

Theatre Review

The Pied Piper

A Child's View

This year's Christmas pantomime at the New Beaconsfield Hall was the classic tale of 'The Pied Piper'.



throughout; his pipe playing was well co-ordinated and he bravely sang a number of solos (though not at the same time as piping!) My brother liked

The costumes were colourful and the scenery striking. Baron Nastytum lived up to his name and turned out to be the baddy. As every panto should have, this one had lots of audience participation of booing and hissing! The Baron, along with the Pied Piper, was definitely the star of the show.

The Piper had the audience on his side

the rats and enjoyed pointing out his friends.

Some young children were disappointed that they could not buy an ice-cream in the interval – a good idea for next year maybe? Great local entertainment and I am looking forward to next year.

Alice Parsons

Ploughman's Sandwich

The Wychwood Players present two one-act plays with a ploughman's supper served during the interval. The first play will be the popular and poignant *The Browning Version* by Terence Rattigan, which portrays the problems of a public school teacher forced to retire through ill-health. Dudley Thompson directs the cast of Phillip Croxson, Caroline, John and James Trevers, John Drew, Lizanne Leahy and Dave Robson.

In complete contrast, the second play *A Respectable Funeral* by Jimmie Chinn is set in a northern living room where three-middle-aged sisters are gathered at their dead mother's house after her funeral, waiting for their brother to turn up. This sharp and funny play is directed by Rose Hartley and features Joan Hawker, Amanda Henriques, Sian O'Neill and Mark Jessey.

Performances will be at the New Beaconsfield Hall on **Thursday, March 2nd, Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th, starting at 7:30pm**. Tickets are £10 and can be booked with Gill Drew on 830398. The bar will be open before and after the performance. These supper evenings sell out very quickly so early booking is advised.

John Drew