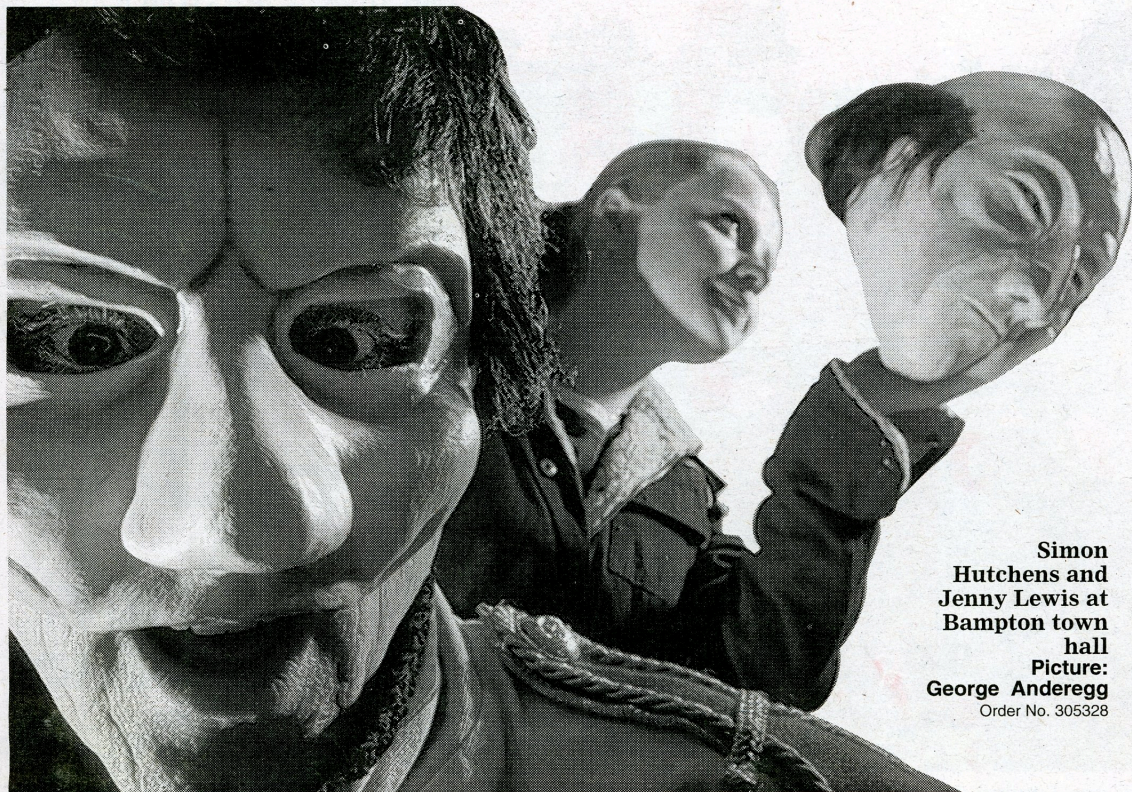


# That's entertainment

Your weekly guide to what's on . . .

## Inspiration from old Japan



Simon Hutchens and Jenny Lewis at Bampton town hall  
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AN exhibition celebrating theatrical masks is on show at the West Oxfordshire Art Gallery, Bampton, thanks to Trading Faces Theatre Company, the mask theatre specialists.

Trading Faces, who are based in Abingdon, are displaying masks from their extensive collection created for performances and workshops over the last 17 years. They call the exhibition *Expressions — Masks for Theatre*.

The range on show includes masks made by children from Bartholomew School, Eynsham, while attending a mask workshop run by Trading Faces



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and inspired by Japanese Noh Masks, which by tradition were worn by male actors.

These masks are comparatively small and they cover the front of the face, but have only small holes for eyes, nostrils and mouth.

Because a classic Noh performance would last several

hours, these masks have to be very light, as they are worn throughout a performance.

What you see in the exhibition are some excellent examples of how schoolchildren have used their imagination to create their own of variations of these traditional masks.

For those who would like to make their own mask, Trading Faces are running workshops, which will include an 'open mask' performance workshop for adults on Sunday, January 30, from 2pm to 6pm, and a family mask-making workshop the same day, from 10am to noon.

To book, ring 01993 850137.

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■ Two-faced . . . Simon Hutchens and Jenny Lewis, 13, with masks from an exhibition at Bampton Town Hall. The pupils at Bartholomew School, Eynsham, produced the masks with specialists from Trading Faces in a project supported by West Oxfordshire District Council

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## A talented face lurks beneath this

**PUPILS** at Bartholomew School in Eynsham have produced a display of masks for an exhibition.

Simon Hutchens and Jenny Lewis are *pictured* using some of them.

Masks from Trading Faces' collection will be displayed

alongside the pupils' masks in the exhibition, which runs until January 31, at West Ox Arts in Bampton Town Hall.

There is also a mask-making workshop on Sunday, January 30 between 10am and noon.

Places are limited and cost £2.50 per child, while in the

afternoon, there is a workshop for adults on masks, followed by a guided tour of the exhibition. Places cost £5.50 or £3.50 concession.

For bookings please call 01993 850137.

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