

# THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

## 10 Events

1. Slender (encouraged by the parson, Sir Hugh Evans), Doctor Caius and Fenton are all competing to marry wealthy, young, Anne Page - but Anne only has eyes for Fenton.
2. Sir John Falstaff, intent on an affair with two married women, Mistress Page (mother of Anne) and Mistress Ford, sends them both love letters. But they compare notes and plot to have their revenge on him.
3. At Mistress Quickly's house, Doctor Caius discovers that Sir Hugh is working behind the scenes to ensure that Anne Page marries Slender. Incensed, he challenges Sir Hugh Evans to a duel.
4. Fenton asks Mistress Quickly to help him to marry Anne Page. She agrees, knowing that Anne loves Fenton.
5. Master Ford and Master Page discover that Falstaff is trying to woo their wives. Master Page is confident of his wife's fidelity but Master Ford decides to disguise himself as 'Master Brook' to see if his wife is faithful. He visits Falstaff and asks Falstaff to help him woo Mistress Ford.
6. Sir Hugh Evans and Doctor Caius prepare to duel but are prevented by the innkeeper.
7. Falstaff attends his assignation with Mistress Ford. Mistress Ford and Mistress Page have Falstaff carried away in a laundry basket and dumped in a ditch so that when Master Ford searches the house, he doesn't find anything.
8. Mistress Ford asks Falstaff to come back to the house, and he has to hide again when Master Ford returns. This time, the ladies disguise him as a woman and he gets a beating as Master Ford throws him out of the house.

9. Mistress Page and Mistress Ford reveal the plot to their husbands. They all conspire to trick Falstaff into coming to the forest, dressed as Herne. Both Slender and Doctor Caius plan to use the opportunity to steal away Anne Page and marry her, but Anne Page has agreed to meet Fenton and marry him.
  
10. The conspirators, disguised as hobgoblins and fairies, come upon Falstaff and pinch and kick him as he cowers on the crowd. The Fords and Pages reveal themselves and tell Falstaff how they have made a fool of him. Slender and Doctor Caius discover they have run away with boys instead of Anne Page, who marries Fenton.