

Phoenix



News

April 2015

Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders

20th – 23rd May

The Bear Pit Theatre

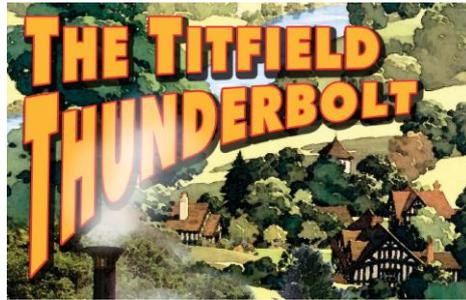
Not long to go now! Rehearsals are progressing well, with books down. (Well, sort of.) It's just a matter of plugging away at it now and getting those bums on seats. Attached is a flyer for you to print off and stick in your car, office, front window etc. Tickets are starting to go, so get in early for the best seats in the house.



The Titfield Thunderbolt

24th – 26th September 2015

Stratford ArtsHouse



Always with one eye to the future, readings / informal auditions for The Titfield Thunderbolt will be held in June.

As a reminder, here are a few words from your esteemed director, Mr Graham Robson –

“The play takes place in three acting areas, with the cast creating the train sound effects, and people whizzing past with hand-held bits of scenery and birds and things to create the illusion of movement. There is a Narrator to help with the audience involvement. There is also a song for the whole cast to learn, and a further one at the end, as a finale.

The show has 14 characters in it. Some are on a lot, and some only a little. It can be done with as few as five actors. . . . *but that doesn't seem like much fun, does it?* The plan is to have minimum doubling-up, with those people not immediately being used acting as a form of “chorus” . . . on the platform, in the pub, on the “train”, involved with scenery, mixing with the audience when we do bits that involve them, etc.

Bear in mind: “There is no such thing as a small part. Only a small actor”.

If you would like to know more about the show or characters or would like to get involved, contact Graham direct at info@dtline.co.uk for more details.

Readings and informal auditions will be held at the Studio on **Monday 8th June and Wednesday 10th June**, at

Party!

Last minute call to get your tickets! We need to get numbers to the caterers, so **please buy your tickets by Sunday 3rd May**. Here's all the details ...

Phoenix PLAYERS

Raising funds for: Stratford Cancer & Eye Hospital Appeal
Your support adds up...

70th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

KEEP CALM YOU'RE ONLY 70

STRATFORD ARTSHOUSE

Anyone ever associated with the Phoenix Players is invited!
Please share this with your contacts, too!

Friday 15th May
7-30pm until midnight - Stratford Artshouse

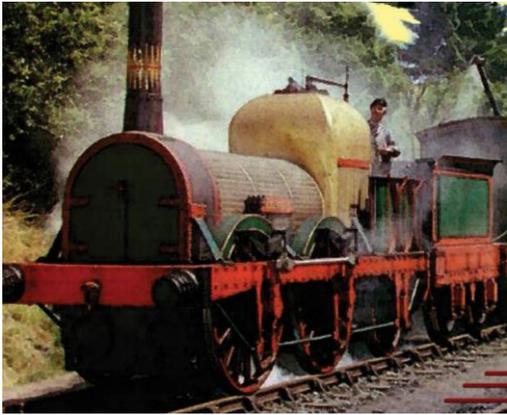
Buffet, dancing, and a lot of laughing.
1940s theme with music provided by Betsy Harmony
Feel free to dress the part!
[Plenty of costume available from the wardrobe for a small fee]

Tickets: £20
Age 14 and under -
£12.50

Available from :
Fiona Robson - 07795 474074
or Becky Alun-Jones on 07969 642521

Always the Bridesmaid ...

Having been nominated for NODA awards in the past, we felt sure that Take Away the Lady was the one that was going to give us the prize. Sadly we lost out again to Second Thoughts with their production of Shadowlands. Hey ho; onwards and upwards.



It's All about Steam Trains

To get us in the mood for the Titfield Thunderbolt, we have organised a trip on the Toddington railway for **Saturday 11th July**. Tickets are around £20 each and include a fish and chip supper. It's an evening ride running from 7.00pm to 9.30pm and takes you through some beautiful Cotswold countryside. **If you would like to come, please contact Graham at info@dtline.co.uk or on 01789 720450 by Monday 18th May**. He is gathering numbers, names and, of course, your money!

Don't Mention the Dream

30th May at Tiddington Community Centre

3rd June at Lighthorne Drama Festival

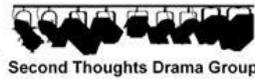
Our one-act entry for the Lighthorne Festival is progressing well. The four actors involved are meeting once a week with Lynda to ensure peak performance by the end of May. You've got two opportunities to see the show, so don't miss out.

Firstly, the troop is performing as part of a triple bill at TCC on Saturday 30th May.



Triple bill at Tiddington!
30th May 2015
7:30pm

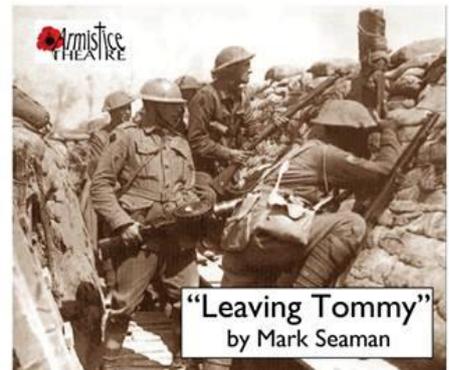
An evening of three short plays,
performed by local theatre companies.



A drama group are meeting to decide their next production. Will Russell get his way and produce "A Midsummers Night's Dream" - or will Lucy put a spanner in the works?



The prosecution of a horse rider wearing a reflective jacket is taking place. The motorist who brought the case accuses the horseman of impersonating a police officer. Chaos ensues...



The play is set in a World War 1 prison. It is based around the conversation between a Chaplin and a prisoner and deals with the choices some soldiers made at the time.

30th May 2015

Tiddington Community Centre

Tickets:

rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com

In aid of:



Then there will be the actual competitive performance at the festival on Wednesday 3rd June. Tickets for the festival are £12 including a light supper and are now available from Rebecca by emailing lighthornefestival@gmail.com or via a link on the website <http://lighthornefestival.org.uk> or alternatively on 01926 651239.

Good luck Lynda and team!

Other News

Cleaner required

We're looking for someone to take on the regular cleaning of the Studio. We'll pay you! (But probably not much!) We'd like someone who can commit to giving the place a good 'going over' once a month. Can you help? Please talk to any committee member if you can. Thanks.

Panto 2016 – Alice in Wonderland

Hot off the press, plans are afoot for next year's panto already. We are aiming for good old family show in 2016 as the ArtsHouse will be running their own traditional pantomime, Cinderella, just before Christmas. Kaylee Holt will be directing with Becky Alun-Jones assisting. There will be a good variety of parts so watch this space for further news later in the year.

Quiz results



The quiz was packed out this year, with 45 people in attendance. I think it must have been the lure of the fish and chips at The View, which were tip top! Anyway, we had 12 teams competing with the winners being a group called Fiona and Lynda are Wonderful. The name of the team held no sway with the judges, obviously, and all decisions were completely above board. We've already started planning for next year's challenge!

Why not tear this bit off and stick it on your fridge? (Thanks for the idea Steph J)

<p><i>Your "we're really looking forward to the party" committee consists of:</i></p> <p><i>Fiona Robson Carlyne McHugh Andy Jepson Becky Alun-Jones Caroline Adams Graham Robson Jacqui Lindsay Kaylee Holt Lynda Jepson Neil McBride</i></p>	<p>Dates for your diary:</p> <p>Friday 15th May</p> <p>Monday 18th May</p> <p>20th – 23rd May</p> <p>Saturday 30th May</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd June</p> <p>Monday 8th June Wednesday 10th June</p> <p>Saturday 11th July</p> <p>W/c 20th September</p> <p>W/c 31st January 2016</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>70th Anniversary Party!!!</p> <p>Deadline for signing up for the Toddington railway trip</p> <p>Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders</p> <p>Don't Mention the Dream preview night at Tiddington Community Centre</p> <p>Lighthorne Festival – Don't Mention the Dream</p> <p>Readings / informal auditions for The Titfield Thunderbolt</p> <p>Trip on the Toddington steam railway</p> <p>The Titfield Thunderbolt</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland</p>
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