



August 2015

The Titfield Thunderbolt

24th – 26th September 2015

Stratford ArtsHouse



It's full steam ahead with the Titfield Thunderbolt! There have been a couple of cast changes; Andi Hardy and Tasha Hall have swapped parts and Lisa Maxwell has been replaced by Fiona Robson. Andi has stepped up to the challenge of Joan Weech really well and we wish Tash all the best after her car accident. Lisa will be off settling Katie into university the week of the show (Congratulations Katie), so Fee has taken over as Miss Ruddock.

In the meantime, the set and props fairies have been working away feverishly. Thanks to Dave Neale, Ade Adamson, Roger Gowland and Graham Robson for the hours of work they are putting in on a cunning design for building a steam train on stage.

Promotion of the show has now begun in earnest now that Andy B is back from his big European road trip. There have been tweets a-plenty, with a clip of rehearsal on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiYDAQpGjUw>) and updates on Facebook. We will also be putting up banners, distributing flyers and putting an advert in the paper. Come and grab some flyers from the Studio. Word of mouth is always a great way of passing on the message too, so make sure you tell everyone you know about the production.

Tickets are already going well with over 100 sold to date. They are available via the ArtsHouse website and on the usual phone number – 01789 207100. Book early to avoid disappointment and to keep your committee from having a nervous breakdown! <http://stratfordartshouse.co.uk/whats-on/page/2/>

Agatha Crusty Video

We had a great evening at the View on 31st July watching the video of Agatha Crusty. There were the inevitable out-takes at the end which added to the fun and some great fish and chips too.

If you missed it, talk to Graham R about getting a copy.

In the meantime, the Third Age Players from Milton Keynes who came to see our show are putting on *Agatha Crusty and the Murder Mystery Dinner* in early September if anyone would like to go and see it. I've attached a poster for your information.

The Sheds!

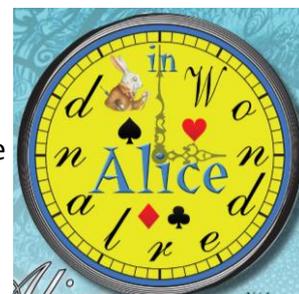
So there are some sheds around the back of the Studio that we put "things" in. But who knows what the devil is in there?

Well your trusty committee went round there one Sunday morning in July and had a thorough clear out. My respect goes to Caroline who went in there with a broom and tackled the spiders and the cobwebs. Rather her than me!

Thanks to a team effort, we now have a comprehensive list of set pieces, props and stuff, complete with a photographic record of what we actually have. Well done everyone!

Alice in Wonderland

4th – 7th February 2016



The initial reading of the Alice in Wonderland script was extremely well attended and we are expecting some different faces for the next one on Sunday 30th August at 3pm.

I think Kaylee is rather overwhelmed with her choice of cast!

Just a reminder; if you are interested in the parts of Alice, the White Queen, the Queen of Hearts or the Knave, you will also need to do a singing audition. Again there was a good turnout for the singing auditions on Sunday 16th and I know more people are interested. If you are, please come along to the Studio at 1.30pm on Sunday 30th August. To give yourself the best shot, here's a list of the audition songs. Have a listen and a practice before you come.

Alice solo – Flashlight by Jessie J

White Queen solo – Be Still by The Fray

Queen of Hearts solo – That's What Friends Are For – by Dionne Warwick

Knave solo – A Thousand Years by Christina Perri and Steve Kazee (male vocal part only.)

Best of luck everyone!

Other News

Is it too soon to mention Christmas?

Not if you're on the Phoenix Players committee, it's not. Get the date in your diary – Friday 11th December; Christmas meal to be held at the Golden Cross at Ardens Grafton. More details to follow.

Lighthorne Festival photos

Photos of our entry to the festival in June are now available on the web via our website - <http://www.phoenix-players.org.uk/?p=537> Just follow the link to have a look.

2016

Plans are slowly emerging for 2016. We've nearly got 2 directors in place and they've nearly chosen their plays. We wouldn't want to peak too soon! Watch this space for further news next month.

Why not tear this bit off and stick it on your fridge?

<i>Your "relaxed and suntanned" committee consists of:</i> <i>Fiona Robson Carlyne McHugh Andy Jepson Caroline Adams Graham Robson Jacqui Lindsay Kaylee Holt Lynda Jepson Neil McBride</i>	Dates for your diary: Sunday 30 th August Saturday 5 th September W/c 20 th September Friday 11 th December W/c 31 st January 2016	Alice in Wonderland Singing audition at 1.30pm Reading audition at 3.00pm Trip on the Toddington Steam Railway The Titfield Thunderbolt Christmas meal Alice in Wonderland
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