

## **INTERVIEW WITH 'PLENTY O'TOOLE' AKA LANA WOOD IN AUGUST 2012**

*Interview by Anders Frejdh, Editor of From Sweden with Love.*

**[FSWL:] How did you get into the business?**

[Lana Wood:] I don't think I ever had a chance of doing anything else! At the age of eight, I was taken to meet John Wayne and Ford to see if they would hire me as the young Debbie in *The Searchers*...fait accomplis!

**What advice would you give to anyone getting into the business?**

One must really love acting...the business is filled with disappointments and you have a tendency to lead a very secluded life...advice? Don't try unless you are prepared to love each pitfall!

**Describe an underrated and/or often neglected part of your profession.**

I don't believe that acting is underrated anymore. When I was a young woman? Most directors and producers on television felt that what you see is what you get! Not true, but it pigeonholed a great many actresses, myself most certainly included.

**Which are your favourite films of all time?**

Bringing Up Baby! All the Thin Man films, ooh! Too many to list!

**What were the biggest challenges of your involvement with Bond?**

My involvement with Bond! That's kidding!

**What are your memories of Harry Saltzman and Cubby Broccoli?**

Cubby was a warm and very clever man! I was told by **Tom Mankiewicz** never to even attempt to introduce myself to Harry Saltzman! I was told he is a quite angry man!

**What are your memories of Guy Hamilton?**

Guy is beyond adorable! He let me do whatever I wanted with my character, was fun to be around...and I recall he and his wife were robbed in Las Vegas while they slept!

**What are your memories of Sean Connery?**

Only the nicest memories, from the time we first met at dinner in his home in Putney, to the last time I saw him which was at Natalie's house for Thanksgiving! We have spoken many times since, and I hold him dear.

**Can you tell us an anecdote, a special memory of your time on Diamonds?**

I was horribly embarrassed when I had to film the scene where Sean and I are kissing in his room! I was trying so hard to be blasé that I am afraid I came off as simply nervous! I was so afraid people would guess we were having an affair...

**How do you feel about your involvement with the Bond film series today? Why do you think they have lasted for 50 years?**

I am terribly proud and thoroughly delighted to have been a part of a series of films that have yet to be diminished by time! They are quite amazing in their ability to continue...and continue..

**What do you think about the current Bond films with Daniel Craig?**

I really feel, that at last, Bond is current with the times! **Daniel Craig** is a wonderful actor and brings so much more intensity and authority to the character, than anyone since Sean. He makes it real! Very moving...his performances!

**Did you ever read any of Ian Fleming's original novels?**

Every single one when I was a teen! Adored and worshipped those books!

**Have you ever visited Sweden and/or any of the other Scandinavian countries?**

I would adore visiting Sweden! Get someone to invite me!

**You've had a long career, have you ever worked with any Swedish actors?**

No, but I consider **Maud Adams** a very dear friend!

**The 'Millenium Trilogy', written by the late Swedish author Stieg Larsson, has been very successful around the world. Have you read them or seen any of the films?**

I read Stieg's books before he became so popular! I remember waiting at the bookstore to be able to purchase the last one! He spoiled other writers and books for me for quite some time. No one could match him. I would start another author...become bored, put the book away! Obviously, he is a favourite!

**What do you think about the 'From Sweden with Love' website?**

The website is a complete delight, as you are my dear!

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND ANSWERS, LANA!**

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