

HEADLEY THEATRE CLUB

Presents

THE BROOMSQUIRE

*A dramatisation, Written and Directed by Jo Smith
of Sabine Baring-Gould's celebrated novel*

In September 1786, a lone sailor was murdered on Hindhead Common by three men. This much is common knowledge. But was the sailor alone? In his book *The Broom-Squire*, the Victorian author Sabine Baring-Gould imagines that the sailor was carrying a baby daughter, and that she survived the ambush.

From this point, he develops a story of the orphan girl found in the Devil's Punch Bowl by one of the broomsquires who lived there at the time. Eighteen years later, the finder and the foundling marry. But the circumstances and results of this union lead to a clash of wills — and more.

Touring to the following venues in June 2013

FRIDAY 14 JUNE, 8.00 PM

Haslemere Museum

FRIDAY 21 JUNE, 8.00 PM

Butser Ancient Farm

SATURDAY 15 JUNE,
7.30 PM

*Phoenix Arts Centre,
Bordon*

SATURDAY 22 JUNE
2.30 PM & 8.00 PM

Headley Village Hall

SUNDAY 16 JUNE, 2.30 PM

Rural Life Centre, Tilford

SUNDAY 23 JUNE, 2.30 PM

Hindhead (open-air)



PROGRAMME

CAST LIST

Matabel, a foundling.....	Izzy Glinn
Jonas Kink, <i>The Broomsquire</i>	Luke Oates
Simon Verstage, <i>Landlord of The Ship Inn at Thursley</i>	David Irwin
Susanna Verstage, <i>Wife of Simon</i>	Mel White
Iver Verstage, <i>son of Simon and Susanna</i>	Mark Spiller
Sarah Roccliffe, <i>sister of Jonas, wife of Thomas Roccliffe</i>	Pru Harrold
Giles Cheel, <i>a broomsquire in the Devil's Punch Bowl</i>	Peter Glinn
Betsy Cheel, <i>wife of Giles</i>	Wendy Downs
Markham, <i>a solicitor</i>	Nick Webb
Barelegs, <i>an attorney</i>	Rod Sharp
Judge, <i>at Kingston Crown Court</i>	David Irwin
Defence Counsel, <i>for Matabel</i>	Neil Hardinge
Puttenham, <i>Guardian of the Poor in Thursley</i>	Peter Glinn
Doctor, <i>staying at The Ship</i>	Neil Hardinge
Vicar, <i>of Thursley</i>	Rod Sharp
The Sailor, <i>murdered at Hindhead</i>	Nick Webb
Casey, <i>a murderer</i>	Peter Glinn
Marshall, <i>a murderer</i>	Neil Hardinge
Lonigon, <i>a murderer</i>	Wendy Downs
Labourers.....	Peter Glinn, Rod Sharp
Chorus.....	Wendy Downs, Dil Williamson-Smith
School Children	Zak and Zya White
Musicians.....	Steve White (pipes); Nick Webb (guitar)
Singers	Izzy Glinn, Dil Williamson-Smith, Mel White, Nick Webb

Production Crew

Directors	Jo Smith and Steve White
Co-Director	Dil Williamson-Smith
Set Construction.....	Members of Headley Theatre Club
Props	Janet Hardinge and Ellie Bradford
Wardrobe	Dil Williamson-Smith
Publicity.....	Tina Wareham and Janet Hardinge

Act 1

1. Introduction
2. At the Ship Inn - Iver leaves
3. In the Punch Bowl
4. At the Ship Inn - in the porch
5. Jonas proposes
6. The wedding party at the Ship Inn - Iver returns
7. At Jonas's house
8. Mrs Verstage and Iver visit Matabel and Jonas
in the Punch Bowl
9. At the Ship Inn
10. To Thor's Stone
11. In the Punch Bowl
12. The birth
13. The bequest
14. The Baptism party in the Punch Bowl

☪☪ Interval ☪☪

Act 2

Please be aware there will be loud sound effects during this Act

15. The Trustee
16. Markham visits Matabel
17. Jonas visits Iver in his Guildford studio
18. Matabel takes the baby to see Sarah
19. Jonas sees Barelegs the attorney
20. Back at the Punch Bowl
21. Matabel on the run
22. The Trial
23. At the Ship Inn
24. To Thor's Stone again
25. Finale

As in the days of street performers, you will be sharing space with the actors. Please feel free to use any of their benches, rostra and tables to sit, lean or perch on. If the actors need to use the space, you will either be moved by them, or incorporated into the scene. We hope you enjoy the experience.

Headley Theatre Club would like to thank the following organisations for hosting the various productions

Haslemere Museum, Haslemere

The Phoenix Theatre, Bordon

Rural Life Centre, Tilford

Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton

National Trust, Hindhead

Our thanks to the following who also sold tickets for us

Tina's Hairdressers, Headley

Alfred Whittle & Sons, Headley Down

Magical Rooms, Grayshott

One Tree Books, Petersfield



FORTHCOMING HEADLEY THEATRE CLUB EVENTS AND PRODUCTIONS

13th July - Summer Ball - Live music, light supper, 'posh' frocks. Tickets £10 inc Light Supper, bring your own drinks.

11th, 12th & 18th, 19th October - Fawlty Towers. Once again we will be performing two episodes, this time - 'The Germans' and 'Communication Problems'.

10th/11th and 17th/18th January 2014 - Pantomime



If you are interested in attending or being in one of our productions, please contact Dil Williamson-Smith on 01428 712892

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www.headley-village.com/drama