

FRANCES KNOWLES

As the founder member of NABS, Frances has written, directed and appeared in more productions than she cares to remember. From an Old Maid to Granny Godmother, she's done the lot. Tonight she proves her versatility...as your compere. Doreen is an old trouser who has been with NABS from the start. She has appeared as Dame many times in panto, but she has played many memorable roles in plays. However, she especially enjoys the variety shows, and she even postponed her holiday to take part in tonight's show.

DOREEN NEAVE

PEGGY OWEN

The 'Queen of Mardle' herself, Peggy, always adds that touch of... banter...song...and, quite simply, that touch of Peggy to a show. She is a very busy NABS member, especially behind the scenes. She is the NABS Secretary and quite often finds herself typing words well into the night!

DAVID HAWKINS

Since his last performance as Emperor of China, David has emigrated to Norwich. However, his enthusiasm and talent is such that he realised that NABS just couldn't afford to lose him. Tonight you'll see how right he was!

NOEL BRANDON-JONES

If ever something needs designing, drawing, writing, hanging, painting, or simply "doing" then Noel is your man. As director of Cinderella (1983) it was Noel who devised a way of having 6 horses and a coach on stage and a cast...all at the same time! For tonight's show, Noel has probably played a part in all you see - except, perhaps, the coffee!

BRENDA MITCHELL

Although she resides in Smallburgh, Brenda is very much part of NABS. Ever since playing Buttons in Cinderella (1974), she has continued to provide us with lots of laughs and songs. As Albert - or is it Harbert? - she has developed a local character who always comes up with some sort of squit. Tonight both Brenda and Albert appear but, of course, not at the same time!

MIKE PRICE

Mike makes only a brief appearance in the show, but his dry wit and delivery is always worth seeing. Mike directed the last NABS production 'Good Old Summertime' and among his other parts he played Gus the Gorilla in Aladdin.

JACKIE SIMPSON

Jackie is another seasoned performer, following numerous panto and play performances. However, there is more to this lady than you might think. She is an experienced director, and has directed many shows for NABS. Tonight's performance is slightly different from her usual role, but she is looking forward to the experience!

DIANE YAXLEY

Diane has played Cinderella, the Sleeping Princess, a giant's wife and a Babe in the Wood. Tonight she plays the guitar...and sings. Diane is also an accomplished pianist.

Autumn Variety Show 1984

LEE BOSWELL

Lee is 13 years old and has already had considerable stage experience. He continues to take acting classes in Norwich, and he gave a memorable performance as Count Filthy Lucre in a Neatishead School production. Lee was Wishee Washee in Aladdin and looks set to appear in many more pantomimes for NABS.

LISA RICHARDS

Lisa is one of the youngest members of the Company. At 11 years of age she has great presence on stage and a sparkling personality. She has also performed in Neatishead School productions, and earlier this year teamed up with Penny Shorten as a Troubadour in 'The Ballad of Irstead Shoals'.

PENNY SHORTEN

Penny is the other 11 year old, but she doesn't let her age affect her performance. As Troubadour with Lisa Richards she excelled as an entertainer. However, her ambition is not to be an actress, rather a nurse, teacher or a vet.

KATIE SMITH

Katie is another performer with a sparkling personality, and at 13 years of age, she already has stage experience. She played Petunia, the leading lady to Count Filthy Lucre (Lee Boswell), and has been in several NABS pantos.

MARK WILTON

Mark lives in North Walsham, but even that hasn't taken him away - except for the Saturday evening! In addition to his NABS membership, he is a member of a country dance band, 'The Barn Owls', which regularly perform in this area. Direct from her recent success as Ethel Pearson in 'Good Old Summertime', Alice returns to the relative comfort of her position as prompt. Alice is another long standing member of NABS. Pat is one of the newest NABS members, and she made her NABS acting debut as Daphne Pepper in 'Good Old Summertime'. Pat has also worked with Tasburgh Players, and tonight she is Assistant Stage Manager. She is a member of the NABS Production Team.

ALICE DENNES

PAT LONDON

JOHN LAVINGTON

John is very much a backstage man! Whether sound effects, music or lighting is required, John will come up with the goods. He has a wealth of experience gained from working on many productions even before joining NABS. Robert gained experience early in NABS as Dick Whittington's cat and in Music Hall productions. Since then, he has concentrated on backstage work. He is also a member of the NABS Production Team. David has been the resident Musical Director of NABS since 1978, and he has been involved in many NABS productions. He has also worked backstage and even took an acting role as Mario in 'Good Old Summertime'. He was formerly the MD of Acle Young Farmers Ents., and SUDS at Stirling University. Tonight's show is the first David has directed.

ROBERT DENNES

DAVID GEDGE