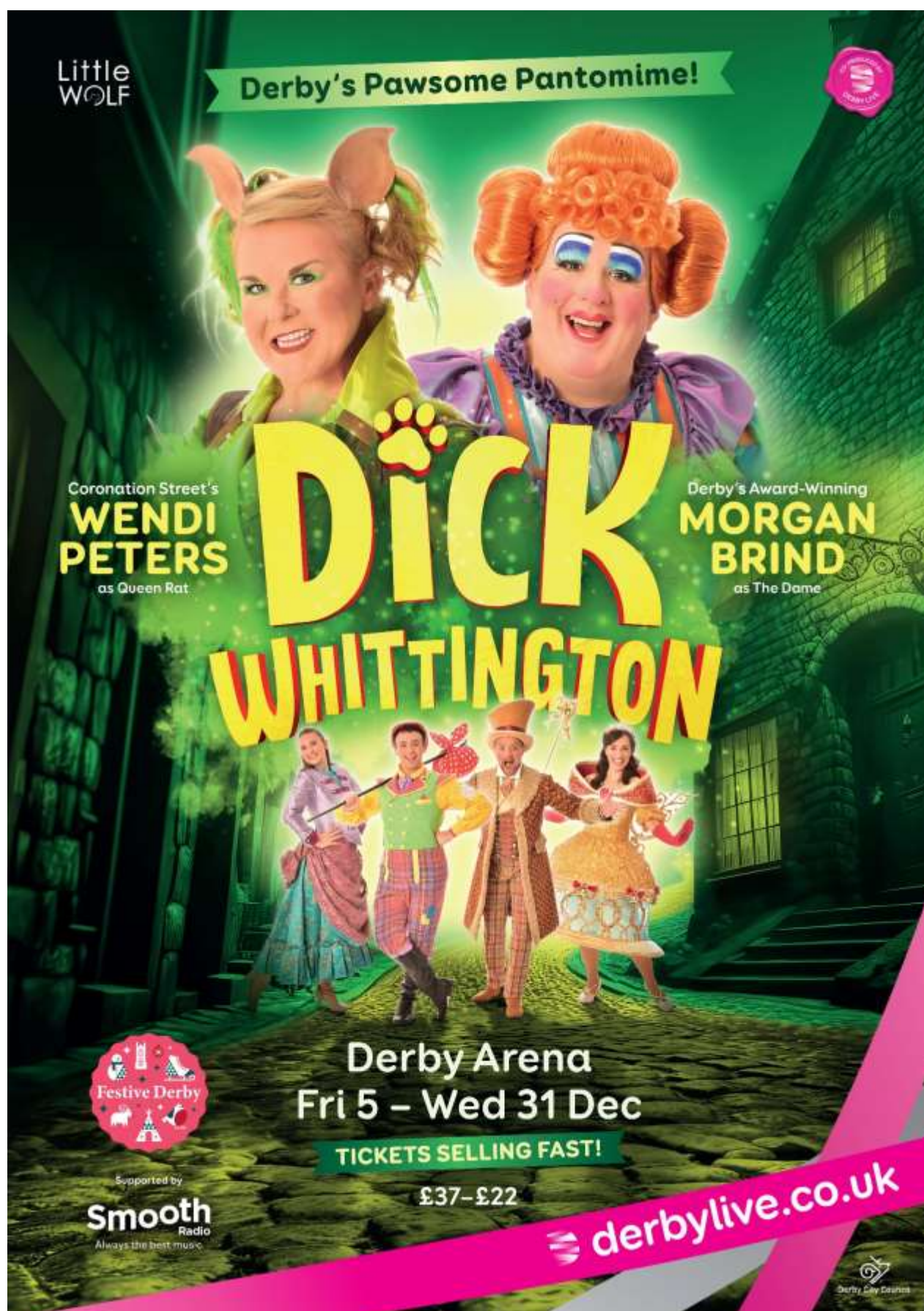


Dick Whittington – RELAXED PERFORMANCE GUIDE - Mon 29 Dec



The poster features a vibrant green background with a stone archway. At the top, a green banner reads "Derby's Pawsome Pantomime!". Below this, two large characters are featured: Wendi Peters as Queen Rat, wearing a green jacket and large rat ears, and Morgan Brind as The Dame, wearing a purple dress and a large orange wig. The title "Dick Whittington" is written in large, yellow, stylized letters with a paw print above the 'i'. Below the title, four smaller characters are shown: a woman in a blue dress, a man in a green vest and plaid pants, a man in a brown coat and top hat, and a woman in a yellow dress. The background shows a stone archway leading to a building.

Little WOLF

Derby's Pawsome Pantomime!

Coronation Street's
WENDI PETERS
as Queen Rat

Derby's Award-Winning
MORGAN BRIND
as The Dame

Dick WHITTINGTON

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Welcome to Dick Whittington at Derby Arena

We're so glad that you want to come and see Dick Whittington. This booklet will tell you a bit more about what to expect when you visit us. We hope that we've told you about most things here, but if there's anything else that you want to know, please phone us on 01332 255800 or email boxoffice@derby.go.uk

Relaxed performances are designed especially for visitors who like a more relaxed performance space. This can be anyone who finds it hard to sit still for a long time! So, this show is perfect for families with young children and for children and adults who have disabilities such as autism or ADHD.

No-one will mind if you make a bit of noise, or if you need to get up and go out for a bit. The theatre doors will be shut but there will be some of the Front of House team who will happily let you in and out as many times as you like. There's a quiet area outside the auditorium where you can go before the show, and which will stay open during the performance in case you want to relax in there before going back into see the rest of the show.

There will be a screen in this area which will show what is happening on the stage, so that you don't miss anything! There will be some changes to the show so that there aren't too many bangs and flashes, and the lights will stay on low, so it doesn't go completely dark.

The important thing is that this is a show especially for you! Everyone at Derby LIVE wants you to have a wonderful time and not feel that you have to be quiet and still.

The Venue – Derby Arena

Here is a picture of Derby Arena, where you will be watching Dick Whittington.



We suggest that you arrive early so that you have enough time to collect your tickets (if you don't have them already), have a look around and find your seat.

There's a car park at the back of the Arena. You can pay the steward £3 as you enter.



Be careful as you enter Derby Arena as the electronic doors move quite quickly and the inner doors will open towards you.

The Box Office and Foyer

When you walk in the Derby Arena you will see the Box Office.



Here is a picture of the Box Office. If you haven't already got your ticket for Dick Whittington, you will need to collect it from the Box Office team.

The building and especially the foyer will get very busy before the show. This is because people are waiting to go into the auditorium where the stage and seats are. If you find it too noisy and too busy, ask one of our Front of House team if you can go into the auditorium early. If that isn't possible because they are still setting it up, then they will show you where the quiet area is, and you can sit there instead.



Whilst you're waiting to go in, you can get a toy from the quiet area. These are sensory toys that you can play with during the show and return afterwards. They can't be taken away.

The Café and chill out area

Café 42 is located on the ground floor within the foyer. You walk through it on your way to the inner foyer and auditorium. There are places to sit and wait for the show to start here. You will be able to get a snack or drink before the show.



There are plenty of toilets around Derby Arena. The main toilets are in the inner theatre foyer. There will be lots of Front of House staff around to help you find them.

In the Inner Foyer there are places to buy drinks and snacks before you go through to the auditorium. You will see the pantomime merchandise stand, which can be very bright. This is where we will sell pantomime merchandise such as flashing wands and spinners. There will also be an Information Point where you can borrow an infra-red hearing assistance unit, and you can also buy a programme if you want to.



If you want to sit somewhere quiet before, during or after the show then you can sit in the chill out area. The chill out area is next to the auditorium, which will be quiet during the performance. There will be a television which shows what is happening on the stage, so you don't miss anything. If you need any assistance on the day, you can always visit our information point in the inner foyer.

The Auditorium

The auditorium is where the audience will sit to watch Dick Whittington. There are two different levels in the auditorium. The ground level is floor seating, and the higher stepped level is lower tier seating. Our wheelchair spaces are on the floor level with companion seats next to them.

You will have some time to find your seat before the show starts, there will be lots of Front of House staff around to help you. You can take in any electronic devices that you may need. You can also take drinks in if they are in paper or plastic cups.

When the show begins, the curtain will open sideways, and you will see the characters performing on the stage. The performance has two parts with an interval (break) of 20 minutes in the middle. At times there will be some pyrotechnics, and the cast will go out into the audience. If you don't want to see these parts, you can either wait in the foyer, or the quiet area, then return to your seat after these scenes have ended. Front of House staff can tell you when these parts are over. You are welcome to get up out of your seat if you need to move around. You can leave the auditorium at any time and come back in when you are ready.

The Story

Prepare for adventure as we join Dick Whittington on his search for fame and fortune!

Dick sets off for the glittering streets of London, believing they are paved with gold...or are they?

To overcome the obstacles and the dark schemes threatening his journey, Dick will need the magical assistance of Fairy Bow Bells and the sharp wits of his indispensable, Tommy the cat.

Their combined efforts are humanity's only hope against the forces of a truly repellent Queen Rat aiming to take over the world!

After the Show

When the pantomime has finished you can leave the auditorium when you are ready. It will be busy as everyone will be leaving at the same time. There will be Front of House staff waiting at the exits to show you where to go and answer any of your questions.

The Cast

This is Morgan Brind. Morgan was one of the Ugly Sisters last year. This year he will play the Dame. Morgan is a boy but, in the show, pretends to be a girl.



This is Wendi Peters she plays the villain Queen Rat. She played Cilla Battersby-Brown in Coronation Street.



This is Kristian Cunningham – He will play our hero Dick Whittington.



This is Roddy Peters. He plays the Alderman.



This is Nicola Martinus-Smith. She will star as Fairy Bow Bells.



This is Ruby Hewitt who plays Alice.



This is Kai Harris who is Tommy the Cat. Kai will be in a cat costume.



We really hope that you enjoy Dick Whittington and have a very happy Christmas and New Year.