

FUNNYBONE RECEIVES LIONS' BOOST

A TROUPE of young actors has received a boost just prior to its latest production, with Fowey River Lions presenting the company with a £500 cheque.

Funnybone Youth Theatre will be putting on *Robinson Crusoe on Treasure Island* later this month for a four-night run and Saturday matinee.

The cast of 20 actors – the youngest is just five – have been busy rehearsing their parts for the past 12 weeks, and will take to the stage of the Town Hall for the first night on February 22.

The panto has been written by Penny Vernalls and is being directed by Gill Butler, who ran workshops in the summer to help recruit the young talent for the production.

Funnybones' Ken Johns said the hard work that had been put in by the children deserved to attract large audiences, and thanked the Lions for their generous donation.

"The money is extremely welcome, because many



Black Patch, played by Chris Smith, left, and Robinson Crusoe, played by Jade Lewsey, right, from Funnybone Youth Theatre.

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people simply don't realise the cost involved in putting on a production.

"*Robinson Crusoe on Treasure Island* is costing around £2,000 to stage at the Town Hall. It's surprising how

much money is needed by the time you include lighting, sound and other essentials, but everyone is looking forward to it."

Evening performances start at 7.30pm, and there is also a

Saturday matinee at 3pm. Tickets are available from Park Road Post Office, Bookends and Fowey Seasons, priced £5 for adults, £3.50 for children or £15 for a family ticket for two adults and two children.



The Fowey Funnybone Youth Theatre cast of *Robinson Crusoe on Treasure Island*. AEW3212-157