

# ALI BA BA AND THE FOUR TEA THIEVES by Stephen Catchpole

The creator of this epic drama is, or so he says, an internationally renowned playwright and dramatist (or was it drama queen?) and expert on very old (or was it odd?) films. Stephen's last West End production: "Who's the Man in Mannings?", was not an instant success unlike his earlier epic drama, "Up the Lynches", which was highly acclaimed.

## Ali Ba Ba:

**Ms Beverly Tratt** – Beverly, the nation's sweetheart, last starred as an alcoholic primary school teacher on Sky TV's classic drama, "Down the Thatch". This role brought out the subtle nuances of Beverly's deeply emotional persona. This performance will move you to tears.

## Kassim:

**Sr. Manolo Calderon** – This highly cultivated actor has come out of retirement in order to be able to meet the ever demanding costs of keeping his two daughters and two ponies in the manner they are accustomed. His wife is reported to be painting the town red as a result.

## Blasted Oak:

**Mr Terry Cox** – What more can be said? This stalwart of stage and garage once again turns his not inconsiderable talent to this key role in tonight's play. Some say he is barking mad to take on the part and he should branch out more. Some say he's ready for the chop.

**Tea Growers:** this hand-picked pack of thespians may not be everyone's cuppa but, when they come to the boil, there is no stopping them (unfortunately). You never know what's brewing when this team takes centre stage. Featuring:

**Mr Alan Speed; Ms Linda Bennett; Ms Olivia Calderon; Ms Kate White**

**Mustapha (Chief Thief) Sir James Luffman.** It takes talent to be as mean and horrible as this villain but Jim manages effortlessly.

## Three Thieves:

It's difficult to image a more villainous crew than these three. Rumour has it that they roam the Stocklinch countryside on "borrowed" lawn mowers. Stocklinch Neighbourhood Watch has warned villagers to watch out for a seedy individual with a well-worn jumper pursued by a wild horse rider and a woman whistling Cwm Rhondda to the tune of the Stars and Stripes..

Featuring: **Thomas "Have I got fruit for you? Kelly; Ursula "Yanky Doodle" McKinlay; Georgia "Ride-'em" Calderon.**

**Guards:** The Theatre couldn't wish for a safer threesome than this. Stocklinch is privileged to have such an international cast, which consists of: **That Swedish sex symbol, Ms Eva Gauterin; That muscular, high diver, Freddie Luffman; Miss shoppy Megan Partington.**

**Exotic Dancer: Saucy B** - "Outstanding in all dimensions" (The Sun, 2009)

**Marlene Dietrich: Phoenix GT** – "They don't make them like this any more" (Independent 1953) – "Veritable triumph!" (Guardian, 2006)

## SO WHAT IS THE MOST FAMOUS AND RARE FEATURE OF STOCKLINCH?

We know that you know but just in case you didn't know, we thought it best to tell you what makes Stocklinch so famous.

Is it, we hear you ask, because Stocklinch is a twice blessed village? No! That is not the answer.

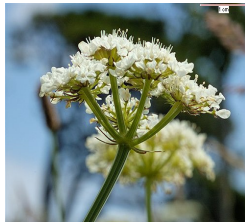
Is it because we have two churches? No! Wrong!

Is it because Stocklinch is renowned for its unique and erudite Book Group? No, certainly not!

Could it be for its seasonal deep water challenges at either end of the Village, designed to test the finest of the automotive industry? No, that would be wrong.

Of course, you are right! It's the **Corky Dropwort**. Well done!

You will find CW (see picture) in the churchyard, according to resident flower sleuth, Wendy Gustaffson Ph. D., M. Phil, Royal Bot. Soc.,). Wendy was seen recently crawling mysteriously in the vicinity of St Magdalene's Church muttering: "Here Warty, where are you?" Fortunately, her husband, on retrieving her, had a pint of glögg to hand and Wendy's disappointments soon disappeared.,



And what has this to do with tonight's spectacular?

Well, now, that would be telling, wouldn't it?

**PS** Wendy is happy to give a six hour lecture on Corky Dropwort if you are interested, which we are sure you are.

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