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Society

# RT NEWS

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*News and Reviews for Members & Friends*



## What a Year so Far!

‘Allo ‘Allo—What fun it was to have a farce produced at Redannick again. William Fox’s direction brought all of the characters to life including, almost, the blow-up dolls. Presenting the stage version of the TV show, enjoyed by millions, was bound to invite comparison but the near capacity audiences found all of the action hilarious.



The stage crew managed to build a wartime French café for René that was totally believable and was a superb canvas on which all the action could be painted. This was a smashing production and all of the characters are to be commended for making the whole show so much fun.

**Under Milk Wood**—It turned out to be an inspirational decision to present a dramatised version of Dylan Thomas’s “Under Milk Wood” at Trelissick this summer. This was originally written as a play for voices on radio but presenting it as a drama, and with the inspired addition of some beautiful original music, made the whole village, with its diversity of characters, truly come to life. Chas Rimmer’s interpretation worked admirably and the cast’s presentation, from an excellent set designed by Mike Meer, was enthralling. The stage crew must be commended for building such a complex set and transporting it and putting it all together inside the marquee.

Rehearsing a play where the action has to be played on a large number of different levels must have been very awkward but all of the action moved at just the right pace, as though they had used the set for weeks. The fact that quite a number of the cast had at least two very different characters to portray seemed to enhance the whole effect of a close village community.

As each audience left the ‘theatre’ they were heard to remark on their enjoyment of the whole experience and this must have been tremendously encouraging to all of the cast and production team.

These are definitely two productions to remember with great satisfaction. Thank you all.

Francis Evans, Chairman

## And There’s More to Come ..!

*Witches of Eastwick*  
*25th-29th September 07*  
*Hall for Cornwall*



Our professional director, Martyn Knight, has selected a very strong cast of principals and set the whole show which is well under rehearsal now. Oriel is ably putting the cast through their paces—with a lot of exciting full company musical numbers you can imagine how hard she and the company are working. The music in this show is so exciting and Mark Clapp as our MD is really making sure that we wow the audiences vocally as well as visually whilst inspiring the cast as rehearsal pianist and lining up a band of musicians who are likely to blow the audience’s socks off! Meanwhile, the backstage crew are working tirelessly to produce a set fit for the West End.

For those who do not know the story, the show is set in Eastwick, a provincial American town where everyone knows everybody’s business! Three single women just don’t fit in and gather one evening over a martini to paint the picture of their perfect man. Little do they know that they unwittingly conjure up just that in the form of Darryl Van Horne who arrives in the town the very next day and sets about seducing all three of them. But is he that ‘perfect’ after all?! He certainly gets up the nose of Felicia Gabriel, the head of the Eastwick Preservation Society! This show is very saucy (but still fun!) in places, so is probably not suitable for young children.

All we need now is for people to **BUY TICKETS!** Trust us, you will not want to miss this one. The society is investing a lot of money in making this show a real audiovisual spectacle and every extra ticket sold will help cover that expense. Catch the cast on the piazza in Truro on carnival day, Saturday 8th September (11.15am, 1.15pm and 8.30pm) for a sneak preview of what’s in store.

Tickets are on sale now from the HfC (01872 262466) and are already selling well. Tuesday night is a charity gala night but there are also tickets available for general sale for this and every other performance, including a matinee on the Saturday.

If you are not in the show, please come and support it and tell your friends and relatives!

## On the Social Scene .....

### Rain Does NOT stop play!

Thank you to all of those who organised and supported the recent barbeque at Clive and Lisa Brown's house. There was plenty of fun for children and adults (often one and the same!) and a few heavy drizzly showers did nothing to dampen everyone's spirits.



### Coffee Morning at the Mayor's Parlour, Truro

As part of our publicity drive for Witches, the society is hosting a coffee morning at the Mayor's Parlour in Truro on Sat 15th September 07 10.30—noon.



Donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes for that event would be most welcome.

If you are not already booked to come and help at the coffee morning (or pound the streets of Truro with Witches leaflets!) then please do come along and say hello for a cuppa.

### Witches Brew at the HfC

Between the Saturday matinee and evening performance (29th Sept), the Society will be holding a tea at the Council Chambers for all cast and crew. All those attending are asked to make a contribution of £4 per head, which will go towards covering some of the cost of the food.

### TAODS ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE



7.00 for 7.30pm Saturday 10th November at the Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Nr Falmouth £20 per head

Tickets bookable at Redannick Theatre in person or telephone Jo Downie on 01872 225731 or email her at [jo1.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jo1.staines@btinternet.com).

Overnight accommodation available in the region of £45-£50 per room bookable direct with the hotel.

### THE LAST WORD!

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### Carolare 2007

Sunday 2nd December 2007 at the Hall for Cornwall



I am delighted to be directing this years Carolare and am very pleased that Bea Geddes has agreed to be Musical Director. We already have a programme in mind and are confident that the production will be a little bit special for both cast and audience.

- Theme –Aspects of Christmas
- No Orchestra pit – Musicians on stage
- Brass Band
- Fiddle Group
- Accordion Player
- Mawnan School children

Rehearsals will start in October straight after Witches of Eastwick (firm dates to be advised). I want the Carolare to be as enjoyable as possible and hope you will support me in achieving this. Look forward to seeing you in October and if you want any further details please ring me on 01326 250582 or email [threadbear@btinternet.com](mailto:threadbear@btinternet.com).

Regards to you all.

Maureen Bate