

## Crowborough Players 2017 Panto

### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

#### Plot Precis

Magical Fairy-in-Training, Fairy Nuff and her sidekick Elf Ensafety introduce us to the world of Pantoland, where it seems the people are oppressed by a tyrannical giant who takes all their money. The King of Pantoland offers half his kingdom and his daughter's hand in marriage to anyone who can put a stop to the giant's tyranny.

Young Jack Trott meets and falls in love with the Princess, and vows to be the one to stop the giant and win her hand.

But is all as it seems in Pantoland? Evil media baron Squire Rotherford and his team of town criers seem to be making the news up as they go along, Jack's mother Dame Trott is struggling to make a go of her milkshake stand as Daisy the Cow won't give milk, so must be sold at the auction at Hailsham. Strange wise women appear, confusing everyone with their riddles, and the competition is fierce with the vegetable judging at the Town Fair Horticultural Show.

Poor Jack can't sell Daisy at auction, so in desperation accepts a handful of prizewinning beans as payment for her. As if by magic, or indeed, entirely by magic a gigantic beanstalk appears overnight.

Jack, his friend Simple Simon, and half the village race up the beanstalk to defeat the giant and be the one to win half the kingdom and the Princess Gabrielle's hand in marriage. But before they can do that, they must get past the magical folk of Cloudland and their queen, Titania.

Arriving at the giant's castle, they find all is indeed not what it seems. The evil squire has been taking everyone's money for himself, and the tyrannical giant is just a lonely boy who has to make his own clockwork friends as he has only his housekeeper for company.

They all escape the castle, and live happily ever after - Jack wins the Princess and half the kingdom, the good end happily, and it all ends on a song.