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Prepare for a puppet invasion all over Pendle this Spring – with the emphasis on variety. Mid-Pennine Arts Association's third Puppet Festival is on the road, catering for all – youngsters and adults alike, with nine different companies offering a vast range of talents. Apart from performances – indoors and open-air, we've got family puppet weekend workshops, a mid-week mask-making session, and special projects with school and college students.

Exhibitions will be making the puppets' presence felt, too: the Public Libraries at Nelson, Earby and Brierfield, plus Nelson & Colne College and Pendle Leisure Services at Leeds Road will host touring static displays of puppets from Liz Gamlin, Presto Puppets and Mermaid Puppets, together with some of the artefacts used in the making of 'The Dark Crystal', loaned by courtesy of the Henson Organisation. And if you want to find out more about the art of puppetry, why not pop into the MPAA shop and gallery on the first floor at 2 Hammerton Street? We have a range of specialist book stock, including puppetry items. In addition, several touring bookstalls will be visiting schools and elsewhere in the area.

From the largest to the smallest, from the most opulent to the humble inventiveness of puppets made from overlooked scraps of fabric and other household bric-a-brac – they're all here in the 1984 Pendle Puppet Festival – a marathon to enjoy from beginning to end!

# MR. SPOON ON BUTTON MOON

#### presented by Playboard Puppets

Mr. Spoon on Button Moon is an exciting new space fantasy, featuring characters from the popular ITV series BUTTON MOON. Captain Large and the Plastic Bottle Army, Queenie Jelly and her Gingerbread Men are all featured, and a look through Mr. Spoon's telescope will focus on Brew the Witch, Thunder the Dragon and Lightning the Cat! Children love the idea of seeing their favourite TV characters live on stage – and the glowing 'black light' technique that is used throughout the show is highly unusual - unlike anything that can be seen on TV.

COLNE Municipal Hall Wednesday 28 March 10.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 29 March 10.15 a.m.
Friday 30 March 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.
Saturday 31 March 2.15 p.m.

#### **AESOP'S FABLES**

#### performed by Presto Puppets

Among the largest that can be seen in any Puppet Theatre in Britain today, the puppets that perform 'Aesop's Fables' are up to five foot high, using a stage of some 400 square feet and 12 foot high! Presto are the North of England's most-travelled touring puppeteers, and you will understand why after seeing their latest truly epic-scale extravaganza. Beautifully crafted marionette creatures appear in a dreamy woodland glade: for their own amusement, they create a modern-day entertainment review - with the emphasis on humour based around Aesop's tales of their own animal kingdom. This large, colourful show really is a fantasy and a half.

BARNOLDSWICK Civic Hall Thursday 5 April, 7.00 p.m.

There is a daytime performance of Presto's ever-popular 'Aladdin' and 'Puppet Cabaret' at 1.45 p.m. at the Civic Hall - suitable for mothers, toddlers and anyone else.

#### **FAMILY PUPPET DAYS**

#### with LIZ GAMLIN

Liz devises her special workshops for 5 to 9 year olds, preferably accompanied by parents, grandparents or other 'grown-up', though those aged 6 to 9 may attend on their own, if you wish.

Watch Liz give a short performance, let her help you make your puppet(s), then devise and perform your very own small show! Liz specialises in making glove, rod and shadow puppets, and gives performances using all three.

Easily-found household materials are all that is needed for making an entire show, so why not have a thoroughly absorbing family day out? Please bring a light packed lunch, plus a selection from the following: cardboard egg-boxes; plastic bottles; socks; paper plates; cardboard tubes; cloth pieces/old disused clothes; braid; ribbon/trimmings; buttons, beads etc; thin gardening sticks; wool; scissors; and (adults only!) needle & thread; staples; sharp scissors; small tube of UHU glue or similar. Don't worry if you don't have the entire list . . . there is plenty to share.

BARNOLDSWICK Civic Hall Saturday 7 April 11.00 to 3.00. EARBY Coronation Hall Saturday 28 April 11.00 to 3.00.

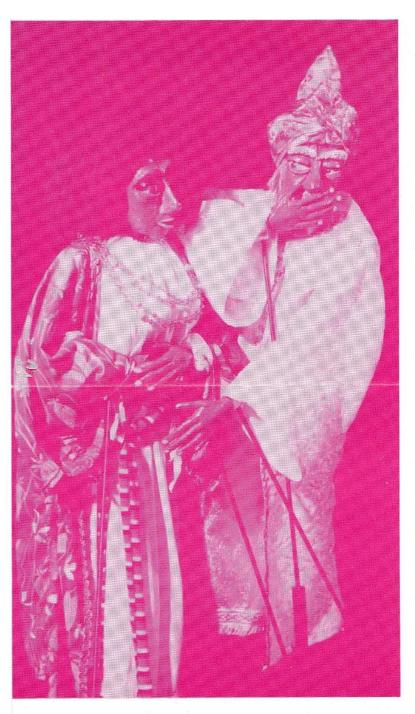
#### MAJOR MUSTARD's TRAVELLING SHOW

A cavalcade of fun and laughter - with full supporting cast. The Major performs songs, stories and other items, and creates a host of other characters to help him as he goes along! Glove puppets – junk puppets – music . . . come along and join the fun.

#### Programme 1: No. 7 DANDELION STREET

For 3 to 7 year-olds: Major Mustard explores his cottage and garden – and discovers some extraordinary inhabitants! He has to ask the audience for help whenever he has difficult problems during his public appearances, so everyone is likely to get totally involved in one of his shows . . .

BRIERFIELD Town Hall Friday 13 April 2.00 p.m.



**ALI BABA** 

presented by Mermaid Puppet Theatre
Based on the original Arabian Nights Tale of Ali Baba & the Forty Thieves, and
the discovery of their stolen hoard of treasure in a secret cave. Much scheming by Ali's horrid brother and by the wicked robbers fails, and eventually Ali outwits them all. Suitable for all ages, including adults.

EARBY Coronation Hall Friday 27 April 2.00 p.m.

**BLUENOSE PONGLE** 

presented by Mermaid Puppet Theatre

An original play with music and sound effects: the saga of a gnome born with a disability – a blue nose rather than the regulation red. The Pongle and his best friend, Lambert Floomtwizzle, seek the advice of a wise old sage, who sends them on a quest for the items needed to make the blue nose red. Things go rather wrong – with dramatic results, but even when they return home with what they were told they needed, there are more surprises in store!

EARBY Coronation Hall Friday 27 April 7.00 p.m.

Programme 2: ROBIN HOOD

The classic struggle between good and evil is acted out yet again: Robin Hood meets the mean and wicked Sherrif of Nottingham and his dreadful henchman, Guy of Gisborne. There is a full supporting cast of unusual and comic glove puppet characters, with live music and plenty of chances for audience participation. Suitable for all adults, with or without the extra excuse of bringing a child too!

BRIERFIELD Town Hall Friday 13 April 7.30 p.m.

Programme 3: LITTLE ERN

A child is born to Royalty — and what the Family hopes their subjects will never find out about the heir to the throne is that . . . their son is a baby teapot! What happens to them all is told using glove puppets, plus music and songs. The

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PLUS FAMILY PUPPET DAY . . . See the 'Little Ern' show, then, if you want to, stay on afterwards, meet the company – and learn 'how to do it' yourself!

With the guidance of the 'Major Mustard' troupe, you can make your own puppet characters from useful scraps, think up a story with others in the group – and then – perform! Should be fascinating. Children aged 8 to 12 welcome, with or without accompanying adult for this 'family puppet day'. No special knowledge or materials needed, but best bring sandwiches if staying for workshop after the show. Advance booking required for workshop – 25 places

BRIERFIELD Youth Centre Saturday 14 April 10.30 (performance) 11.30 to 4.00 (workshop)

#### MASK-MAKING WORKSHOP with DAVE FOWKES

An introductory illustrated demonstration of the techniques and skills of puppet and mask-making in wood, plastic, rubber latex, cloth and other materials. Suitable for professional and amateur performers, as well as home use. Plus an outline history of puppetry with an explanation of modern

NELSON Unemployed Centre Tuesday 17 April 2.00 p.m. Adm. FREE.

# PAMPLEMOUSSE LE TIGRE

presented by Les Marionettes de Genève

Somewhere in India, in the middle of the Jungle, Little Pamplemousse, with his golden fur and beautiful brown stripes, lives in a house in the deepest Bush. During the day, he plays with his friend, the mongoose. But he is afraid of everything – thunderstorms, lightning, his own shadow, a butterfly; even a flower as it opens. But surely all tigers are naturally brave? The story tells, in words and music, how the timid, loveable little tiger lost and won his stripes.

Three separate puppet booths are used on stage, and the rod-operated puppets are made and perform with great originality. With over fifty years' experience and expertise behind them, the company, from Switzerland, promise us a real treat! A show for all ages, except perhaps the under-fours.

NELSON Civic Hall Saturday 21 April 2.00 p.m.

# STANELLI'S SUPER CIRCUS

presented by Parker Marionettes

An amazing collection of acts

All the fun of the sawdust ring

Roll up! Roll up!! The circus is back in town . . . Clowns – trapezes – horses – balancing acts – strong men – contortionists – big cats! Smell the sawdust, tingle with excitement . . . everything you hope for at the circus: but the performers are just 18 inches high! Amazingly, they are all string puppets, hand sculpted in wood in all their detail. Just step into the world of STANELLI'S SUPER CIRCUS - you're bound to

agree that 'It's better than the real thing!

TRAWDEN Community Hall Tuesday 24 April, 7.30 p.m.

#### BELCIKAL

Shadow puppets behind a screen 13 feet in height, with live music to accompany them in an extraordinary blend of Arabic and African, with a touch of Flemish! The company is led by Luk Mishalle, who still works from time to time with Welfare State International.

**COLNE** Union Hotel, Market Street, Thursday 26 April, 8.00 pm.

## CAT ISLAND - OUTDOOR CELEBRATIONS AND SURPRISES!

Anyone who is in Nelson, Colne or Barrowford had better watch out over Easter! For this year the giving of Easter Eggs falls at the same time as St. George's Day, with tales of chivalry and dragons in the air. For a real celebration of these ancient rites, CAT ISLAND will be providing sumptuous large-scale appearances in the open-air, with gigantic processional puppets, mummers' plays, and a Dragon-slaying finale, held on Nelson's Marsden Park. Colourful, eye-catching, imagination-boggling spectacle. Don't spend all your time on Pendle Hill this year, or you will miss the best free show of the lot. Ideal for adults with all the family.

NELSON Victoria Park Friday 20 April 10.00 to 12.00 noon NELSON Town Centre Saturday 21 April 10.00 to 12.00 noon COLNE Town Centre Saturday 21 April 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. BARROWFORD Park Hill Sunday 22 April 10.00 to 12.00 noon COLNE Ball Grove Sunday 22 April 10.00 to 3.00 p.m. NELSON Marsden Park Monday 23 April 11.00 to 4.00 p.m.

### PAVEMENT PUPPETS

Stop and watch the newest company in our Festival. They'll be appearing on the pavements of Pendle with their special ten-minute show to brighten your shopping trip. Dave Fowkes of Bacup will have devised the appearances, so look out for these free shows and processions from spot to spot.

Appearing at BARROWFORD Tuesday 10 April 12.00 to 3.00

BRIERFIELD Saturday 14 April 12.00 to 3.00

Wednesday 25 April 12.00 to 3.00

Friday 27 April 12.00 to 3.00

# **HOW TO BOOK**

Tickets for all events, priced £1-20 per show (60 pence children, OAP's, unemployed etc) are available from MPAA at 2 Hammerton Street, Burnley (Tel.: 21986), and from Pendle Leisure Services, branches of Althams Travel Services, Pendle Dance Centre, Brierfield and other usual outlets. Discounts available for party bookings. 'Mr. Spoon on Button Moon' and 'Pamplemousse le Tigre' are co-promoted with Pendle Leisure Services.

