

## Chorlton Players

The Chorlton Players are a non-profit making theatre group based, oddly enough, in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Established in 1969, the Society has been running for nearly forty years. Normally we host between 4-5 productions a year. We meet every Monday and Wednesday in the basement function room of the Spread Eagle on Wilbraham Road, Chorlton between 8pm and 11pm, and we'd be glad to meet anyone who fancies becoming a new member. We usually stop for a break around 9.30pm, where we can have a pint, a chat, and a chill. Please be aware that we always take a week or so off after a production before re-convening, so sometimes we won't be there.

**The Society always needs members!**

We need dedicated backstage crew, and front-of-house volunteers, as well as budding actors, so if you have an interest in any part of the process of putting on the show, get in touch...a. it's not all about acting, it's also about making friends and having a laugh!

**Interested? Get in touch with us!**

More details can be found on the web at [www.chorltonplayers.com](http://www.chorltonplayers.com). Drop us a line at: [enquiries@chorltonplayers.com](mailto:enquiries@chorltonplayers.com). Talk to us, either here after the show or at the Spread Eagle on a Monday or Wednesday night.

**Chorlton Players – Not so much a drama group ... more a way of life!**

**We would like to thank the following for their assistance with this production:**

Rehearsal facilities and provided by:

### **The Spread Eagle Hotel**

Holts beers, big screen, pool room, function rooms and accommodation available

526-528 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9LD

**0161 861 0385**

Bakers stall props provided by:

### **Barbakan Delicatessen**

Specialist continental bakery with meats, cheeses and foods from all over Europe

67-71 Manchester Road, Chorlton Manchester, M21 9PW

**0161 881 7053**

Don't miss our next production...

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

By William Shakespeare. 26th-28th March, 2009

Chorlton Players presents

# ROBIN HOOD

*A pantomime to make your heart race and your knees go all of a quiver!!*

Written and directed by  
**Graham Phythian**

St Werburgh's Church Hall, St Werburgh's Road, Chorlton  
22nd, 23rd & 24th January - 7.30pm  
with a matinee performance at 2pm on Saturday 24th

## PROGRAMME

**WWW.CHORLTONPLAYERS.COM**

## THE DIRECTOR'S CUT

Welcome, one and all, to the Chorlton Players' January 2009 production, our traditional seasonal pantomime.

The legend of Robin Hood has been told and re-told many times over the centuries. We humbly present a version for the twenty-first century, so be prepared for references to Tesco's, Russell Brand, and Match of the Day. However, traditional elements are still there somewhere:

Will Maid Marian escape from the Sheriff's clutches?

Will Robin and the outlaws ever get a proper job?

Will Friar Tuck survive until the arrival of the fish and chips wagon?

What mystery lurks within the Duchess's casket?

Are there too many sheep on the new edition of the Bayeux Tapestry?

As you ponder these and other riveting questions, you may like to join me in offering thanks to the following, who have helped make my task such an enjoyable one:

- The expert and good-humoured cast, who have put in so much work to turn the director's whims into reality;
- Lara Daintree and her talented Juniors;
- Producer Jon Clark for his attention to detail and relentless graft;
- Lise Hubble for her efficient and productive stage management;
- Annie Wallace for the usual miracle with music, light, and sound effects;
- Nigel Penn for loan of the bear costume;
- Romiley Little Theatre for generous loan of costumes, and Helen Bowyer for co-ordination thereof;
- Marion Daintree for the making of new costumes;
- Heather Lee for the "magic casket" idea;
- All those who have helped with set-build and back-stage duties, and sourcing of props.

And finally to you, the audience. Thank you for coming, and we hope you have a great time watching *Robin Hood*.

G. P. P.

(Check out our photogallery from this production at [www.chorltonplayers.com](http://www.chorltonplayers.com))

## THE CAST

Robin Hood:	Angela Cromack	Soldier 4 / Guard who chases jester / dancing bear:	Mike Hamill
Maid Marian:	Eleanor Lynch	Master of Ceremonies:	Richard Layfield
Sheriff of Nottingham:	Andy O'Brien	King Richard / penguin:	Brian Candeland
Dowager Duchess Droopidrawers:	Jamie Laidler	Tish-Poo:	Rhiannon Týr Clarke
Allan-a-Dale:	Tim Vaughan	Outlaw messenger:	Rowena Salmon
Will Scarlet:	James Kerr	Footballer:	Bethan Syddall
Friar Tuck:	Barry Pritchard	Referee:	Zoë Birkett
Little John:	James Collier	Weatherfield couple:	Clara Fitzgerald and Rosa Pearks
Sergeant:	Tony Morgan	Blodwyn the Welshman:	Daniel Kaczurynski
Sir Guy of Gisbourne:	Rohan Shenoy	McGonagall the Scot:	Anna Crump Raiswell
Jester:	Lara Daintree	Villagers and townspeople:	Many of the above plus: Ellis Hemsall, Josie-May Kelly, Fern Laidler, Emma McGagh, Isabel McLennan, Onagh McLennan, Abby O'Brien, Rosie O'Brien, Ellie Seed
Farmer's Wife:	Annie Wallace		
Bayeux Tapestry Sewing Circle:	Jenny Archer, Jennifer Urwin, Felicity Paris, Pat McGough		
Guard 1 / Soldier 1:	Heidi Knight		
Guard 2 / Soldier 2:	Simon Butler		
Breathless messenger / Soldier 3:	Jennifer Urwin		

## THE CREW

Writer / Director:	Graham Phythian	Stage hands:	Maggie Nolan, Jo Bryan, Richard Layfield, Ellie Silver, Anna Walmsley, Heather Lee, Sue Broughton, Jonathan King and many, many other members of the Society
Producer:	Jon Clark	Poster design / Publicity:	James Kerr
Stage Manager:	Lise Hubble	Sword fight devised by:	Lara Daintree
Technical:	Joe Ratcliffe / Kathryn Warren		
Front of House / Small Props:	Matron		
Make-up:	Felicity Paris		

## LIST OF SCENES

	Act One	Act Two
Scene One:	Nottingham Market Square	Scene One: Where we left off in Act One
Scene Two:	Sherwood Forest	Scene Two: The Dungeon
Scene Three:	Somewhere else in Sherwood Forest	Scene Three: On the road to Nottingham
Scene Four:	The Sheriff's Chambers, Nottingham Castle	Scene Four: The Dungeon again
Scene Five:	Another room in the Castle	Scene Five: The Sheriff's Chambers
Scene Six:	The Outlaws' Camp	Scene Six: On the Forest Road
		Scene Seven: Nottingham Market Square