

TALES FROM THE WOODS

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Remember - you're only young twice

I can see your little chubby faces lighting up as you open your morning mail. Amongst all those 'square' things in life that we have to endure such as house bills etc. like a rose between thorns comes "Tales from the Woods", now celebrating its third issue to brighten up your dreary journey to work courtesy of Anglia Railways, SouthWest Trains or whatever other 'cowboy' train company relieves you of your hard earned cash.

Hopefully, it will put a smile on your face as you place your treasured copy of "Tales from the Woods" inside your briefcase to make your way up the platform of your London terminal, nodding a cheery good morning to the Driver who you recognise immediately because only last week he was your milkman.

Well, Kats and Kittens, March already. Can you believe it? How time flies when you are forever young. Spring is in the air. Those long, dark, wet Winter days will soon be behind us to be replaced by long, light, wet Spring days.

So what have we to look forward to? Quite a lot of goodies coming our way before issue 4 hits your doormats.

James Hunter and the Jokers plus the **Houserockers** at the Selhurst railway Club on Wednesday 28th February.

Burt Jansch at the Jazz Café on Monday 5th March.

Dave Alvin at the Borderline on Wednesday 7th March.

Jimmie Dale Gilmore at the Garage on Thursday 8th March.

Elvis (the Concert) at Wembley Arena on Friday/Saturday 16th/17th March.

Coming up in April **Linda Gail Lewis** and **Van Morrison** are at the Royal Albert hall on 19th to 21st. For all you Jazz fans, **Sonny Rollins** is at the Barbican on the 28th and **Dave Berry** is at the London Palladium on the 29th (but be warned Kats and Kittens - the remainder of the bill is horrendous)



COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF 'TALES FROM THE WOODS'

GRAHAM MORGAN, SIGNALLER AT VICTORIA SIGNALLING CENTRE MEETS FATS DOMINO AT HIS HOME IN NEW ORLEANS. FULL STORY AND PICTURE.

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Great to see such a good turn out for the world famous gang meet up despite stiff competition from Billy Gerschey. Welcome back Charles Dale after many months absence. Welcome to the fold Dark Stranger, who is ready (by all accounts) to strap back on his Strat and get rockin' the boards

again. And welcome also to the guy from Israel who flew in specially to join us but, sadly, could not come for a meal as he would have missed his flight home. Nice to see Dave Travis also making a long trek up from deepest Hampshire to join us.

Congratulations to Tony Papard for finally getting to see 'Billy Elliott'.

A message goes out to Keith Baker and Joe Johnson - Selhurst railway club is only just round the corner for you both so how about finally making one of my gigs?

'You-know-who' I shall be at your big birthday bash on the final Saturday of the month.

Kristof, are you willing to be DJ at the Selhurst gig? Please contact me.



The next gang meet up will be Friday 2nd March, **Princess Louise, Holborn**, from 18:45 hours onwards. Depart for a meal at approx. 20:20.



Well folks! Sadly, nobody won last month's quiz. But don't give up hope. Remember, this month it could be you!



Bigger and better prizes to be won. Yes folks, no expense is being spared as "Tales from the Woods" is giving away a bottle of exclusive Siberian wine and an autographed 'A4' size photo of Keith Woods, complete with frame so you can simply place it on your bedside table to gaze upon at your will.

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STATESIDE TRIP

Come the 21st April, Lynn Peters, Mary Howard, John Howard, Ken Major and Yours Truly will be departing on a US tour. Taking in Austin, Texas, Lubbock is also on the cards and New Orleans for the Jazz fest as well as a couple of days down in

Cajun country. If anyone else is interested in joining us, contact either myself or Ken Major, as soon as possible please, as time is now running short.

The photos of the family gathering just prior to Christmas have now been developed. Will send copies to Rita & George, Annette & Stephen and Shula & Martin.



Question two - Charlie Gracie did his first British tour way back in 1957 - he played the London Hippodrome. What is it called now, and what was it called in the intervening years?

Question three - throughout the many branches of the Woods family tree, what significance does 'Coeur De Lion' have?

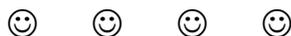
Question four - the objectionable Peter Stringfellow began his rags to riches climb by booking which British pop group into Birkenhead Town Hall back in the early 1960s?

Question one - Leonard Cohen on a CD a few years back sang a song called the 'Tower of Song' in which the song refers to a tall tower on each floor of which lives a songwriter. On the top floor lives one of our heroes - a legendary name of our type of music. To whom was 'Laughing Len' referring?

The "Tales from the Woods" hotline just seconds ago has received a call from the President of the United States, George 'W' Bush. An exclusive for all you loyal readers that Shadow Home Secretary, Anne Widdecombe (a.k.a. Gazelda, the Wicked Witch of Witteringham), has been offered a top job with the US Administration as a Peace Envoy to the Middle east.

She is expected to begin talks immediately with the recently elected Israeli Prime Minister, Areil Siron, and the leader of the Palestinians, Yasaf Arrafat.

The intention of this totally unexpected appointment is that they will be so outraged by her hysterical rantings that their own differences will pale into insignificance.



Tony Papard has come up with this wonderful idea for Christmas 2001. Our very own "Gang Pantomime" which, naturally, will be Rock'n'Roll related with traditional Panto themes.

At this very moment, Tony is knocking out five pages of script a day, entitled "Rock'n'Roll Heaven", on his trusty (rusty?) typewriter.

Tony insists on playing 'Elvis' as he has both the hair and the voice. Other ideas we have are John Joliffe as 'Sam Cooke', Bryan Jessop as 'Chuck Willis' and Keith Johnson as 'Professor Longhair' but it's up to you, Kats and Kittens. What we need is volunteers. So choose your role... be the Rock'n'Roll star you always wanted to be! Charles Dale has already volunteered to be 'Patsy Cline'.

Martin McClure can video the whole show for posterity and Dave Travis can release the soundtrack on his Stomptime label.

That's all for now folks!

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Keith Woods

COMING UP IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF 'TALES FROM THE WOODS'

A COLUMN (WRITTEN EXCLUSIVELY FOR THIS, THE FASTEST GROWING NEWSLETTER THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM) BY TONY PAPARD.

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