



LITTLE ASTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
**THEATRE GROUP**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Friends

Since our last meeting members have enjoyed a day out to *The Wondrous Waters of Wales*. Named the Lourdes of Wales, the visit to St Winefride's Well was interesting and, although most of us had a drink of the water, we did not immerse ourselves in the bathing pool. The majority of us brought some water home with us so, if it works on our aches and pains, we should be skipping about before too long.

Our theatre visits have been to a very lively and colourful production of "*Kinky Boots*" at The Grand in Wolverhampton and then to Birmingham Rep for the comedy "*The Messiah*" starring Lesley Garratt.

In September we put forward the planned holidays for 2019 and brief details may be found at the end of this Newsletter. For full details and Booking Forms please contact Cynthia on 0121.308.8195 or her **new email address** [cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com).

On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, St Peters Church are holding a ***Christmas Fayre*** in the Church Room in Roman Road between 2pm and 4pm. Full details are at the back of this Newsletter.

Our **CHRISTMAS MEETING** on 20th December 2018 will be **admission by ticket only** and these **may be obtained from John Smart on 354.8551** or you can collect one at our November meeting. We will be entertained by "*Kate's Party*" and the evening includes entertainment, a Jacket Potato and Dessert, Wine, Grand Raffle, Lucky Ticket Draw and Theatre Group's own Christmas Draw when the names of all members will be put in the box and three lucky people will each receive a cheque for £100.00.

The admission by **TICKET ONLY** (£6.00 for members and £10.00 for non-members) is to ensure that we cater for the correct number and are within the limits of the hall. Tickets will only be available until **13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**. *Any tickets purchased "at the door" will be charged an extra £5.00 per person.*

**Charity Reg. No. 509757**

**CANCELLATION** - We have cancelled “*Dr Dolittle*” on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 due to lack of interest with only 9 names on the list.

**BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS** - Please make all bookings with **Cynthia** (0121.308.8195) and follow it up with written confirmation or by email to [cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com). Your written confirmation must also be sent for any cancellations. Please remember Cynthia is the designated committee member to take all bookings and those she receives take precedence over those given to other committee members. To help alleviate any problems – please book with Cynthia. Thank you.

**PAYMENT** - Please send all payment to **The Treasurer, John Smart, 54 Stirling Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6PS**. ***Cheques should be made payable to Little Aston Theatre Group***. Should you wish to make payment directly into the bank, please contact him on 0121.354.8551 for further details.

***Unless a specified date of payment is given we would appreciate receiving your payments at least 4 weeks prior to the event. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.***

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**THEATRE GROUP**

**November 2018**

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Next Meeting

**Thursday  
15th  
November  
2018  
7.30pm**

**Mere Green  
Centre**

**THURSFORD  
CHRISTMAS  
SPECTACULAR**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday,  
27<sup>th</sup> November.

**BOOKING CLOSED**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH at  
ACTON TRUSSELL**

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Once  
again, by popular demand,  
we have booked here for our  
Christmas Lunch.

**£41.00 per person**

**SIX tickets available**

**Now open to non-  
members**

**JOHN RUTTER'S  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at  
Symphony Hall. Coach  
leaves at 6.15pm.

**BOOKING CLOSED**

**A CHORAL  
CHRISTMAS**

Matinée Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
December at Symphony  
Hall. The CBSO's annual  
Christmas Concert with star  
presenter, **Matt Baker**.  
Coach leaves at 1.45pm.

**£40.00 per person**

**TWO tickets available**

**JOHANN STRAUSS  
GALA**

Matinée Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 2019 at Symphony  
Hall. Coach leaves at  
1.15pm.

**BOOKING CLOSED**

**SIR KARL JENKINS  
75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY  
CONCERT**

Matinée Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March  
2019 at Symphony Hall.  
Karl Jenkins conducts the  
very best of his most popular  
works such as *The Armed  
Man: A Mass for Peace*, *6000  
Pipes Organ Concerto* and  
*Paliado* as well as sublime  
excerpts from *Symphonic  
Adiemus*. Sir Karl Jenkins  
conducts with Kathryn Rudge  
– Mezzo Soprano, Jonathan  
Scott – Organ Soloist and the  
Manchester Concert  
Orchestra. Seats are in the  
Rear Stalls rows T and U.  
Coach leaves at 2.00pm.

**£52.00 per person**

**"LES MISÉRABLES"**

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at  
Birmingham Hippodrome.  
After a decade since the last  
sell-out UK tour "*Les  
Misérables*" returns to  
Birmingham. This brilliant

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new staging has taken the world by storm and has been hailed “*Les Mis for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”. With scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, the magnificent score includes the songs *I Dreamed a Dream, On My Own, Bring Him Home, One Day More, Master of the House* and many more. Seats are in the Stalls rows L and M. **Coach leaves at 6.30pm.**

**£70.00 per person**

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**CLASSIC FM's MOVIE CLASSICS**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Symphony Hall.** You know that moment at the cinema when you realise that you've heard that tune before but can't quite put your finger on it? Well tonight, the CBSO reveals all in the sensational 3D sound of the full CBSO. You might think of the music of Elgar, Puccini and Barber as the soundtrack to *Dunkirk, Fatal Attraction* and *Platoon* – but it sounds much better when you hear it for real! Seats are in the Rear Stalls rows S, T and U. **Coach leaves at 6.30pm.**

**£49.00 per person**

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**MUSIC HALL at the MONASTERY plus LUNCH**

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.** Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate the most traditional kind of entertainment in what is known as Manchester's “Taj Mahal”. The monastery at Gorton has been saved from

dereliction by a dedicated and passionate team. On arrival you will hear the story of the re-birth of Gorton from those who fought for it, a truly inspirational tale. The Music Hall tradition goes back to the 1850's and you will enjoy the tunes that iconic performers such as Marie Lloyd, Max Miller, Gracie Fields and George Formby made famous. There will be a sumptuous 3-course luncheon at your tables in the Great Nave. **Coach time to be advised.**

**TWO tickets available  
£55.00 per person**

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**“THE HOUSE ON COLD HILL”**

**Matinée Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Alexandra Theatre.** This is a Peter James ghostly story of the Harcourt family who move into the house of their dreams that has been empty for the last 40 years. However, their dream home quickly turns into the stuff of nightmares as they begin to wonder whether they may not be the only occupants of the house on Cold Hill..... This is a modern day ghostly thriller that will send shivers down your spine and make you think twice about returning home to a dark, empty house after the show! Seats are in the Stalls rows C and D. **Coach leaves at 1.30pm.**

**£55.00 per person**

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**“CALENDAR GIRLS”**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Birmingham Hippodrome.** This is based on the true story of the calendar girls – a group of ordinary ladies who achieved something extraordinary. This marvellous musical comedy which received fantastic five star reviews in the West End now comes to Birmingham with an all-star cast. Seats are in the Circle, rows L, M and N. **Coach leaves at 6.30pm.**

**ONE ticket available  
£56.00 per person**

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**SONGS OF THE 60's**

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Symphony Hall.** Wouldn't you like to ride in our beautiful balloon? There's never been a decade quite like the 60's and the CBSO and an all-star West End cast get down and groovy with songs that defined a generation – *Alfie, Downtown, Congratulations, Mrs Robinson, Music to Watch Girls By, Aquarius, McArthur Park* and many more. Up, up and away! Seats are in the rear stalls rows T, U and V. **Coach leaves at 6.30pm.**

**£49.00 per person**

**ALL COACHES  
LEAVE FROM  
LITTLE ASTON  
VILLAGE HALL  
B74 3UF  
UNLESS  
OTHERWISE  
STATED**

**Important  
Information  
Regarding  
CANCELLATIONS**

Should you cancel your booking before the tickets have been purchased it is not a problem. However, if the tickets have already been purchased on your behalf, it is your responsibility to pay for them. We will, of course, try to sell them for you via our “Waiting List” but, if we have no one on that list, it is up to you to dispose of them.

**All cancellations must be confirmed in writing or by email to Cynthia.**  
Her email address is [cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.franklin48@gmail.com)

**A REMINDER FOR YOU**

Are you aware that even if a theatre visit or day trip is showing as “Booking Closed” you can still put your name on a Waiting List? We need to book things so early that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, someone has to cancel and if you are on the Waiting List you may be lucky and be able to go.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December - Coach leaves at 11.00am**

		<b><u>No.</u></b>			<b><u>No.</u></b>
Allington	Mrs P	1	Horton	Mrs S	1
Arrowsmith	Mr & Mrs B	2	Hughes	Mrs M	1
Bashford	Mrs M	1	Jarvis	Mrs C	1
Bateman	Mr & Mrs B	2	Jetson	Mrs J	1
Brown	Mrs E	1	Johnson	Mrs J	1
Blakemore	Mrs M	1	Jones	Mr D	1
Bennett	Mr & Mrs S	2	Jones	Mrs P	1
Boyland	Mrs D	1	Jones	Mrs S	1
Bradford	Miss S	1	Just	Mrs P	1
Bradley	Mrs R	1	Knight	Mrs J	1
Britton	Mrs B	1	Linden	Mrs B	1
Butler	Mrs V	1	Lloyd	Mrs M	1
Carr-Pinning	Mrs C	1	Madelin	Mrs J	1
Carter	Mr H	1	Makin	Mrs J	1
Charlton	Mrs P	1	Mander	Mrs F	1
Clayton	Mr & Mrs R	2	Mann	Mrs S	1
Collins	Mrs M	1	Marsh	Mrs B	1
Crittenden	Mrs S	1	Mason	Mrs M	1
Daniel	Mrs S	1	Neasham	Mrs Y	1
Davies	Mrs A	1	Pearce	Mrs B	1
Dowd	Mrs P	1	Pratt	Mrs I	1
Downes	Mrs N	1	Pritchett	Mrs P	1
Edens	Mrs B	1	Pulsford	Miss B	1
Emery	Mrs M	1	Purkis	Mrs P	1
Farley	Mrs I	1	Rice	Mr & Mrs C	2
Fear	Mrs J	1	Robbins	Mrs S	1
Fletcher	Mrs J	1	Roberts	Mr I	1
Ford	Mrs J	1	Rose	Mrs F	1
Fowler	Mrs M	1	Smart	Mr & Mrs J	2
Fowler	Miss D	1	Smith	Mrs V	1
Franklin	Mrs C	1	Spence	Mrs V	1
Gillon	Mrs S	1	Starmer	Mrs C	1
Griffiths	Mrs D	1	Thompson	Mr & Mrs B	2
Harding	Mrs P	1	Vaughton	Mrs M	1
Herbert	Mrs J	1	Wainwright	Mr T	1
Hicks	Mrs J	1	Wearing	Mrs H	1
Hodge	Mrs R	1	Wignall	Mrs F	1
Hodnett	Mrs S	1	Whittock	Mrs S	1
Holmes	Miss P	1	Williams	Mrs L	1
Horton	Mrs A	1	Worrall	Mr & Mrs G	2

## **JOHN RUTTER'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December - Coach leaves at 6.15pm**

		<b>No.</b>			<b>No.</b>
Armfield	Mrs B	1	Jarvis	Mrs C	2
Bennett	Mr & Mrs S	2	Jones	Mrs S	1
Boland	Miss M	1	Knight	Mrs J	1
Bradford	Miss S	1	Linden	Mrs B	1
Carr-Pinning	Mrs C	1	Madelin	Mrs J	1
Collins	Mrs D	1	Milne	Mrs J	1
Daniels	Mrs S	1	O'Brien	Mrs A	1
Dowd	Mrs P	1	Robbins	Mrs S	1
Edens	Mrs B	1	Sharp	Mr & Mrs B	2
Elston	Mrs D	1	Smith	Mrs V	1
Farley	Mrs I	1	Starmer	Mrs C	1
Farrar	Mrs S	1	Tripp	Mrs V	1
Fear	Mrs J	1	Tudor	Mrs R	1
Fowler	Mrs M	1	Wareham	Mrs J	1
Gregory	Mrs J	1	Webb	Mrs J	1
Griffiths	Mrs D	1	Williams	Mrs L	1
Hodnett	Mrs S	1	Worrall	Mr & Mrs G	2

## **A CHORAL CHRISTMAS**

**Matinée Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December - Coach leaves at 1.45pm**

		<b>No.</b>			<b>No.</b>
Beeston	Mrs R	1	Hunt	Mrs P	3
Boddington	Mrs V	1	Jones	Mr D	1
Bradford	Miss S	1	Linden	Mrs B	2
Brooks	Mrs D	1	Mander	Mrs F	1
Collins	Mrs D	1	Pearce	Mrs B	1
Cull	Mrs C	1	Roberts	Mrs P	1
Dowd	Mrs P	2	Spence	Mrs V	1
Emes	Mrs M	1	Tudor	Mrs R	1
Farley	Mrs I	1	Whitaker	Mrs B	1
Ford	Mrs J	1	Whittock	Mrs S	4

# **HOLIDAYS 2019**

**Full information and Booking Forms may be obtained from  
Cynthia on 308.8195**

## **Warner's Nidd Hall - 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

3 nights / 4 day stay to enjoy all the facilities on offer and, if you wish to, join in a day trip to Harrogate and one to York. **All single rooms taken.**

£265.00 per person sharing Twin or Double Room.

### **Included in the tour:**

- Return Luxury Coach Travel
- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Use of daily activities offered by Warner's
- Evening Entertainment
- Visit to Harrogate
- Visit to York

### **Not included in your tour:**

- Any meals other than stated
- Any hotel facilities i.e. Beauty Treatments which are charged extra by Warner's

**Bookings made to date – 9 Singles and 12 Twins (33 in total)**

*We need more people to book so have a word with a friend and join us on this weekend.*

## **London Theatre Visit / Cockney Music Hall / Wm Morris Exhibition & a Boat Cruise with a Cream Tea - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

2 nights / 3 day stay at the 4\* Clarendon Hotel in Blackheath. A very full programme is on offer with the choice of two different musicals to see – *Dolly Parton presents "9 to 5" the Musical* at the Savoy Theatre in The Strand or *"Waitress" the Musical* at the Adelphi Theatre in The Strand.

£399.00 per person in a Twin / Double or Single Room.

### **Included in your tour:**

- Return Luxury Coach Travel
- Porterage
- 2 Night's Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Cockney matinée and basket meal
- Matinée performance of "9 to 5" or "Waitress"
- Blue Badge Guide on Thursday
- Entrance to Wm Morris Exhibition
- Cruise with a Cream Tea

**Not included in your tour:** Any meals other than stated.

**Bookings made to date – 7 Singles and 6 Twin (19 in total)**

*We certainly need more bookings for this one and still have*

**8 Singles and Twin / Double rooms available**



## Medieval Banquet - 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

One night / 2 days stay at the Stoke Rochford Hall Hotel near Grantham in Lincolnshire. Let's go back in time as we enjoy a Medieval Banquet and you may become Baron & Baroness for the evening.

£130.00 per person in a Twin or Double Room

£140.00 per person in a Single Room

### Included in your tour:

- Return Coach Travel & Excursions
- 2 days (1 night) half-board
- 3-Course Traditional Meal including a glass of mead with soup / broth and a glass of red or white wine or beer with the main course
- Full professional production of the Medieval Banquet

Not included in your tour: Any meals other than stated.

**Bookings made to date – 4 Singles and 4 Twin (12 in total)**

*We really do need more bookings for this and still have*

**1 Single and Twin / Double Rooms available**

## The Lake District – Train, Temple & Tipple - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Four nights / 5 days stay at the Damson Dene Hotel in Cumbria. During our stay we visit Conishead Priory, the Lakes Distillery, take a journey on the Steam Railway and cruise on Lake Windermere to Bowness where we will explore The World of Beatrix Potter.

£518 per person sharing Twin or Double Room

£603.00 in a Single Room

### Included in your tour:

- Return Luxury Coach Travel
- Porterage
- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided tour of Conishead Priory with afternoon tea
- Lake Distillery guided tour with tasting
- Single journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway
- 40 minute cruise on Lake Windermere
- Entrance to The World of Beatrix Potter
- Tour of Samlesbury Hall

Not included in your tour: Any meals other than stated.

**Bookings made to date – 7 Singles and 4 Twins (15 in total)**

*Once again we really do need more bookings for this and still have*

**1 Single Room and Twin / Double Rooms available**



# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**2PM TO 4PM**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH ROOM**

**ROMAN ROAD**

**CAKE STALL, TOY STALL, PICKLES STALL,  
JAM & MARMALADE STALL,  
TABLE DECORATIONS, BOTTLE TOMBOLA,  
CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA,  
HANDICRAFTS – GET YOUR DECORATIONS**

**ENTRANCE 50P CHILDREN FREE**

**COME AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA  
OR COFFEE AND A MINCE PIE**