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The Liberty Tree

Tales of Robin Hood and the English Radicals, by Hugh Lupton & Nick Hennessey

Crick Crack Club Performance Storytelling at Aberystwyth Arts Centre,

Thursday 19 January

'Sheer wizardry in the guise of utter simplicity' **Eastern Daily Press**



It's plain to see that we still hold a special place in our hearts for Robin Hood and his Merry Men. Something deep in our cultural psyche takes an irresistible delight in tales of the rich and powerful being taken down a peg or two - of the balance being redressed - if only for a moment.

And our man in green is far from alone. Levelers, Diggers, Grindletonians, Muggletonians, Ranters and Seekers...the UK's history of dissent, of pushing against the ties that bind and rule of law, is timeless. In the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries it made its presence felt through Christian anarchy, the formation of new communities, new schools, and emigration to the new world – acts of dissatisfaction that echo noisily in the world we know today.

In a celebration of lawlessness, Hugh Lupton and Nick Hennessey sing and tell tales of Robin Hood and the English Radicals in *The Liberty Tree*, at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on the 19th January 2012. Enter a place where it's always high summer; where venison is always being roasted; where tyranny rides rough-shod over the green freedoms of England and where the wrongs and injustices of the world are mended by subversion and trickery. Join Little John, Will Scarlet, Much the Miller's Son, Friar Tuck and the rest of the Merry Fellowship in the dappled heart of Sherwood.

And remember - to live outside the law you must be honest...

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £8.50 (£7.50) CC £8 (£7). Tickets can be booked by calling the Aberystwyth Arts Centre box office on 01970 623232 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre .

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