

WHY PANTO MUST RETURN TO ST JOHN'S AND ALWAYS CONTINUE



In 1985 I was fortunate to be cast as The King in St John's pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty and I am pleased to say that many of the people involved in 1985 are still very much involved in 2020. Five years later, 1990, I had also joined Waring Green Players, the well-known and much loved local society. Soon after that I was appearing with other societies including, Brighouse, Spen, Batley and Hebden Bridge Little Theatre. I then started in a comedy duo performing at charity events around the region. As that came to an end I was "headhunted" (yes, me, headhunted) to be the compere at Hebden Bridge Little Theatre which I did on 6 or 7 occasions.

THEN I decided to enter a competition called "Britain Does Variety" and was the only comic to reach the final at the Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering: I must have done something right as, the following year, I was invited to be the interval act for the same competition at the famous Leeds City Varieties. This, in turn, led to me taking up comedy full time, performing at dinners and shows. Throughout all this time I have made many, many friends and continued to perform in panto until I had to call it a day some four years ago.

As far as the church is concerned I was confirmed at St Matthew's after initial training by Rev Michael Storey, whom I still class as a dear friend and, although I'm not a regular attendee on a Sunday, I have always helped the church whenever I could, in whatever way possible. I have always attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, except the one year when I was in St James' Hospital, Leeds.



Again, I have met many friends through church who have supported and helped me in various ways over the years. All this has happened because, way back in 1985, St John's Pantomime Committee took a chance on a 29 year old no-hoper who found something he could do!

God Bless,

David

And God Bless David who has brought so much fun, love and laughter into so many thousands of lives over the past 35 years and whom I am proud to call "my friend" GR