Power to the panto!

Pantomime season is here, so grab your coat, some great company and get yourself down to one of these delight, writes Victoria Hornagold

Pantomimes are the perfect way to bring the whole family together and get into the festive flow. Around the county casts are frantically rehearsing to ensure everyone has a wonderful night, where slapstick comedy and fairy tale come together to make entertainment for all ages. Here’s our selection of six great pantos not to miss:

**NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL**

**Jack and The Beanstalk**

This year’s traditional Christmas spirit gets a Wild West cowboy spin on it that is sure to have the audience in stitches. The show runs from Tuesday, December 13 to Sunday, January 15, 2017. Make sure to get your boots and hats ready. See Wayne Sleep, the Royal Ballet company dance and see who has appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Cats, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and even I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here. Richard Gauntlett is not just the show’s writer and director, but also stars as Dame Nellie Trotto, making this his 16th year of panto here in Norwich. Tickets are £7-£21.50. Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Norwich, NR2 1RL; 01603 630000; theatreroyal@norwich.co.uk

**GREAT DANCE**

See the Morris Dancers of King’s Lynn take part in a dance celebration at The Swan Inn, South Wootton, on a midday on Boxing Day. kingsmorris.co.uk

**LOOKING GUILTY**

Kings Lynn Corn Exchange

Cinderella

King’s Lynn Corn Exchange’s pantomime Cinderella promises “live music, stunning sets, stick choreography, sensational costumes and spectacular musical numbers.” The show, that runs from Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 31, is especially perfect for school, with a special deal offering tickets at £10 and one free teacher ticket for every 10 purchases. From Sunday, December 11, 5.30pm to Friday, December 16, 6.30pm all tickets are £14.

King’s Lynn Corn Exchange, Tuesday Market Place, King’s Lynn, PE30 1JW; 01553 764864; kingslynnconrexchange.co.uk

**SHERINGHAM LITTLE THEATRE**

Peter Pan

Perfect for those children (and adults) who just don’t want to grow up, this year Sheringham Little Theatre will take you on a magical ride all the way to Neverland – where you’ll be believing in fairies as well as Father Christmas. Opening on Wednesday, December 7, until Sunday, January 1. Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for seniors and £3 for children. Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for seniors and £3 for children. Sheringham Little Theatre, Station Road, Sheringham, NR26 8EP; 01263 828244; sleحضنhamlittletheatre.com

**GORLESTON PAVILION**

Aladin

Take a ride on Aladdin’s magic carpet at the Gorleston Pavilion. On for just nine days from Wednesday, December 7 to Friday, December 16, with ticket prices at £12.50 for adults, £10 for concession, £9 for children and £5 for family (two adults and two children). Gorleston Pavilion, Pier Gardens, Gorleston, NR31 6PP; 01493 666262; gorlestonpavilion.co.uk

**PRINCESS THEATRE, HUNSTON**

Jack and the Beanstalk

This Christmas follow Jack on his mission up the beanstalk to rescue Jill from the terror of the Giant Blunderbore. The pantomime runs from Saturday, December 10, 2016 to Sunday, January 1, 2017. Tickets adults £15.50, children and concessions £12.50, family ticket £50. Princess Theatre, The Green, Hunstanton, PE36 5AH; 01485 532953; princess@hunstanton.co.uk

**AUDEN THEATRE, GRESHAM’S SCHOOL**

Jack and the Beanstalk

Reembu Productions deliver a traditional pantomime for all the family, spectacular scenery, stunning costumes and lots of comedy. Performances on Saturday, December 17, 7.30pm and 6.30pm. Tickets £9 adults, £5 children and concessions. Auden Theatre, Gresham’s School, Cromer Road, Holt, NR25 6EA; 01263 7219443; audentheatre.co.uk