

That's entertainment

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Village venture . . . the Windmill Players are presenting the *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Wizard gets a village makeover

When the North Leigh-based Windmill Players formed as a drama group in 2002 their aim was to entertain all the people of the village.

The venture was a community project designed to give everyone a chance to either act, work behind the scenes or simply help with publicity.

This week the Players aim to take their audiences on a musical adventure down the *Yellow Brick Road* and on to *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* by staging *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, at the North Leigh Memorial Hall.

Staging this adaptation of the famous musical was the idea of



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director Caroline Woodruff who thought that it would bring together all age groups in a classic family show.

The main problem was the copyright, which the Players obtained by buying the rights to an adaptation of the original novel by Michele Vacca to suit their needs.

With no musical score they had to weave the familiar musical numbers into the scenes.

They have also added a local flavour. Instead of the heroine Dorothy — played by 11-year-old Bryony Woodruff — coming from a Kansas farm, she lives in North Leigh, because as the director said: "There's no place like home."

There is a cast of 21 members, some of which play two or three roles, the other members, aged between six and 86, will be doing their bit behind the scenes.

Tickets for the show, which runs from Friday to Sunday, are available by phoning Joan Barnett on 01993