieur- Martin Madame- Sarah T
I know him so well	Eileen, Lesley, Julia, Lorraine, Cathy, Jackie, Nicky, Sarah N
Earnest Endeavours or Out for the Count, a melodrama	Lady Millicent- Lorraine Foster- Sarah N Earnest- Andy Melody- Nicky Count- Simon
My Favourite things	All the cast
That's Entertainment	All the cast

The cast

Miles Penhallow- MC

Jackie Webber

Christine Townsend

Eileen Penhallow

Cathy Procopiou

Simon Turner

Sarah Turner

Nicky Roberts

Andy Roberts

Celia Evans

Martin Evans

Julia West

Lesley Watson-Burn

Sarah Nixey

Lorraine de Brun

John Stephens

The band

Steve Webber, keyboard and Musical director

Sarah Turner: Alto saxophone

Simon Turner: Bass guitar

Behind the scenes

Directors: Martin Evans, Celia Evans, Julia West and Lesley Watson-Burn

Producer: Celia Evans

Treasurer: Lesley Watson-Burn

FoH Co-ordinator: Lesley Watson- Burn with Robert Cornford

FoH helpers/team: Curtis Ash, Kim Benson, Nick Cherry, Tina Cherry, Vicki Denison, Nikki Fine, Rod Fine, Kathleen Gilbert, Liz Hill, Howard Hill, Shirley Johnson, Jan Park, Daisy Richards, Jan Sandy, Lesley Thompson,

Props: Sarah Nixey, Cathy Procopiou, John Stephens, Martin Evans, Jackie Webber, Christine Townsend, Julia West, Lesley Watson-Burn and cast

Costumes: Jackie Webber, Cathy Procopiou and cast

Prompts: Jackie Webber, Eileen Penhallow, Celia Evans and Nicky Roberts

Choreography: Julia West

Sound effects: Simon and Sarah Turner

Video: Simon and Sarah Turner

Photographer: Barry Miller

Set design and building: Bob Roberts, Martin Evans with Miles Penhallow, Cathy Procopiou, Andy Roberts, Nick Cherry and Barry Miller

Transport and Storage: Bob Roberts and Martin Evans

The AOAS logo: Julia West

Publicity, Posters and flyers: Julia West and the LVP Social Media Group

Programme: Bob Roberts

Tickets: Lesley Watson-Burn

Webmistresses: Lesley Watson-Burn and Julia West

Health and Safety: LVP Trustees

Safeguarding: Andy Roberts and Celia Evans

First Aid: Christine Townsend and Nick Cherry

Thank yous to:

- Bob and Maureen Roberts for letting us perform in their garden.
- Anyone who has donated towards our raffle.

Acknowledgements

Another opening, another show - Cole Porter from Kiss Me Kate
Shakespeare Re-imagined by Damian Trasler and David Lovesey by arrangement
with Lazy Bee Scripts

We said we wouldn't look back - Julian Slade and Dorothy Reynolds from Salad
Days

The Master and the Maid by Michael Kilgarriff

I'm gonna sit right down and write myself a letter - Fred E Ahlert and Joe Young
Toddler's Truce by Frank Muir and Dennis Norder

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You'll Never walk Alone - Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein from Carousel

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy - Don Raye and Hughie Prince

One Day by Judy Dinnan

We'll meet again - Ross Parker and Hughie Charles

The Sun Has Got His Hat On - Noel Gay and Ralph Butler from Me and My Girl

When You're Smiling - Larry Shay and Joe Goodwin

You Are My Sunshine - Jimmy Davis and Charles Mitchell

Securing the Sponsor by TLC Creative by arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

Under the Moon - Annette Henshaw

The Magna Charter by Marriott Edgar

French for Beginners by Michael Bentine

I know him so well - Tim Rice, Benny Anderson and Björn Ulvaeus from Chess

Earnest Endeavours or Out for the Count by Martin Evans

My favourite Things - Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein from The Sound of
Music

That's Entertainment - Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz from The Band Wagon



Clockwise from top left: Lesley Watson-Burn, Lorraine de Brun, Cathy Procopiou and Jackie Webber.



Top: Nicky and Andy Roberts
Bottom: Eileen and Miles Penhallow



Bottom: The band, Sarah and Simon Turner, Steve Webber,



Top left: John Stephens

Launton Village Players have been performing Summer Shows under a variety of titles since 1994.

The first, July Jocularity, was held in this same garden although the trees were much smaller then. Some performers from that show are on stage today, can you spot them?



Another garden venue in 2003



Village Players on tour with the “End of the Pier Show” in 2005



In the Parish hall in 2004



Publicity still for the 2010 show - Lipstick on your Collar



2014 Music Hall gave us a “twenties” theme with men

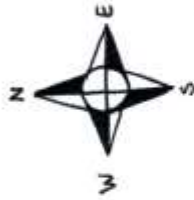


.... and women in suitable costumes



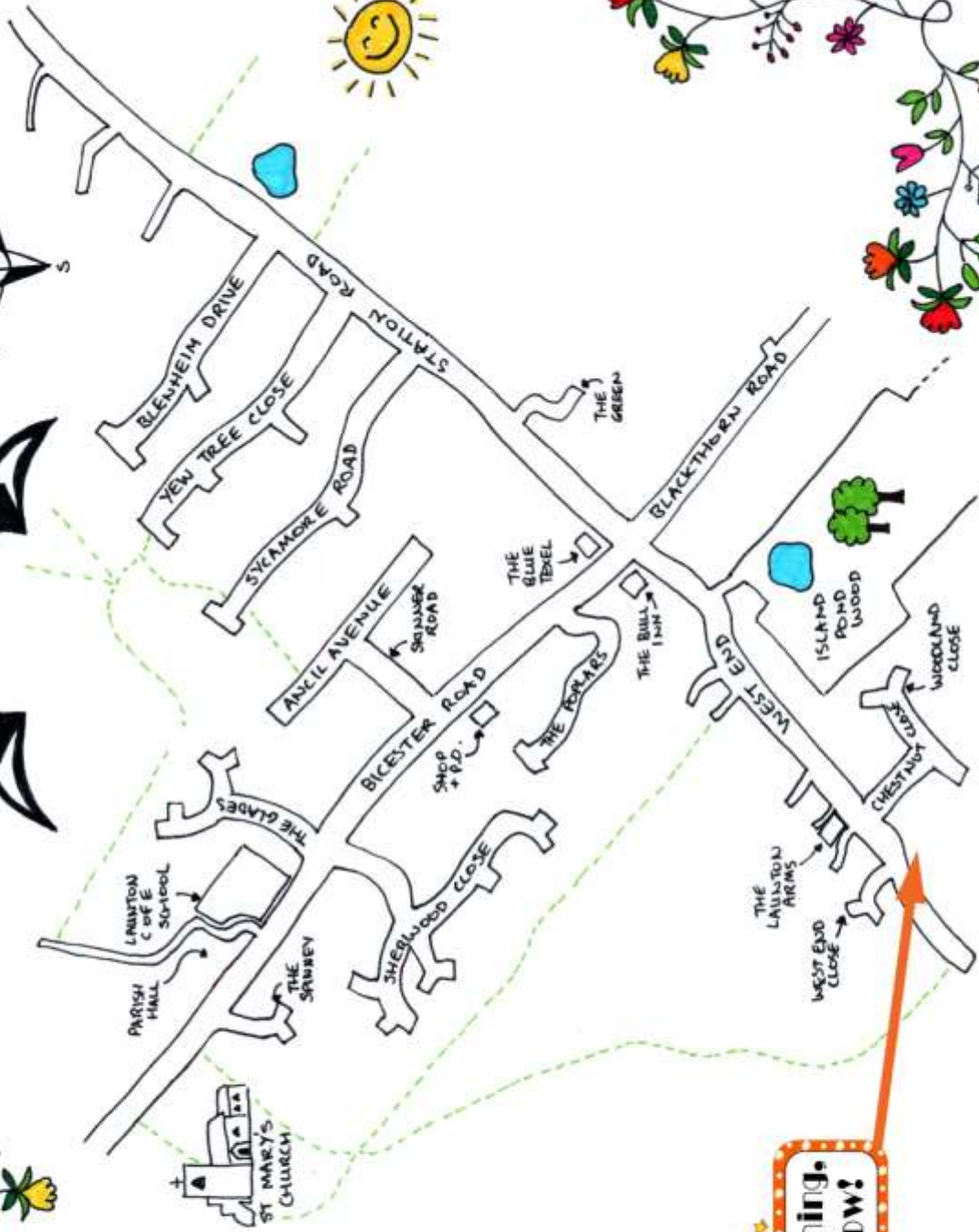
Our only conventional bought-in summer show - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in 2018





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Launton Village Players present
their 35th pantomime



Dick Whittington

Coming soon
in 2022!

