

Members of LADS in rehearsals for The Merry Wives of Windsor



LADS having family affairs

THE curtain raises tonight on Longsdon Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) as members take another walk with Shakespeare in an accessible and enjoyable rendition of The Merry Wives of Windsor.

The play employs a huge cast of 23 which has proven to be a real family affair with two real-life husband and wife combos, and a number of fathers, sons and grandsons all playing alongside one another with of course other

stalwarts familiar to the Longsdon stage.

The central themes of Merry Wives are universal, they include sex, lies, status and social snobbery, together with three ages of love and lust. Comic plots are founded in lies and misunderstanding. Without deception, there would be no problems in Windsor life and no plot. Deception drives the action of Merry Wives and transforms its characters into all manner of strange

shapes and sizes.

LADS has lifted the play out of the 16th century and set it quite comfortably in that exciting decade just after the Second World War, the 1950s. Staged at LADS's regular venue, Longsdon Memorial Hall, the building has ample parking and excellent disabled facilities.

Merry Wives starts its run this evening and continues until Saturday November 20 Contact 01538 373212 or 01782 503969 for reservations.