

Phoenix



News

February 2015

We Won!

Six of us attended the Pride of Stratford Awards on Friday 13th February, held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Stratford. It turned out to be a very lucky night for us, as we won the award for Arts Organisation of the Year. We were up against the Stratford ArtsHouse and the Stratford Picture House but the judges were obviously impressed by our entry which detailed how we like to run as a family friendly group with people from the same families as regular members. They also liked the fact that we work with the Stratford Lions to create a special production of our pantomime each year and that we support burgeoning talent both on and off the stage. It was lovely to win the award in our 70th year and I was keen to thank all the committee members, both present and past, along with all our members, patrons and audiences from across the 70 years for their support. If you are interested, Touch FM are broadcasting highlights from the evening on their show next Friday at 6pm.

Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders

20th – 23rd May

The Bear Pit Theatre

Progress has been made already. We are more or less cast (just looking for a PC – small part; any offers?) and Paul has got a good backstage crew lined up, involving some of our younger members, which is great. Casting is as follows:

Agatha – Gill Hines; Alice – Linda Burrige (new member – welcome, Linda!); Olivia / Oliver – Graham Robson; Eleanor – Fiona Robson; Inspector Twigg – Neil McBride; Maisie – Lianne Murphy; Toby – Wayne Bartlett; Isabella – Andi Hardy (new member – welcome to you too, Andi); Mandy – Lisa Cowley; Mortimer Gascoyne (deceased) – Motloh Luap. Harry / PC - TBC

This is our first foray into working at the Bear Pit and we are hoping that this will have a positive effect on the balance sheet as well as suiting a smaller production. Again we need to promote the show, so come down to the Studio for some flyers and tell all your friends about the award-winning Phoenix Players performing a comedy whodunit at this new venue.

Oh, and remember to buy a ticket for yourself too!

Goldilocks

And there she blows! Panto is done and dusted for another year and what a great one it was. Super songs, marvellous costumes and, for once, there were no moans from the audience about not being able to hear. The fact that we had a projected backdrop moved the cast well forward, which seemed to work to our advantage. Despite slightly lower ticket numbers (we all really need to work harder on this – marketing assistance gratefully accepted), it even looks likely that we will have made a healthy profit. So well done to Lynda and all who contributed, on stage, off stage and front of house.

There will be a video showing of the panto on Sunday 1st March at 2.00 pm at the View Restaurant on the Recreation ground. Come along to have a reminisce about how good we all were and what fun we had. See you there!

70th Anniversary Party Invitation

Everyone ever associated with the Players is invited so please share this with your contacts too

Friday 15th May
7.30pm until midnight
Stratford ArtsHouse

Buffet, dancing and lots 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!)

£20 per head

£12.50 for 14s and under, accompanied by an adult
Tickets from Becky Alun-Jones on 07969 642521

Get your party tickets soon to avoid disappointment and please pass the invitation on to any past members or patrons. All are welcome and we'd love to catch up with old friends!

AGM 2015

Yes, it's that time of year again when all of us on committee go, "Are you standing again next year?" "Well, I will if you will!" And then we all agree to do another twelve months. We must be mad! So the details are: Monday 16th March 2015, 8.00 pm at the Studio. If anyone would like to join the committee, please let any current committee member know by 28th February.

Other News

Charity Show

Kaylee and Becky are putting on a charity show at the ArtsHouse for one night only on 30th June. If you are willing to perform or keen to help out in any way, please get in touch with either of them – Becky on 07969 642521; Kaylee on 07979 408858.

Annual Quiz

Lynda and I will be stretching your brains again at the annual quiz – this time being held in a new venue. The View restaurant, on the rec, has offered to host us for the evening and is offering a 20% discount on food for us. So get your brains in gear and get the date in your diary – Friday 10th April at 7.30pm. Teams need 4 members so come along and see who you can pal up with on the night, or bring a team with you. Magnificent prizes will be on offer!

Your 'wow! We won an award; we must be great' committee consists of:

*Fiona Robson
Carlyne McHugh
Andy Jepson
Caroline Adams
Becky Alun-Jones
Kaylee Holt
Lynda Jepson
Jacqui Lindsay
Graham Robson*

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22nd February, 5.00pm – get together at the Tramway for cast and crew of Agatha Crusty

Sunday 1st March, 2.00pm – Goldilocks! the video at The View

Monday 16th March, 8.00pm – AGM at the Studio

Friday 10th April, 7.30pm – Annual Quiz at The View

Friday 15th May 2015 – 70th Anniversary Party!!!

W/c 18th May 2015 – Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders

3 – 6 June 2015 – Lighthorne Drama Festival

W/c 20th September 2015 – The Titfield Thunderbolt

