



October 2015

Alice in Wonderland

4th – 7th February 2016

Preparations for Alice in Wonderland are coming on apace. We now have a full chorus who are being put through their paces on Wednesday evenings, whilst principals are strutting their stuff on Tuesdays. Steve Bird has been along to start work on the singing and new choreographer Amy has started setting the dances. With the exception of some old-timers who clearly have two left feet, moves are progressing well.

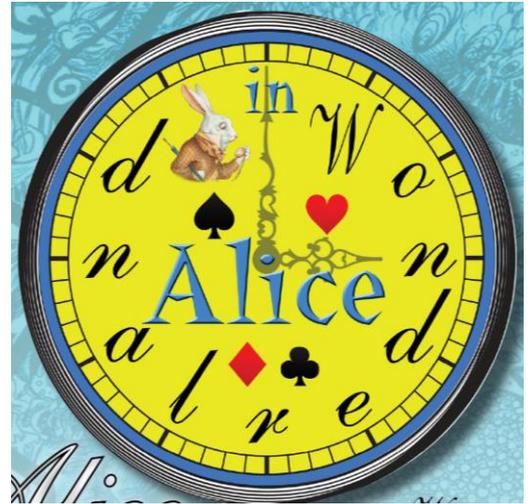
There has been a change of cast and Phoebe Smith will now be playing the part of the White Queen. Phoebe has lots of experience of musical theatre having performed with the Phoenix Theatre Group in Evesham for a number of years. Welcome Phoebe!

Activities behind the scenes are also going full tilt. Jacqui and Caroline are busy making and gathering costumes to clothe the many courtiers and knights as well as all the animals in the show; Annette is searching for relevant props and Andi and another newbie, Lauren, are already working on designs for the make-up many of the characters require. So with all this busy – ness going on, what can you do? Well, sell tickets, of course.

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!

Alice in Wonderland Hoodies

We are now taking orders for Alice in Wonderland hoodies. These will be light grey with the Alice logo and show details on the back. Available in a range of sizes for adults and kids, from 26" to 52".



Pull on hoodies - £20

Zip-up hoodies - £25



The deadline for orders is midday on Friday 13th November and definitely NO LATER. We need your money when you order. Speak to Fiona or Kaylee at rehearsal.

STOP PRESS! The eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted that we were one of the nominated charities for Waitrose green disc campaign during September. Thanks to Kirsty for suggesting we put in for it and to all of those who went and bought things at Waitrose just so they could put their disc in our slot. Earlier this week, I went along to the store to collect our cheque. We were given £225. Thanks Waitrose and to all their customers too!

The Peter Edwards Memorial Projector

Last year we lost a long time member of the group, Peter Edwards. Peter had been in many productions over the years, taking on roles from leading man to panto dame.

He very kindly left us a sum of money in his will and we have used this to invest in a projector and screen for future productions. This means we have great flexibility in how we stage shows going forward, doing some with a traditional set and some with a more contemporary feel.

The first outing for the projector will be for Alice. So, here's to Peter. Thank you!

May 2016

At last, an announcement for next spring's show. We will be performing *Straight and Narrow* by Jimmie Chinn at the Bear Pit Theatre from Wednesday 25th May to Saturday 28th 2016.

Isaac Alun-Jones will be directing this moving comedy that tells the tale of lovers Bob and Jeff going through a crisis as Jeff considers leaving Bob ... for a woman, so that he can become a father. Matters get more complicated when Bob's well-meaning family try to step in and help. Meanwhile, Bob's domineering mother, Vera hasn't quite grasped that the 'straight and narrow' isn't the life for her little boy!

Other News

Christmas Meal

Get your booking in now for the Phoenix Players' Christmas meal. We'll be at the Golden Cross at Ardens Grafton, (B50 4LG for those with satnav) on Friday 11th December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm meal. Neil McBride (neilperth2@gmail.com) is collating food orders and collecting money in advance. It's £16 for 2 courses and £20 for 3. See Neil at rehearsals, as soon as possible, please.

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

<i>Your "heavy with cold but soldiering on" committee consists of:</i>	Dates for your diary:	
<i>Fiona Robson Carlyne McHugh Andy Jepson Caroline Adams Graham Robson Jacqui Lindsay Kaylee Holt Lynda Jepson Neil McBride</i>	Friday 11 th December Sunday 10 th January 2016 W/c 31 st January 2016 W/c 22 nd May 2016	Christmas meal at The Golden Cross at Ardens Grafton – 7.00pm RSC lighting workshop Alice in Wonderland at the Stratford ArtsHouse Straight and Narrow at the Bear Pit Theatre