

Longparish Community Association - Hog the Limelight season

After the successes of 'Dinner at Mirandolina's' and 'Diary of a Nobody last year, the Community Association has decided to bring 3 productions to Longparish over the coming season - this is your advance warning!

Sunday 26th October 2008 at 3pm in the Village Hall - Home Service - the music and humour of the Second World War. With refreshments.

A new show from Susan Flannery and Michael Lunts - a highly professional duo of ex-West End performers. The show draws on a rich vein of material evoking the hardships, humour and heroism of the people who worked the home front. Against the backdrop of blackouts and bombs, the BBC's Home Service fought back with a barrage of wireless entertainment, while ENSA earned its affectionate nickname 'Every Night Something Awful'.

Using authentic broadcasts, songs and comic verse from the period along with first hand accounts of life in war-time Britain, Susan and Michael bring the 40s to life in all its grit and grandeur.

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall - Dominic Holland - "The UK master of observational comedy" according to the Sunday Times. Plus meal and bar.

Dominic is a familiar face on television. His many appearances include **CLIVE ANDERSON NOW**, **JIM DAVIDSON PRESENTS** and **THE ROYAL VARIETY SHOW** (all for BBC 1), **HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU** (BBC 2) and **THE DES O'CONNOR SHOW** (ITV). He is also currently appearing weekly on **TODAY WITH DES & MEL** (ITV). Dominic's hugely successful **BBC RADIO 4** series - **THE SMALL WORLD OF DOMINIC HOLLAND** was recently repeated on Radio 4.

Previous Hog the Limelight audiences hugely enjoyed Dominic's gentle comedy. He takes knowledge about the village and weaves it into his very funny take on everyday life. We intend to lay on an excellent, probably 2-course meal before the show - with Linda Blundell already booked to do the catering. There will also be a pay bar.

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Sunday 8th February 2009 - afternoon performance in Community Hall - Puck's Bottom - an enchanting burlesque tale for children from 5 years and their parents, based on A Midsummer Night's Dream.

This is a visual and magical piece with hand-carved puppets and an original musical score, inspired by traditional English and African folk music - a tapestry of slapstick, puppetry, magic and music.

Puck leads the audience on a perilous journey through Fairyland as Nick Bottom the Weaver and friends are preparing a play to perform before the Duke and Duchess on their wedding day.

Meanwhile in the forest the King and Queen of the fairies are at war. The worlds of humans and spirits are entwined and turned upside down until Puck comes to the rescue.

The Josh Elwell Theatre is one of the UK's first 'carbon neutral' theatre companies, sourcing all energy from renewable sources, running a solar-powered lighting system and running the van on bio-diesel.

Further details available later, in the meantime, please put the dates in your diaries