

Forest Times

August 2007

Acclaimed Local Players present

William Shakespeare's

a *Midsummer Night's Dream*

What is being hailed as an intimate gathering of fairy folk and humans alike will take place in an enchanting glade of magical atmosphere from Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th August. The renowned Pukka Players will be making merry in what is sure to be another fine production.

The Plot

Boy loves girl, girl loves boy. Other boy loves same girl, other girl loves other boy.
Boy & girl run away to the woods. Other girl tells other boy about it.
Local players are rehearsing in the woods.
Now everyone is in the woods...

...especially the fairies!

Oberon (King of the fairies) and Titania (Queen of the fairies) have had a 'domestic'!

Mischievous fairy, Puck, finds both sets of boy & girl and puts a spell on them so both boys now love other girl. First girl miffed!

"What fools these mortals be"

Puck 'zapps' the player, Bottom and gives him the head of an Ass. Puck 'zapps' Titania to make her fall in love with the first thing she sees...

...the 'Ass' Bottom!

Anyway...it all falls right in the end. Boy loves girl, girl loves boy. Other boy loves other girl, other girl loves other boy. Oberon loves Titania, Titania loves Oberon...

...and everyone loves a nice Bottom!

The Players

The Lovers -

Helena	Naomi Everson
Hermia	Charlotte Groves
Lysander	Glenn Jones
Demetrius	Joe Mace

The Regals -

Hippolyta	Sarah Benlican
Theseus	Duncan Creasey
Philostrate	Vic Atkins
Egeus	Norman Binding

The Fairies -

Oberon	Calum Small
Titania	Sarah Axcell
Puck	Dorothy Connell
Peaseblossom	Hannah Koziel
Cobweb	Hayley Jeffries
Mustardseed	Paige O'Sullivan
Moth	Nicola Boyd-Anderson

The Mechanicals -

Quince	David Alexander
Bottom/Pyramus	Nigel Lewis
Flute/Thisby	Dean Matthews
Snug/Lion/Wall	Linda Morgan-Groves
Starveling/Moonsbine	Roger Couhig



Programme

Act 1 Scene 1
The Palace of Theseus
Egeus seeks Theseus' judgement in the matter of his daughter, Hermia's troubled love life!

Act 1 Scene 2
Peter Quince's House
The Mechanicals meet to discuss performing a play for Theseus' wedding day.

Act 2 Scene 1
Woods near Athens
A bitter feud is developing between Titania and Oberon...UH OH!

Act 2 Scene 2
Another part of the Woods
While Titania sleeps, we follow the lovers on their journey.

Act 3 Scene 1
In the woods - Near Titania's Bower
The Mechanicals meet to rehearse their play but the mischievous Puck cuts the rehearsal short!

Interval -
15 minutes

Act 3 Scene 2
Another part of the Woods
How can one fairy create so much trouble?

Act 4 Scene 1
Continuing in the Woods
Having been charmed, Titania is in love with an Ass! Oberon removes the spell and makes peace with Titania. The Regals find the lovers asleep after their night of fairy fuelled mischief!

Act 4 Scene 2
Quince's House
The Mechanicals have been searching for Bottom, who returns from the wood and they realise the show must go on...

Act 5 Scene 1
The Palace of Theseus
Celebrations commence for the Regals and Lovers weddings - The most lamentable comedy of Pyramus and Thisby is performed against the better judgement of Philostrate [Master of Revels]

LOCAL NEWS

Local breeder, Henry Dump, has successfully crossed a hen with a lute and now has a chicken that plucks itself! This follows his earlier success when he crossed a rose with a rabbit so now there's a sucker born every minute! And of course last year he tried to cross a tavern wench with a dumb owl coz he wanted a girl who didn't give a hoot after dark!

Sad news for the local man who failed to keep up payments on his exorcism...today he was repossessed!

And Stretcho, the rubber band man has been thrown out of the local playhouse because he was getting on everyone's nerves, sitting round and twanging himself.

'Hair Today - Groin Tomorrow'

Hair pieces and cod pieces for every occasion

Don't get them mixed up!

Call Hairy Harry Now for the best choice in the stable!

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Following an incident involving a lime wagon and a water keg, the south entrance to Wattle Lane has been deemed uninhabitable. Officials at the scene are now apparently completely plastered!

TRAVEL NEWS

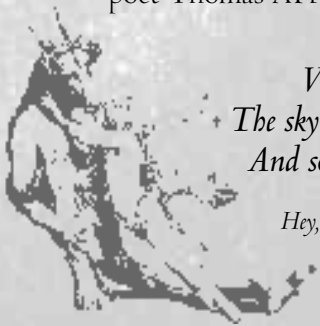
A cart carrying treacle has overturned on the main track into town. All travellers are asked to stick to the outside verge.

Poet's Corner

A poem from resident colour blind poet Thomas A'Frisbee:-

*Roses are red
Violets are brown
The sky is bright yellow
And so are Blue Tits!*

Hey, we just publish them!



You'll turn heads in these individually styled, superior, stretch hose.

Wide variety of patterns, wide variety of wideness! Easy to remove and when not in use, the perfect storage holder for your favourite German sausage!

So don't delay - call in today!

'Hose Me Down'

turn right at Bullocks Lane (just past the dung heap)

Fabrics & Wall Hangings

*Mus Cloth for Muslin'
Cheese Cloth for Cheesin'
Toilet Tissue for softness!*

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*Linen sold by the Ell
Sack cloth sold by the Bolt
Loin cloth sold by the inch!*

So come and hang out at
"O' Fabric Flair"
Stink Lane (downwind of public Outhouse)

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Ben Sludge, the enthusiastic local sewage worker was today told he will be knighted by the King...
...using a 10 ft barge pole.

Officials raided a Black Magic ceremony in the village last night and took away all the Hazelnut Clusters.

The local man who said today that cats were fat, lazy and ugly is being cared for tonight after being mugged!



Hear Ye Hear Ye...again

William Thatcher, a six foot nine, ham-fisted hairy drunk with a short temper, bad breath and flees was named by officials today as the most unwanted man in Britain!

Local Refuse Collections

Lower Dung Lane - Market Street:
Thursday & Tuesday
Rest of Town: you're gonna stink!

Deaths, Marriages Births

Thomas Staff, the man who went to the village to buy some grain but was snatched up by an Eagle, dropped in Tibet, climbed Everest, got lost up the Amazon then swam back to England before collapsing on his own doorstep was buried today. A verdict of death by adventure was recorded.

William Doggett, the very popular local pie maker, was also buried today along with his secret recipe. His family said that if the ingredients are ever revealed, he'll turn in his gravy!

Love Potions

Tried & tested for your own true Love!

Fed to rabbits (who had no interest in love whatsoever!).

Of the 2 rabbits that escaped after trying the potion, only 14 have been recovered!

Great Thanks to... Amelia Trust Farm for the use of the Amphitheatre and the support all the staff and animals have provided!

Sue and Kath Williams (Marigold Costumes) for designing and creating such 'fitting' (beautiful, stunning, fantastic, gorgeous etc.) costumes.

Kath Williams for designing and producing the beautiful posters and programmes!!!

Leighton Thomas-Burnett for lighting design and all the technical know-how!

Sarah Benlican for managing Box Office and handing over the Pukka reins!

Friends and family for helping out in so many ways - especially those covering Front of House!

The Public for supporting yet another Pukka Production!

To all those that have not been mentioned but have supported us in so many different ways!

Extra thanks to Aimée for keeping me sane!

Calum Small, Director

Production Team:

Director - Calum Small; Assistant Director - Aimée Newton
Costumes - Sue & Kath Williams/Marigold Costumes
Publicity - Kath Williams; Lighting - Leighton Thomas-Burnett
Box Office - Sarah Benlican.