

Sleeping Beauty

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Shinfield Players Theatre

AFTER the success of last year's pantomime, Shinfield Players Theatre again resorted to a show written by one of their members, Carol Vockins, who also found herself cast as the villain of the piece, Fairy Ruby.

The traditional story of revenge taken when invitations to the christening of the Princess did not extend to Ruby, received a slightly different retelling, providing opportunities for many members to make cameo appearances.

Ami Thomas was an attractive Princess who, in this version was awakened by a kiss from the Gypsy [Prince](#) (Emma Chappell).

Humorous interludes were provided by Mark Griffiths as a loveable Dame Flora, Matt Green (Dimley), Gordon Bird (the earthy gardener Grumboil) and Chris Pett (Cedric).

Pace and continuity were lacking at the performance I attended, although I am sure these picked up as the run progressed.

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