



Jack and the Beanstalk

This visual story is designed for visitors to the Relaxed Performance of *JACK AND THE BEANSTALK* at the *Bedworth Civic Hall* and contains information and images to help prepare you for your visit.

BEDWORTH CIVIC HALL

The PANTOMIME is being performed at the Bedworth Civic Hall. Here is a photo so you can see where it is you are coming to visit.



And this is what it looks like in the auditorium where you will sit to watch the pantomime.



When you watch the PANTOMIME there will be lots of other people in the auditorium and it can often be quite noisy.

HOW LONG IS THE PANTOMIME

The PANTOMIME is in two halves. The first half is around 1 hour and 25 minutes. There is a 20 minute break in the middle and then the second half is about 1 hour.

CHILL OUT AREA

If you want to have a break during the play you can go to a chill-out area. This is just outside the front entrance to the auditorium. In the chill-out area there is a TV that is also showing the PANTOMIME as we do it so you wont miss any of the fun.

USHERS

Ushers are people who check your tickets for the theatre. If you need help or have a question you can ask them. They are usually wearing black with a Civic Hall logo on their shirt.

MEET AND GREET

At 6:00pm which is an hour before the show starts some of the actors are going to come out on stage to meet you. They will be in costume and they will tell you a little bit about their character and what they do in the PANTOMIME. This will last for 20 minutes and then the actors will return to their dressing rooms to get ready. You can then either find your seats and wait for the show to begin or you could go back out into the theatre foyer or the bar for a bit of a relax before the show begins.

WHAT IS THE PANTOMIME ABOUT?

Our PANTOMIME of Jack and the Beanstalk is about a young boy called Jack who rescues his village from an evil giant.

The village of Knobbly End is terrorised by a huge giant who lives in the clouds and steals all of their farm animals to eat so the villagers are very hungry. On the day that our pantomime takes place, a huge beanstalk has grown out of the well in Jacks back garden because of a giant bean that he threw down it. Earlier that day the Kings daughter had returned to the village and Jack had fallen in love with her. A con man, Cecil Slugwart, then showed up and tricked the villagers into thinking he's got rid of the giant by kidnapping the princess and giving her to him. When the villagers find out, Jack has no choice but to climb the beanstalk to rescue the Princess. In doing so he manages to rid the village of the evil Giant and Cecil and everyone lives happily ever after.

THE CHARACTERS

Below are pictures of all the different actors and the names of the characters they play.



JACK GRABBIT



WILLY GRABBIT



CECIL SLUGWART



KEN DALY



KING OLIVER DO-DAH



QUEEN DESDEMONA DO-DAH



PRINCESS POPPY



LILY



DAME GERTIE GRABBIT



EXECUTIONER

WHAT ELSE MIGHT YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Spoiler Alert! The notes below are provided for those who would benefit from being prepared for some of the more dramatic or scary elements of the performance.

Our scenery is presented on large video screens and our Giant is actually a large video recording that our actors on stage interact with. Think of it as sitting in front of a very large television with real actors performing in front of it.

At one point in the first half we pretend that all the power has gone off in the theatre and that its broken. This is just pretend and after a few moments everything bursts back to life. We will leave the auditorium lights on so it won't go completely dark.

In this PANTOMIME the character of Gertie Grabbit is played by a man dressed in womens clothes.

The character of the Queen is an evil baddie and the audience will often BOO when she does something nasty to the other characters. You can join in with the boos if you wish but you don't have to if you'd rather just watch what is going on.

The princess gets locked in a cage by the Giant but don't worry, she's not in any real danger.

The Executioner walks around a lot of the time with a large axe. This is called a prop and its not a real axe and it is not sharp as it is made of plastic so no one will really get hurt by it.

**Thank you for visiting the Bedworth Civic Hall. We hope you enjoy this
Relaxed Performance of Jack And The Beanstalk.**