

West Wickham Pantomime society.

6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Frankenstein the Panto.

Once again WWPS you have kept the spirit of pantomime alive, with a good set, props and as always, stupendous costumes. I've never seen Frankenstein the Panto before so this one was a refreshing change.

Every cast member gave it there all. Yes, there were a few hiccups but I felt sure it was the first night nerves kicking in.

David Warsop (Frankie) led this cast with his professional approach to the part, he kept us entertained all evening, as did Miss Nelly (Tony Dunne) with his bubbly rotund portrayal of the Dame. Prince Ludwig (Beth Parrot) and Heidi (Ellie Parrot) were teamed well as the principle boy and girl.

Dracula (Dan Putnam) was a little scary but Granula (Laurie Brown) was really scary, a true acting part for Laurie well done. I particularly liked the St Trinian's type ensemble of four ladies and one man (Susie Sutherland, Vicky Kalber, Claire Harrison, Dawn Hughes and Phillip George) all finding different characterisations, they were so so funny. Well done 'Ladies'. Google (Barry Nichols) gave a barking performance as the dog.

Choreography was slick and well staged by Sally Warsop. Direction in the hands of Brian Drayson and Tony Dunne this year, was tight and with a lot of props to cope with your cast did you proud. I liked the use of the smiling youngsters they executed their dance routines with poise.

Frankenstein the Panto was a hit with me. One little gripe from me the dialogue could have been picked up a little faster. (This could have been first night unsureness)

Thank you WWPS once again you entertained me. I am always treated and greeted well by your society.

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