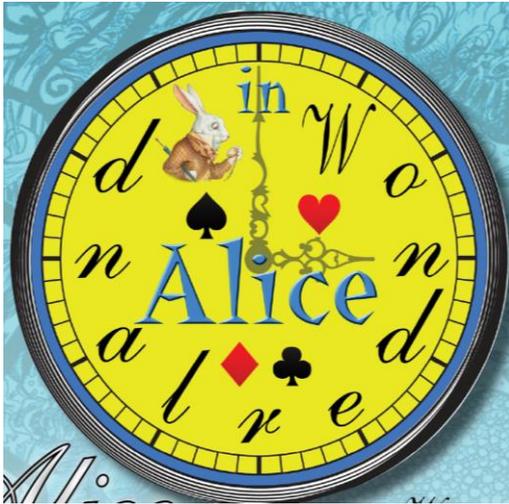




December 2015

## Alice in Wonderland

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016



A huge “Well Done” goes out to Kaylee who is womanfully keeping her head whilst maintaining the momentum with directing Alice. A further principal cast change now sees Graham Ball taking on the part of the Knave. Thanks Junior for stepping into the breach.

Also Kaylee has been struggling with mixed attendance at rehearsals (I confess, I’ve missed a few myself!) as people are busy with Christmas events and other commitments. But all in all, I’d say we are on target.

Dance moves are under the belt and being remembered (there’s a first!), lines are being learned and a few books are down already. Annette is on board coordinating props and Jacqui and Caroline are making, buying and finding costumes for the huge cast (as in lots of

people, not a bunch of chubbies!)

The key thing to work on now and over Christmas is ticket sales. We have 1250 seats to fill so it’s all hands to the pumps. Tickets are £10 each, £8 for concessions and £28 for a family ticket for 4 (max. 2 adults). Tickets are now on sale and are available from the Stratford ArtsHouse, online, over the phone or from the box office.

<http://stratfordartshouse.co.uk/whats-on/page/4/>

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**Get out there and sell, sell, sell!**

### Christmas Quiz

To get you in the festive spirit, here’s a few brainteasers for you.

1. What are you eating if you are enjoying ‘March Bread’?
2. Which alcoholic ingredient is used in a Snowball?
3. In 1847, what did London confectioner Tom Smith invent?
4. To what country did Hong Kong surrender on Christmas Day 1941?
5. Which of Santa’s reindeer shares its name with a mythical god of love?
6. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?

### Lighthorne Drama Festival

Having enjoyed our experiences at the festival for the last couple of years, we have put ourselves forward to enter again in 2016. We are waiting to get confirmation of our entry but hope we are successful as Kaylee and Wayne are writing a one act play for us to perform, Dance before Dying.

As the festival is in early June (8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>), just two weeks after our May show, we need plenty of people available in the spring to pull off these two commitments.

Two casts, two crews, two sets of wardrobe ladies! It’s a big task, but I’m sure we’re up for it! I’ll keep you posted.

## It's Never the Same News Twice!

It's all change for the May production. Isaac Alun-Jones will now be directing Jimmie Chinn's "Straight and Narrow" in September 2016 so we had a gap for May. When, hoorah, along came Mr Robson with a suggestion.

Graham will be directing "Out of Focus" by Peter Gordon at the Bear Pit in May 2016, running from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. Here's the synopsis for those of you who are interested in getting involved.

*An unfortunate over-booking of the Church Hall results in a gathering of a wonderful mix of local characters, ranging from Evonne, the nervous Vicar's wife, to Leonard, a man intent on delivering a talk on steam locomotives to anyone who will listen!*

*Eventually they all unite to produce a pantomime but, as rehearsals proceed, alliances are forged and switched as the opening night looms. Events culminate backstage after the final performance.*

He will need 4 men and 5 women of varying ages and, of course, a full support team back stage and front of house. We will read through the play on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February; 7.30pm at the Studio. There will then be informal auditions on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February with rehearsal nights continuing on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Get in touch with Graham to find out more and to let him know you're interested in being involved. Mobile – 07778 037268 or [info@dtline.co.uk](mailto:info@dtline.co.uk)



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
And a happy and healthy New Year  
from everyone on the committee.*



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

<p>Your "bring on the sherry; it's Christmas" 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><b>Dates for your diary:</b></p> <p>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 W/c 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 W/c 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016</p>	 <p>RSC lighting workshop Alice in Wonderland at the Stratford ArtsHouse Read through of Out of Focus Informal auditions for Out of Focus Annual General Meeting – everyone is invited, so get it on the calendar Out of Focus at the Bear Pit Theatre</p>
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