

THE WICKED WITCH AND THE MAGIC SHOP

Kingsley PLayers

Director: Lesley Silcock

Assistant Director: Neil Silcock

Musical Director: William Arnold

Ashbrook

A warm NODA welcome to this well established group which possesses a distinguished record of productions dating back to 1977.

A most enjoyable production of a refreshingly original script with original music and lyrics from the pen of the MD who also provided keyboard accompaniment was well received by a enthusiastic audience.

The plot opened with the family of Mrs Smart and her two children, Jennifer and Jack, played by Sue Blanchard, Maddy Clarke and Tom Hayes, getting themselves lost whilst shopping and finding themselves in a toy shop run by identical twins Julius and Septimus Tringle – both parts played hilariously by Neil Silcock.

The shelves in the shop were

stocked with a variety of characters transformed into dolls by the wicked witch, Graveling, played in true boo-earning panto style by Kath Kerry.

All the dolls eventually came to life and, with the assistance of Sue Elliot as the typical wise-cracking Mrs Mopp and Audrey Boyle as the over-the-hill Magician, Marlin, the traditional happy ending ensued.

All the characters – including the nine former dolls – were well cast and their routines with the Toy Soldiers and Gremlins were brilliantly designed and choreographed.

The stage setting, lighting and sound and special effects, together with the costumes were all first class.

This was a production with which all concerned can be justly proud.

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