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We didn't quite manage a full Panto this year; instead, on 22nd and 23rd January SHADDO (Shiplake & Dunsden Amateur Dramatic Organisation) performed a play about a Panto, as part of an Evening of Merriment and Laughter. Capacity audiences on both nights enjoyed two short plays – “Gosforth's Fete”, by Alan Ayckbourne, and “Last Panto in Little Grimley”, by David Tristram.



Penny Caudle, Hilary Tucker, Ollie Mayer, Terry James & Neil McAdam in 'Gosforth's Fete'



Gareth Jones, Rosemary Appleby, Mark Manson & Pam Hudgell in 'Last Panto in Little Grimley'

This rounds off what has been quite an active year for SHADDO. Last April we performed our first Evening of Merriment & Laughter and last October, in a major departure from our normal light-hearted portfolio, we staged an innovative and highly acclaimed production of an adaptation of Kafka's Metamorphosis.

Whether or not we'll stage a Panto again remains uncertain. A Panto can involve upwards of 60 people and requires a lot of organisation and commitment. There's no shortage of offers of help but our core team is getting smaller – and older! - and desperately needs new blood.

If any fellow villagers feel they have the time and the interest to become involved in this major village activity, or would like to be kept informed about forthcoming productions, please e-mail us at info@shaddo.uk.