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## A brief history of St. Mary's Church West Worlington

Today's performance is in aid of the restoration fund for West Worlington Church roof. There will be a requirement in excess of £20,000 to carry out the replacement of all the slates and some of the timbers, the exact sum involved will not be known until after the 1st of March.

It was thought it might be an idea to give a brief history of same, based on the notes made originally by Ralph N. May in 1978.

It is a good example of a small Devon Parish Church built in the perpendicular style of architecture.

It well demonstrates the type of work carried out by local and itinerant craftsmen particularly in the wood furniture such as roof-bosses and bench ends.

The time scale for the construction of the church is:-

Tower .....13th. century (possibly rebuilt 17th).

Chancel.....14th. century.

Nave & South aisle .....15th. century.

Bench ends.....probably 16th. century

The delicate modest little parclose screen near the east end of the south aisle is a late type of carving, circa 1500.

The roof at West Worlington is the original wagon or barrel roof with beautifully carved and decorated bosses, one of which (near the south door) depicts the Virgin Mary, is certainly a crowning glory. Running as it does, and as is usual in Devon, the entire length of the church in an unbroken line, except for the ceilinged chancel, it adds greatly to the serene beauty of the interior.

The bench ends are unusual and highly individualistic, no two being alike. They were probably made by itinerant craftsmen, who would have lodged in the cottage below the church gate.

On each side-wall of the chancel is a Stucley family memorial. A family which since the 14th. century has been associated the village and church.

The tower supports a fine peal of six bells and the famous twisted spire of wooden shingles.

Another unusual feature is the entrance to the church-yard, through a thatched cottage which gives it a very special appearance.

# WORLINGTON MUSIC HALL PROGRAMME

## The National Anthem

Introduction by Your Master of Ceremonies .Professor Antonio Friskioso

The Worlington Belles .....Mesdames Blake, Clements, Hosegood,  
.....Southwood, Webber;  
..... Misses Barry, Blake, Mitchell,  
.....Robins & Stockel

A Tangled Tale .....Mad Mary from Worlington

Accordian Medley .....Mrs. Margaret Steyn

There's a Hole in My Bucket.....Liza & Henry Wall

How Music came to Devon .....Maestro Alexandrei Sparovski

Four Little Maids from Worlington .....Mesdames Burgess, Fiske,  
..... Symons & Wall

Harp Solo, Barcarole (Grandjany) ..... Miss Siona Stockel

Snow White's Narrow Escape ..... Miss Hester Moore &  
..... Master Liam O'Dwyer  
.....Bird effects by Miss Siona Stockel on the Violin

The Eastern enigma..... U-Nani- 

The Lout from Loughton ..... Mr. Steve Mercer

The Wild West Gang.....Annie-get-your gun Haughton,  
..... Texas Rose Mitchell, Calamity Jane Steyn,  
..... Sundance Kid Mitchell,  
.....Billy-the-Kid Allibone, Big-Chief Sitting-Bull Tanner,  
.....Buffalo Bill Robins, John Wayne Barry,  
..... Little-Brave Tommyhawk Steyn,  
..... Red-Deer Windebanks, Hiawatha Gowen,  
..... Hawk-Eye Barry, Bonny Blake, Dolley Wolley

❧ INTERVAL ❧

**A MELODRAMA**  
**Kiss the Villain or**  
**Foiled & Counterfoiled**

(Cast in order of appearance)

**Silas Snaker**, a rascally Banker ..... **Mr. T. Wall**  
**Bowler**, his clerk.....**Mr. S. Mercer**  
**Captain Noble**, an old sea captain ..... **Mrs. M. Crane**  
**Mrs. Noble**, his wife ..... **Mrs. S. Hockley**  
**Lucy**, their daughter ..... **Mrs. J. Berks**  
**Percy**, their son ..... **Mr. M. Wall**  
**Harold**, a friend ..... **Mrs. M. Crane**

**Accompanied on the Pianoforte by Lady Anne Stevens**

**Synopsis of Scenes**

**Scene 1**..... **The Office of Silas Snaker**  
**Scene 2**..... **The Thames Embankment**  
**Scene 3**..... **The Attics in Cross Keys Street**



**Duet :- Me & My Girl** ..... **Misses Blake & Barry**  
**Street Scene** ..... **Mr. Alan Stockel (Bodhran)**  
..... **Miss Siona Stockel (Violin)**  
..... **Mrs. Margaret Steyn (Accordian)**  
..... **The Worlington Belles**  
**Solo :- My Old Man** ..... **Miss Amelia Murgatroyd**  
**Solo :- Burlington Bertie** ..... **Mrs. Jenny Berks**  
**Duet :- We're a Couple of Swells** ..... **Mrs. Hockley & Mr. Mercer**

**GRANDE FINALE**  
**& Community Singing**  
**with Your Master of Ceremonies,**  
**The Entire Cast**  
**but Mainly Yourselfes**



**Director & Producer** ..... **Mrs. Grethe Smith**  
**Stage Manager** ..... **Mrs. Valerie Clare**  
**Assistant Stage Manager** ..... **Mr. John Hockley & Mr. Liam O'Dwyer**  
**Pianists** ..... **Mr. Alex Sparrow & Lady Anne Stevens**  
**Lighting** ..... **Mr. David Crane**  
**Scenery** ..... **Mrs. Patsey Dalaigh**  
**Curtains** ..... **Mrs. Brenda Gowan**  
**Curtain Tracking** ..... **Mr. John Hockley (J.H. Services)**  
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**Chorus Choreographer** ..... **Mrs. Sylvia Sparrow**  
**Wild West Stage-Coach** ..... **Mrs. Marzi Fiske**  
**Front of House** ..... **Mrs Janet Symons**  
**Refreshments** ..... **Mrs Diana Stone**  
**Designing & Printing of Programmes & Tickets** ..... **Mr. Barry Smith**

**Many thanks to all who have helped in so many ways with this Production, especially:-**

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**Chulmleigh Community College for rostrum blocks, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wall for transporting them and Messrs. Hockley, Smith & Whiting for erecting them.**

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**Lady Stevens for the use of her kitchen.**

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