

**Wimborne Community Theatre presents**

## **THE QUARTER JACK'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE**



**Wimborne Community Theatre welcomes new members:**

If you would like to get involved – either as a performer or as part of the creative team, or If you would like to find out more about the group, please contact:

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**at Allendale House, Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm**

**Priest's House Museum, Friday, December 12 at 7pm**

# The Quarter Jack's Challenge

## CAST (in order of appearance)

Hilda Coles	Clare Small
Charles Castleman	Tony Horitz
Laura, Charlie, Jack	Themselves
Lady Margaret Beaufort	Ken Horitz
Alicia Payntere	Jean Austreng
Isaac Gulliver	Jeff Hart
Elizabeth Gulliver	Barbara Hart
Scurvy, a smuggler	Fay Hills
Pike, Customs Officer	Dave Arkell
Mrs Henrietta Bankes	Marion Leatherdale
St Cuthburga	Tuppy Hill
Alice Maud Baker	Ella Ridley
Viola Bankes	Ellie Dowdle
Nurse Stanley	Faye Hills
Directed by	Tony Horitz
Sound recordings	Rob Hart
Poem extract from	<i>Tale of Hours</i> by Thomas Hardy

*Thanks to Roy Wood, for loan of train.  
WCT is grateful to Allendale House staff for their continuing support, and to Emma Ayling and staff for letting us perform in Priest's House, Museum.*

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## About The Quarter Jack's Challenge

*'The Quarter Jack beats time for rich and poor in Dorset'*

This short play has grown organically out of WCT's long interest in local history. For over 20 years, we have been creating original dramas, after researching stories of Dorset people. As well as finding out about influential Dorset folk, such as landed gentry and king-makers, we have unearthed scraps of information about those ancestors who were living in the margins of history and mentioned only in footnotes who also contributed to the county's rich

history and deserve recognition. So 'The Quarter Jack's Christmas Challenge' celebrates a wide range of previous Wimborne residents, who have left the town its distinctive legacy. We hope you enjoy meeting them tonight.

**Wimborne Community Theatre** celebrates over twenty years making site-specific theatre in East Dorset. Since 1991, WCT has created 19 productions, all in outdoor and non-theatre buildings. WCT is a group of East Dorset residents from 12 – 88 years.

WCT's last large-scale production (2011) involved over 70 local people of all ages, taking part in the production *'The Great Rinsing'* at Wimborne Pump House.

## What's Next?

WCT has been awarded a grant from East Dorset District Council to develop a programme of reminiscence and creative workshops on the theme of Wimborne at War. This will be the start of a larger scale project developed over the next two years. Look out for publicity about the workshops in the local press.

WCT will shortly announce the results of its application to Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a creative on-line archive of WCT's community theatre work in East Dorset since 1991.

## Fundraising

We are trying to raise funds for future projects, and to cover costs of room hire, etc. If you feel able to help, please take advantage of the current **Local Giving** scheme which matches every £10 donated.

[www.localgiving.com/wimbornecommunitytheatre](http://www.localgiving.com/wimbornecommunitytheatre)