

Alice in Wonderland

An adaptation by Ray Evans

Charles Ludwidge-Dodgson taught mathematics at Christ Church College, Oxford. One summer day in 1862, Dodgson took eleven year-old Alice Liddell [the daughter of the college dean] and her two sisters for a boat ride. To while away the time, he told them a tale about a girl named Alice and her 'curiouser and curiouser' adventures. Lewis Carroll was the pseudonym of Dodgson, and three years after the boat trip *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was published.

It must be, that just about everyone in the U.K and possibly the world at large has, at some time, read or seen something related to this famous book.

But for those who are not aware, the story tells how a rather spoilt child embarks on a fantastic journey, where she is confronted by individuals and situations of a contradictory nature. These cause her to search deeply in her own persona in order to find an acceptable answer to such curious happenings. Only you can decide whether she finds the answers.

ACT 1

- SCENE 1 Down the Rabbit Hole
- SCENE 2 The Pool of Tears
- SCENE 3 Advice from a Caterpillar
- SCENE 4 Foolish Footmen
- SCENE 5 Pig and Pepper

ACT 2

- SCENE 1 A Mad Tea Party
- SCENE 2 Anyone for Croquet
- SCENE 3 The Mock Turtle's Story
- SCENE 4 A Trying Trial

Henley Drama Society's Autumn Production

This production will be a dramatized version by James Roose-Evans of the much loved book 'Cider with Rosie' by Laurie Lee. Production dates are 29th Oct.-1st Nov auditions will probably take place in August.

New members are always welcome [in this case especially any with a Gloucestershire accent!]

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Henley
In
Arden

Drama Society
Presents



A Ray Evans production of

Alice in Wonderland

Based on the book by Lewis Carroll

PROGRAMME 50p

9th - 13th July
2003

GUILD HALL GARDENS, HENLEY IN ARDEN

Henley in Arden Drama Society

The Society boasts some 50 or so active members, but still welcomes anyone who feels they want to 'tread the boards' or take part in front-of-house, set building or stage design and dressing.

The group will be shortly celebrating 50 years of amateur productions in Henley and plan a very special season to coincide with this wonderful anniversary.

After the spectacular success of our last outdoor production of A Midsummer Nights Dream, we are this year pleased to present a Ray Evans adaptation of the magical Alice in Wonderland, which we sincerely hope you enjoy.

Further productions next season include our Autumn play 'Cider with Rosie', and a Christmas Extravaganza which will be a well known comedy with Henley connections.

Please feel free to ring our membership secretary Marjorie Earnshaw on 01564 794394 if you are interested in joining the society.

Producers Note

Once I had accepted the fact that The Guild Hall Trustees would not be happy with me digging a forty foot deep 'Rabbit Hole' in the middle of their most wonderful garden, I sought to produce the play without the need for fantastic or very expensive 'special effects'

Needless to say this also pleased the Drama Committee and Treasurer

So, without much need for high tech support what would I thrill the audience with? The answer was staring me in the face, let the garden, the actors, the costumes and the atmosphere do the work.

And that, dear friends, is what I hope we have achieved for you this evening.

The story is well known, as are most of the characters, and tonight we have attempted to bring them to 'life' by being almost within the audience boundaries. One might almost reach over to the 'Hatter's' table and help oneself to a cup of tea. Or, steal a jam tart from the Knave as he tries to conceal them in the garden.

Again, as with 'Midsummer' we rely on the good old British weather to complete the equation, but I sincerely hope that even the odd spot of rain will not spoil your picnic in our company tonight.

Have a smashing time!

Ray Evans

CAST

Alice's Sister	Jess Bonson
Alice	Hannah Fox
White Rabbit	Catriona Ayling
Fish-Footman	Carol Robson
Frog-Footman	Kate Castle
Mouse with the Long Tail	Jess Bonson
Dodo/Executioner	Alec Winter
Owl/Royal Child	Graeme Moorhouse
Canary/Royal Child	Daniel Kirk
The Caterpillar	Eunice Bagshaw
The Duchess	Judy Murdoch
The Cook	Debbie Thorne
The Cheshire Cat	Joel Terry
The Knave of Hearts	Paul Moorhouse
The Queen of Hearts	Rosie Hammond
The Mad Hatter/The Mock Turtle	Phil Walker
The March Hare/The Gryphon	Rod Fox
The Dormouse	Krystyna Aukstolis
The King of Hearts	Colin Fisher
The Gardeners	Eunice Bagshaw/Debbie Thorne/Joel Terry
The Creatures	Graeme Moorhouse/Debbie Thorne/ Joel Terry/Paul Moorhouse/Eunice Bagshaw /Daniel Kirk/Colin Fisher/Krystana Aukstolis

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer/Director	Ray Evans
Artistic Director	Sue Evans
Stage Manager	Sue Tootill
Sound Design/Operation	Ray Evans/John Shuttleworth
Set Design/Build	Colin Fisher
Costumes	Sue Evans
Properties Manager	Marjorie Earnshaw
Prompt	Ray Evans
Press Officer	Beryl Butler
Venue Manager	Kate Dale supported by the A team
Ticket Secretary	Kate Castle
Poster/Programme Design	Colin Fisher
Town Bill Boards	Brian Castle
Treasurer	Ann Fisher