

THE Fowey Funnybone Youth Theatre production of *Dick Whittington* was a resounding success.

Co-director with Gill Butler, Ken Jones, said he was impressed by the teamwork displayed by this year's cast.

He said: "Everything went smoothly and the children all supported each other really well on stage."

"If anyone forgot a line, they would prompt each other but they were all very professional and a credit to the group."

"It was a success and we have had phone calls from lots of people saying how much they enjoyed it."

Ken said the only glitch was a total loss of light and sound on the penultimate Friday night which was overcome by manual use of the equipment.

"It was fine in the end - we were able to get around the problem - these things happen," said Ken.

"We had a full house on both Friday and Saturday nights and even on the other two nights - it was three-quarters full."

Ken said seven years ago the group was set up after a few people felt there was a lack of theatre opportunities in Fowey for young people.

"A lot of young people joined the Troy players but we wanted to give children a chance to obtain theatre training before they joined an adult group - and it is so much fun to get involved with youth theatre," he said.

"It was mainly children and we have to have a couple of adults to carry the humour as they have a good sense of timing."

"One of the members usually writes the script and the rest of the committee try to keep it localised with a few Fowey references in it."

"There were references to Kitto's Butchers and Fowey Fish which support us through the year and we have a few sponsors and every penny we



take goes back to the next production.

"There was also a reference to the woman who stands on the town quay shouting '45 minute boat trips' and a pantomime camel was drafted in at the last minute too."

The youth theatre group has charity status as they have very little money and every penny they make is rolled into the next production.

Ken said he wanted to thank

all the parents who took time to ferry their children to and fro during the months of rehearsals every Sunday afternoon.

"I would also like to thank all the backstage crew - who worked really hard to make it a success," he said.

Ken said he was delighted to announce that the group's next performance was going to be *The Pied Piper* and auditions would commence in September.



■ Fowey Funnybone Youth Theatre's production of *Dick Whittington*.

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