

What the Critics had to say...

'The production of *A Servant to Two Masters* by the Good Companions in Bunbury Village Hall was a brilliant show, the night I saw it on Friday 28th Feb. From the opening dance sequence to the last curtain call the audience just could not get enough. Chris Fisher was superb as the servant, Truffaldino, bouncing around the auditorium and involving the audience in his escapades. The scene with Smeraldina and his *Vogue* dance will be with me forever, but I think I'll skip on his method of opening other people's letters..... messy and bruising!

Mairi Harris was a very glamorous Beatrice who played the part of a wealthy Italian merchant well and with style. Dave Barrett played the part of Silvio, a dapper lover, while his sword skills were an hilarious cross between Captain Hook and Indiana Jones. Clarice, played by Kerry Bannon, was a spoilt, hysterical foil for Silvio and their rows alone were well worth the ticket price. Her maid, Smeraldina, played by Jaqui French, was a perfect example of how a smaller part can captivate an audience, from her unladylike behaviour to her raucous courting scene.

All the actors filled their roles well and the children as housemaids and porters were a great addition. The other adults were; Jim Walker, Mike Ridley and Jonathan Morris, with the children, Faye Hough, Matthew Belattati, Harry Parr, Ellie Maddock-James and Ella O'Brien.

It is clear that Director, John Headon, had given great thought to the comedy and he cleverly added pieces to the original script, like both of the openings to the two acts and these worked well, as did the chosen music. The play was written to delight and confuse the audience and this it did, but the costumed opening dance was spectacular and I could hear the mass intake of breath from the audience as the lights came up on the wedding scene that started act two... a triumph!

Carlo Goldoni would be delighted by this rendition of his Venetian Masterpiece and the cast should be equally pleased with the justice they gave to his script. **Bravo!!**