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BLOFIELD AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY

*Present*



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Written by Oxford University Mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dodgson under the pen name Lewis Carroll, **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** was first published in 1865. The story has been the inspiration of many adaptations for the stage and screen, including a British silent film in 1903.

In the 1980s Don Carroll adapted the story for the stage, reducing his namesake's 12 chapters to a mere 11 scenes.

**The BAD Players are delighted to present their interpretation of this timeless, nonsensical and quite mad tale!**

## *Act 1*

**Scene 1** – Alice's garden

**Scene 2** – at White Rabbit's house in Wonderland

**Scene 3** – a woodland scene in Wonderland

**Scene 4** – at the Duchess's house in Wonderland

**Scene 5** – a woodland scene in Wonderland

**Scene 6** – at March Hare's dining table in Wonderland

## *Interval*

Refreshments and raffle

## *Act 2*

**Scene 1** – a country road in Wonderland

**Scene 2** – the Palace garden in Wonderland

**Scene 3** – a woodland scene in Wonderland

**Scene 4** – Crown Court in Wonderland

**Scene 5** – Alice's garden

*Cast*  
*in order of appearance*

<b>Alice</b> – Oonagh Johnson	<b>Caterpillar</b> – Theo Thompson
<b>Big Sister</b> – Melissa Hammond	<b>Frog</b> – Richard Morton
<b>White Rabbit</b> – Sue Garrod	<b>Fish</b> – Sara Thompson
<b>Mouse</b> – Moira Weller	<b>Duchess</b> – Sarah Coldham
<b>Dodo</b> – Harry Woollsey	<b>Cheshire Cat</b> – Alice Hayes
<b>Owl</b> – Caitlin Ricketts	<b>Mad Hatter</b> – Nigel Woollsey
<b>Lory</b> – Melissa Hammond	<b>March Hare</b> – Jaison Dobbs
<b>Eaglet</b> – Bethany Ramsden-Wright	<b>Dormouse</b> – Sara Thompson
<b>Knave of Hearts</b> – Alichia Palmer	<b>Soldier</b> – Bethany Ramsden-Wright
<b>Queen of Hearts</b> – Jo Tottingham	<b>Gryphon</b> – Caitlin Ricketts
<b>King of Hearts</b> – Mike Marshall	<b>Turtle</b> – Barbara Basey-Fisher

*Junior Cast Members*

Rebecca Jay  
Lucie Mayo  
Ellie Morgan

Phoebe Paraskeva  
Bethany Ramsden-Wright  
Natalie Woollsey

*The Crew*

**Director** – Izzy Rider  
**Producers** – Sarah Coldham & Sue Garrod  
**Stage Manager** – Dianne Hill  
**Assistant Stage Manager** – Jo Brand  
**Lighting** – Dave Thompson and Hayden Gurney  
**Sound** – Ben Garrod  
**Jabberwocky reading** – Joan Gibbs  
**Choreography** – Libby Angel, Bella Coldham, & Sara Thompson  
**Set** – Mark Guymer  
**Make up** – Alice Hayes, Amy Guymer & Bella Coldham  
**Photography** – Billy Watson, Jaison Dobbs & Jason Macdonald  
**Juniors' chaperone** – Helen Ingram & Heather Ramsden-Wright

## *Meet the Cast*

### **Oonagh Johnson**



Unceasingly happy, clever and very talented, Oonagh has been with the BAD Players since 2014. An avid viewer of the TV series 'River Monsters' she combines this with her other hobbies of knitting and occasionally making a noise like a goat. Her worst fear is encountering a cold, tinned scorpion – fortunately, the chances of this happening are surprisingly low.

### **Melissa Hammond**

Joining us for the first time this year is the lovely Melissa. A travel agent by day, at night she dons the disguise of a hooded assassin, stalking the wrongdoers through the fog-shrouded streets of old London town. To relax, Melissa enjoys listening to music while her favourite actor is Morgan Freeman. As a special party trick, she maintains that she can do 'the caterpillar', although no-one knows precisely what this is . . .



### **Sue Garrod**



Another founding member of the BAD Players, Sue admits to a childhood ambition to be a Member of Parliament. This means that she cannot now watch 'Question Time' without being sedated for her own good. Working for local government, Sue is a pillar of the community – a fact that she exploits as a cover for her criminal activities as Norfolk's biggest carrot smuggler.

### **Moira Weller**

A new face in the BAD Players, Moira is often to be found at the Cantley Cock where she does Dame Judy Dench impressions in return for fish and chips. Sadly her life has been marred by her insatiable habit of buying lottery tickets. However, she bravely bears the pain with a combination of reading, walking and drinking wine to excess in her garden.



### **Harry Woolsey**



Despite being in the second year of his high school education, Harry still has trouble telling the difference between his bedroom floor and the dirty washing basket. As the son of the Mad Hatter, Harry has done his best with the dog-eared cards that fate has dealt him. He consoles himself with the fact that his mother is really quite nice. To relax Harry enjoys gaming, winding up his little sister and eating his parents out of house and home.

## *Meet the Cast*

**Caitlin Rickets**

Returning for her second appearance with the BAD Players, Caitlin is still in full-time education, studying hard for her chosen profession of childcare. Strangely, Caitlin fears nothing except spiders and escalators and so dreads meeting a tarantula in a department store. A talented and enthusiastic actor Caitlin takes her inspiration from Emma Watson and enjoys the creative arts.



**Bethany Ramsden-Wright**



Bethany has been dancing in BAD Players productions for two years but 2018 sees her acting debut with the rest of the cast. A sporty type who enjoys netball and football she is none the less deathly afraid of big spiders. How big exactly the spider has to be isn't clear but we assume anything over one foot would be a minimum.

**Alicha Palmer**

2018 marks Alicha's return to BAD Players after a few years absence (apparently the judge was having a bad day). She has been treading the boards since childhood and after discovering her preferred occupation of 'Princess' was taken, opted to be a paediatric nurse instead. Alicha puts her sunny disposition down to her addiction to Eastenders and frequent trips to music festivals.



**Jo Tottingham**



In complete contrast to her on-stage persona, Jo is a sensitive and deeply caring person – well, when she's not drinking that is . . . A founder member of the BAD Players she takes her acting inspiration from Robin Williams and all the murder mystery series she sees on TV. Her ideal family holiday destination is Thailand where she would relax by reading, eating spaghetti bolognaise and flipping beer mats.

**Mike Marshall**

While Mike is making his BAD Players' debut, he has many years amateur dramatics experience. As a child his overwhelming ambition was to be an adult – he is slightly disappointed with how it turned out. Given a time machine and his choice of destination, Mike would travel to the 1930s or 40s where he would kidnap Dame Vera Lynn.



## *Meet the Cast*

**Theo Thompson**



Despite his tender years, Theo has been performing with the BAD Players for three years. Although he doesn't have a favourite actor he assures us that nothing scares him, especially not spiders. To relax Theo loves reading, playing video games and building things out of Lego. His mum Sara, our cast member and choreographer, is justifiably proud.

**Richard Morton**



A lifelong fan of Doctor Who, Richard is delighted with the choice of Jodie Whittaker as the 13th Doctor. The BBC has already taken out a restraining order on him. A keen amateur actor and stalwart of the BAD Players, Richard once appeared in the musical 'Cats' where his portrayal of a deranged ginger Tom is still talked about to this day.

**Sara Thompson**



Handling two parts on stage, as well as choreography for the production, might break a lesser mortal than Sara. However, she is made of sterner stuff, declaring she doesn't know what the word relax means (we tried explaining the concept but she still didn't understand). Sara admits desiring to travel to the year 3000 AD where she intends to see if people really do live underwater as the pop band Busted prophesied.

**Sarah Coldham**



Sarah is the unceasing dynamo at the heart of the BAD Players. An original founding member she is a great fan of the comedy actor Bill Murray. Working as a nanny during the day she is currently claiming child benefit for 97 fictitious children, the profits from which she uses to buy alcohol. As a consequence, she can most often be found passed out and snoring in front of Game of Thrones.

**Alice Hayes**



Alice freely admits that she is only involved in the BAD Players because of the sweet eye candy she can see on stage. Despite this, she is a talented actress who balances the demands of amateur dramatics with her day job as a forensic nurse. Sadly, Alice is stricken with a morbid fear of chickens who, she maintains, are spying on her at every opportunity.

## Meet the Cast

Shy, retiring, modest, witty and devilishly attractive, Nigel takes his acting inspiration from Brian Blessed and the 4th Doctor, Tom Baker. To relax he enjoys pretending not to know his lines and ad-libbing furiously. Outside of the BAD Players, Nigel tries his best to keep secret the fact that he is an immortal, duelling with swords in multi-storey car parks and occasionally remarking that “There can be only one!”

**Nigel Woollsey**



**Jaison Dobbs**



Drama, watching Ru Paul’s Drag Race and Alice (Hayes) are the three things that Jaison loves most in life (although perhaps not in that order). As the lunatic foil to the Mad Hatter he enjoys working closely with Nigel – indeed his relationship with Alice has provided him with an ample ability to cope with the diva flounces of his co-stars. To relax, Jaison revels in baking and meeting drag queens – two hobbies he hopes one day to achieve simultaneously.

**Barbara Basey-Fisher**



Fresh from her runaway success on the stage of HMP Broadmoor, Barbara joins the BAD Players again for this year’s production. She is currently on the run from a 10 year stretch for the heinous crime of shaving a badger without a license. Barbara’s only fear is forgetting her lines, while she harbours a deep desire to return to India where she had a most enjoyable holiday last year.

## Meet the Junior Members

From left to right

Back row:

**Ellie Morgan, Phoebe Paraskeva,  
Bethany Ramsden-Wright**

Front row:

**Natalie Woollsey, Lucie Mayo,  
Rebecca Jay**



## Meet the Crew

Whilst it could be seen as somewhat of a ‘poison chalice’, directing BAD Players’ productions is what makes Izzy happy. Sometimes Izzy gets so happy after a rehearsal she goes home, repeatedly shuts her head in a kitchen cabinet and drinks a bottle of wine before crying herself to sleep. A consummate professional Izzy is famous for once fracturing a rib onstage whilst playing a corpse. Like Lord Voldemort from Harry Potter, the cast and crew avoid using her name if possible, instead referring to her as simply “The Black Spider”.

**Izzy Rider**



**Dianne Hill**



The lovely Dianne has been with the BAD Players for three years, taking on many roles – on stage and off – including acting, costuming and stage management. Originally just intending to ‘help out’ she is now trapped like a fly in amber and has to endure a steady parade of young men undressing in her living room during costume fittings. Dianne enjoys sewing (thankfully).

**Jo Brand**

New for this year, Jo is a lady of style and sophistication, who enjoys the finer things in life. Given £1,000 she would blow it all on an overnight stay at the London Savoy. Secretly she also hopes to meet acting legend Michael Gambon whilst there. While not screaming lines at absent minded BAD Players, Jo enjoys the extreme violence and gritty realism of the BBC series ‘Peaky Blinders’. It’s rumoured she has razor blades sown into her copy of the script.



**Dave Thompson**



As the BAD Players’ lighting director Dave illuminates our productions with flair and style (which isn’t easy considering he only has an old bicycle lamp and a string of fairy lights to work with). A mysterious figure he can often be seen creeping around in the darkness muttering about “wattage” and the difficulties of obtaining suitable poles.

**Hayden Gurney**



Dave is joined again this year by his dark apprentice and spotlight operator Hayden. Little is known of this enigmatic figure other than he is very tall and handsome and handles a screwdriver like a pro.

## Meet the Crew

### Ben Garrod



Ben is the BAD Players' 'technical whiz'. A piano virtuoso, he loves all things computer related and is a keen follower of technology. Ben has done a sterling job with sound since 2012, after being recruited into the BAD Players by his mum, Sue. In his spare time, Ben delights in 'tickling the ivories' and tinkering with computers. His ambition is to become the world's first piano teaching computer repair engineer.

Known as the 'Mr Big' of the BAD Players, Joan has been a key figure in several previous productions. Her charming, well-spoken demeanour belies the fact that she runs several local protection rackets where shopkeepers pay her off in packets of Werther's Originals. In her spare time, Joan enjoys high-speed chases and evading the police in her pimped out 1974 Morris Minor. The recording of her reading Jabberwocky was made in her cell at HMP Broadmoor.

### Joan Gibbs



### Libby Angel



As the daughter of star actress and producer, Bella (right) is well used to the chaos of the BAD Players. Together with her partners in crime, Libby Angel and Sara Thompson, they have done a sterling job in whipping the junior dance members into a

### Bella Coldham



cohesive unit. However, their methods of making 9-year-old girls run through an army assault course whilst firing rifles over their heads have drawn some raised eyebrows.

### Mark and Amy Guymer

Welcome to BAD Players first timers, father and daughter Mark and Amy, their talents are apparent for all to see.

**Mark** has worked wonders with some bits of MDF and pots of paint and **Amy** has worked miracles transforming ordinary BAD Players into stars of the stage and screen.



### Helen Ingram & Heather Ramsden-Wright

Child safety is a priority for the BAD Players and we are delighted to have the services of Helen and Heather to look after the junior members. Fully DBS checked, dressed in their full protective ice hockey suits and wielding cattle prods they bravely keep the younger members safe and under control. Last year one child did escape containment but was fortunately brought down with a tranquiliser dart before they could reach either the audience or snack table.

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