



June 2015

The Titfield Thunderbolt

24th – 26th September 2015

Stratford ArtsHouse

Good progress is already being made with our autumn show, the Titfield Thunderbolt. Auditions went well and the show is fully cast as follows:

Lady Edna – Margot McCleary
 Mrs Clifton, the stationmaster – Kirsty Asad
 Mr Blakeworth, the town clerk – Graham Ball
 Dan Taylor, the poacher – John Wheeler (Welcome to the group, John)
 Vernon Crump, the villain of the piece – Neil McBride
 Harry Crump, his son – Wayne Bartlett
 Sam Weech, the vicar – Phil Hickson
 Joan Weech, his niece – Natasha Hall
 Mr Valentine, the man with the money – Roger Gowland
 Miss Cogget – Andrea Hardy
 Miss Ruddock – Lisa Maxwell
 Mrs Bottomley – Linda Burrige
 Sergeant Wilson - Wayne Bartlett
 Mr Clegg - Roger Gowland
 The cleaner - Lisa Maxwell



Graham has been working hard putting a backstage crew together too, including the indomitable Kaylee Holt as stage manager. Meetings have been held with set builders, the costume team and our marketing guru, so things are looking to be well on track! Tickets are already available via the ArtsHouse website so book early to avoid disappointment (and to reassure your committee that someone is coming!)

<http://stratfordartshouse.co.uk/whats-on/page/2/>

Don't Mention the Dream



Lynda and the team did us proud at the Lighthorne Festival again this year. We were performing on the first night of the festival and again got some encouraging and constructive feedback from the adjudicator on our entry. Our congratulations go to the winners, Abbey Players from Nuneaton, who produced 'Recidivists' by Matthew Clift.

The triple bill at Tiddington also went very well, with audience numbers being up on the previous year. The money we made at Tiddington covers the cost of putting an entry into the festival and even left us with a slight profit. So, well done Lynda and co.

An evening of...
Song DANCE At 
 And Comedy...
MUSIC FOR THE MIND
 30TH JUNE - 7:30PM



Tickets: £12.50, £10 for over 60's, NUS Card Holders and under 16's.
 Book a table of 10 for £99!

Tickets from the Artshouse Box Office:
 - 01789 207100 or www.stratfordartshouse.co.uk

In aid of... 

A bunch of us will be performing the Phoenix Players' party piece, "If I were not in pantomime ...", at this super event next week. Please come along and support the event which has been organised by two of our members, Kaylee Holt and Becky Alun-Jones, to raise awareness of and funds for these two great mental health charities. Katie Maxwell, of Goldilocks fame, will also be appearing along with many other well-known faces from local theatre. Tickets are available now from the ArtsHouse website.

<http://stratfordartshouse.co.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-the-mind/>



Alice in Wonderland

4th – 7th February 2016

Meanwhile, in the background, Alice in Wonderland is also building up a head of steam! (Just stop with the steam train jokes!) Kaylee is planning madly and will be holding readings and singing auditions during August. She aims to get the show cast before the Titfield Thunderbolt so that she can get going on rehearsals pretty swiftly afterwards. Dates have yet to be finalised but they are likely to be Sunday afternoons in August. If you are interested in being in the show or helping out in any capacity, please get in touch with Kaylee.

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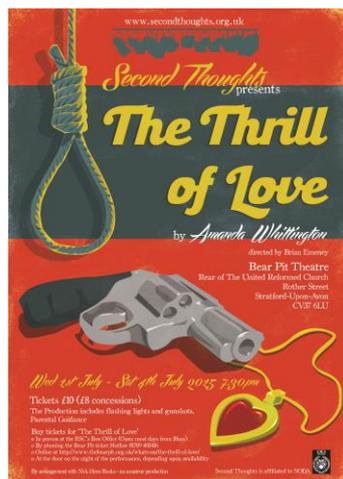
Other News

Come Dine With Me Couples!

If anyone is a fan of this popular Channel 4 programme, here's your chance to appear on it. I've been contacted by the programme makers who are looking for couples in the Stratford area to appear in their next series. The third series of the award winning show takes place over three days with three couples from all walks of life taking turns to host the perfect dinner party. At the end of the week the winning couple walk away with £1,000! I've attached their poster and application form, for your info. The shoot will take place w/c 10 August, so you must be available then. If you are interested, then get in touch with Jen from Come Dine with Me on 0207 157 4874 or at jen.archer@shiver.tv I look forward to seeing a couple of you on TV soon!

Another One to Support
Second Thoughts will be performing their latest show next week, The Thrill of Love, featuring our very own Steph Jepson. Why not get along to the Bear Pit to support her?

Box office – 01789 403416



Fairy Tale and Scary Tale Voice Camp

If you are looking for something to occupy your 9-16 year olds this summer, how about a voice camp? Anna Bolton and Penny-Anne O'Donnell are running a Voice Camp this summer on 30th July in Leamington Spa.

Participants will work on spoken and sung extracts from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, Grimm's Fairy Tales and the recent hit movie Cinderella in preparation for a mini performance, all the while learning about healthy vocal techniques - plenty of bouncing, bubbling and breathing!

If you would like to know more, see the poster and booking form attached, or contact Anna direct on 07736 325129.

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

<p>Your "why hey, it's summer" committee consists of:</p> <p><i>Fiona Robson Carlyne McHugh Andy Jepson Caroline Adams Graham Robson Jacqui Lindsay Kaylee Holt Lynda Jepson Neil McBride</i></p>	<p>Dates for your diary:</p> <p>Tuesday 30th June</p> <p>1st – 4th July</p> <p>Sunday 12th July</p> <p>Sunday 19th July</p> <p>August – Sunday afternoons</p> <p>Saturday 5th September</p> <p>W/c 20th September</p> <p>W/c 31st January 2016</p>	<p>Music for the Mind Benefit Concert</p> <p>The Thrill of Love produced by Second Thoughts</p> <p>Agatha Crusty video at The View at 6.00pm</p> <p>Studio clear out at 2.00pm</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland readings and musical auditions – exact dates tbc</p> <p>Trip on the Toddington Steam Railway</p> <p>The Titfield Thunderbolt</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland</p>
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