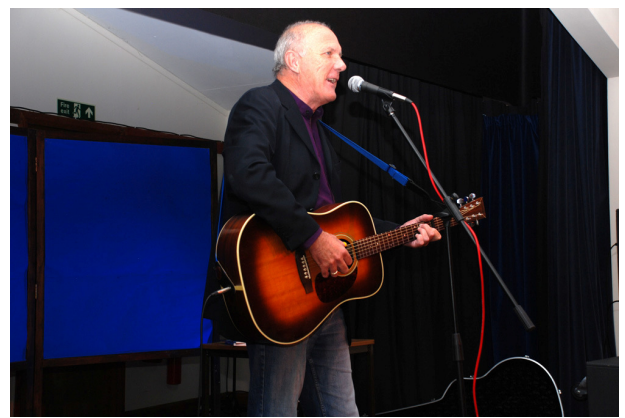


Richard Digance on Tour

For our final event of 2011, FOLSC were delighted to welcome the unique Richard Digance to Long Sutton on Saturday, 22nd October and the village hall was filled to capacity.

Richard, who has an international track record stretching back over 40 years entertained us with his brilliant self-penned comic songs, accompanied by an acoustic guitar and introduced with panache, style and outrageous humour. Many in the audience did not know what to expect but his relaxed style immediately had us at our ease and the laughter nearly lifted the roof! We heard stories from his varied career, starting as an ambulance driver to performing with the likes of Tom Jones and Brian May, his regular slot with Carol Vordeman on Channel 4's Countdown and his involvement in the creation of the double entendre names for several of Black Pig's crew in the Captain Pugwash cartoon which landed him in hot water.



Songs were performed from his latest CD and the title track "Letter from Afghanistan" brought a hushed silence to the hall. England's dismal performance in the recent football world cup, when the team "lacked motivation", contrasted with the courage and dedication of our lads serving in Helmand Province. The evening concluded with Richard's classic "200 Remembers".



Our audience whose ages spanned eight decades were able to identify with such things as sherbet dips, spangles, love hearts, Dennis the Menace, the Lone Ranger, 77 Sun Set Strip, The Fugitive, idiot mittens, put a tiger in your tank, Lady Penelope, Senior Service and National Health specs. By the end Richard had us all eating out of his hand and in a subsequent email he praised the audience for being a great crowd.



The evening proved a fantastic event with many guests saying they had not laughed so much in years. We raised £1247, which we understand is a possible record for any FOLSC event and in view of recent thefts from our church roof, is already being put to good use. It is opportune at the year end to thank all those who generously supported our events in 2011.

