

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome, everyone, to TAODS special 90th year! A fascinating chapter in TAODS history: Originally known as the Totnes Amateur Operatic and Musical Society, TAODS was founded in 1936 and began its journey with Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance* at The Royal Seven Stars Hotel. The first pantomime, *Cinderella*, was staged in 1953 at the Old Market Hall — a venue that tragically burned down in 1955. Its legacy lives on in the Civic Hall, where you're seated today.

The annual Totnes Pantomime is a highlight of our community calendar and a tradition we're incredibly proud to keep alive. Whether you're a longstanding supporter or joining us for the first time, it's a joy to have you with us. We're delighted in the return of Gina Tredwell as writer and director of this year's pantomime. I'm sure you will fondly recall her enchanting touch on *Puss In Boots* two years ago.

Thank you to our cast, crew, and volunteers who have poured countless hours of energy, creativity, and laughter into bringing this production to life.

Community events like this remind us why coming together matters. They give us a chance to celebrate local talent, share a few laughs, and create memories that last far beyond the final curtain. Your support — through buying a ticket, applauding loudly, or simply spreading the word — keeps this tradition alive and helps us continue offering opportunities for performers of all ages which has been the story for the last 90 years.

So sit back, join in the fun, and enjoy the magic, mischief, and mayhem of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Thank you for being part of our story.

With warmest wishes, **Simon Harris, Chairman.**

TOTNES AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

A MAGICAL NEW PANTOMIME

21ST-24TH
JAN 2026

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY GINA TREDWELL
MUSICAL DIRECTION BY DAVE HOLLAND

7:30PM & SAT MATINEE 2:30PM
CIVIC HALL, TOTNES, TQ9 5SF

PROGRAMME

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Strange things happen in the Enchanted Forest... and none so strange, perhaps, as the Totnes Panto! Little Red is sure she's ready to set out across the woods on her own – despite her overprotective parents – but she has no idea what's in store. It's not just the Big Bad Wolf she has to watch out for; there are goblins, witches, and all sorts of fairytale characters lurking in the woods! But with the help of Mother Nature and Grandfather Oak, Red and her family just might be able to save the day... if they can stop bickering long enough, that is.

It's been wonderful living in Fairyland for a little while to bring this show to life – I hope you all find it as magical as me.

Gina Tredwell, Writer & Director

There will be a 20-minute interval between acts.
Refreshments will be available in the bar & ice creams
will be on sale in front of the stage.
We will be collecting for Totnes Caring after the show
– please give generously!

COMMITTEE

President: The Mayor of Totnes

Chairman: Simon Harris **Vice-Chair:** Sophie Macdonald,

Treasurer: Alex Kidger **Secretary:** Gina Tredwell

Team: Kirsty Allnutt, John Parker, Greta Parker,
Ali Harris, David George, Dave Waistnidge, Lucy Matthews

Life Members: June Prowse, Pete Woolvett, Pip Shail, Fiona Murray

CAST

Little Red: Sara Bushnak

Mum: Amy Robinson **Dad:** David George

Crone / Desdemona: Yolanda Drewell

Mother Nature: Sean Ferris

Grandfather Oak: Martin Noyle

Granny: Lucy Matthews

Will the Woodcutter / Wolf: Mike Shail

Slugsworth: Fraser Durham **Screech:** Jojo Ramsden

Fairy Appleblossom: Jaya Reynouard

Robin Hood: Dave Waistnidge **Rodrigo:** John Parker

FOREST DWELLERS / EVIL GANG

Yara Venning (**Bo Peep**), Malley Griffiths (**Jack**),

Katie Johnston (**Jill**), Wilf Hodder (**Baddie 1**),

Freddie Wills (**Baddie 2**), Toryn King-Smith,

Grace Montgomery, Gaia Sellors, Ella Bristow,

Ann Price (**Voice from the Wings**), Helly Widdecombe,

Lucy Phillips-Kassanis, Bambi Higginson, Alex Grimes

THE HOODIES

Dave Holland: Musical Director / Keyboard

Kirsty Allnutt: Guitar **Charles Hearnshaw:** Clarinet

Stirling Paatz: Bass **Cameron Jarvis:** Drums

PRODUCTION

Director: Gina Tredwell **Choreographer:** Kirsty Allnutt

Set & Scene: John Parker, Kat Steel, Paul Kettle-Buchanan

Wardrobe: Sophie Macdonald, Kat Steel

Stage Manager: Rachel Bletcher **Crew:** Lisa Beckett, Alex Kidger

Lighting: Louis Sullivan, Andy Tysoe **Sound:** Siôn Kemp

Front of House: Greta Parker, Ali Harris, Simon Harris

PR: Lucy Matthews **Box Office:** David George

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and helpers!