



LITTLE ASTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
THEATRE GROUP

29th August 20198

Dear Friends

We trust you are all enjoying the lovely summer months we have been having and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **Thursday, 20th September** at Mere Green Centre.

Since our last meeting members have been to Kilworth House in Leicestershire to see the open air performance of "*Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*" and, of course, enjoyed a delicious lunch in the fabulous Orangery. Our next visit was to The Mill at Sonning to see the comedy "*Ten Times Table*". The journey to the Mill was slightly stressful with the coach turning up a little late and then having to exit the motorway because a lorry had overturned and we were already having to use a different route because of a Music Festival in the area! Naturally after this we hit every set of traffic lights on red and got held up behind farm machinery but you can never say our visits are uninteresting! Ben, our competent driver, said he would get us there for 12.30pm and he pulled onto the Car Park at exactly 12.32pm. The remainder of the day went to plan and we enjoyed our meal and the afternoon's entertainment. After all that the drive home seemed rather dull with nothing untoward happening!

THEATRE VISITS - We continue to offer theatre visits but, as you are aware, many of them have had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. However, we have five theatre bookings between now and the New Year and all are proceeding.

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.

Charity Reg. No. 509757

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS - Please make all bookings with **Cynthia** (0121.308.8195) and follow it up with written confirmation or by email to c.frankin48@btinternet.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 received 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**. 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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Next Meeting

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20th
September
2018
7.30pm**

**Mere Green
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**THE PEAK DISTRICT
plus LUNCH**

Monday, 3rd September.
We travel to the Pavilion Gardens in Buxton to meet our guide for morning refreshments and a relaxing half hour walk around the historic town (this is optional). Lunch is taken at The Rutland Arms Hotel and then we travel to Bakewell for a chance to stroll around the town or along the riverbanks. We then have a drive through the Peak District, an area of great natural beauty, before returning home. **Coach leaves at 9.00am.**

£48.00 per person

**THE TWEED VALLEY,
THE NEW BORDERS
RAILWAY &
EDINBURGH**

Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th September. Coach will leave Wm Wheat's Garden Centre, Chester Road, at 8.30am.

BOOKING CLOSED

**CIRQUE du SOLEIL
"OVO"**

Thursday, 4th October at The Arena, Birmingham. Seats are in the Lower Tier. **Coach leaves at 7.00pm** (performance commences at 8.00pm).

BOOKING CLOSED

**THE WONDROUS
WATERS of WALES
plus LUNCH**

Wednesday, 10th October. We travel into Wales to St. Winefride's Holy Well to meet our guide and then along to Dyserth with the waterfall plunging 70 feet. Lunch is taken at Queens Hotel, Llandudno with time for a stroll along the promenade and then on to Rhos on Sea before returning home. **Coach leaves at 8.30am.** Full details on request.

£55.00 per person

"KINKY BOOTS"

Matinée Saturday, 20th October at The Grand, Wolverhampton. **Coach leaves at 1.00pm.**

BOOKING CLOSED

"THE MESSIAH"

Monday, 22nd October at Birmingham Rep. Three towering talents play a cast of thousands in this new comedy of Biblical proportions. A travelling theatre troupe of two actors and an opera singer arrive by camel in the ancient town of Birmingham to masterfully enact the greatest story ever told. Join the absurdly talented Maurice Rose (Hugh Dennis), the alarmingly unpredictable Ronald Bream RAC (John Marquez) and the distinguished diva Mrs Doreen Small (**Lesley Garrett**) in an hilarious Christmas comedy that conjures up the sublime, the ridiculous and the truly angelic. **Coach leaves at 5.45pm** (performance begins at 7.00pm).

£40.00 per person

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Monday, 26th to Tuesday, 27th November staying overnight with half-board at the Best Western Hotel, Kings Lynn. A spectacular Christmas Show set in the magical surrounding of mechanical organs and fairground carousels with a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians. Full details can be obtained from Cynthia. **We are unable to obtain any more Single Rooms.**

£194.00 per person including show tickets

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at ACTON TRUSSELL

Friday, 7th December. Once again, by popular demand, we have booked here for our Christmas Lunch. Full details with this Newsletter.

BOOKING CLOSED

JOHN RUTTER'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thursday, 13th December at Symphony Hall. Join the nation's favourite composer for his hugely popular Christmas Celebration, featuring all your favourite sing-along carols, festive fanfares and much more. Performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, award-winning Purcell Singers and Temple Church Choir, this evening will be full of sparkle and Christmas cheer. Seats are in the Rear Stalls rows R, S and T. **Coach leaves at 6.15pm.**

£55.00 per person

A CHORAL CHRISTMAS

Matinée Sunday, 16th December at Symphony Hall. The CBSO's annual Christmas concerts are like the German Market and the Hippodrome panto, a real Birmingham Christmas tradition! The star presenter, **Matt Baker**, will join the CBSO plus the whole family of choruses, for seasonal music old and new. Favourite tunes, humorous readings and a chance to join in and sing-along. Everyone's welcome and there's no more

tuneful way to start your celebrations. Seats are in the Rear Stalls rows V, W, K and Y. **Coach leaves at 1.45pm. £45.00 per person**

JOHANN STRAUSS GALA

Matinée Tuesday, 1st January 2019 at Symphony Hall. An enchanting afternoon of all your favourite waltzes and polkas. Snow falls gently on the gilded ballrooms of old Vienna and young couples skate on the frozen Danube. Elegant dancers in billowing gowns whirl to the music. With the **Johann Strauss Dancers** and the **Johann Strauss Orchestra**. What a fabulous way to begin the New Year. Seats are in the Rear Stalls. **Coach leaves at 1.15pm.**

£57.00 per person

"DOCTOR DOLITTLE" The Musical

Matinée Wednesday, 30th January 2019 at The Grand, Wolverhampton. Join the eccentric Doctor (Mark Williams star of Father Brown), his human companions and his exotic menagerie of animal friends on an extraordinary adventure. He has help from the Pushmi-Pullyu and his trusty sidekick Polynesia, the parrot. He not only listens to the animals but talks to them as well. This new stage version promises stunning visual puppetry. Seats are in the Dress Circle rows D, E, F and G. **Coach leaves at 1.15pm.**

£55.00 per person

“CALENDAR GIRLS”

Wednesday, 29th 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.**

BOOKING CLOSED

**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 c.frankin48@hotmail.com