

SEPTEMBER 2018

Diary of Events for September - October

Sat 8th Sep	I, Tonya (Screen at the Phoenix) 7pm
Weds 12th Sep	Jasper Fforde (Rossiter Books) 7.30pm
Mon 17th Sep	Reading of And Then There None by Agatha Christie 7.30pm
Sat 22nd Sep	The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society (Screen at the Phoenix) 7pm
Tues 25th Sep	Auditions for Arris in Wonderland 7.30pm
Mon 1st Oct	Members' Coffee Morning 10.30am
Sat 6th Oct	The Greatest Showman (Screen at the Phoenix) 7pm
Fri 12th - Weds 17th Oct	The Railway Children & Goodnight Mister Tom (PYT) 2pm & 7pm (see PYT article for details)
Sat 20th Oct	Lady Bird (Screen at the Phoenix) 7pm
Sat 27th Oct	Performathon 11am - 4pm & Gala Concert (Phoenix Theatre Singers) 7.30pm
Sun 28th Oct	Keith James concert 7.30pm

(Members' calendars for September and October are at the back of this Newsletter)

Membership Subscription Renewal

Subscriptions for 2018-2019 are **DUE NOW**. Would you please complete a renewal form (see back of this Newsletter) and send it to Catriona Pearson, our Membership Secretary, at our theatre address. For those paying by Standing Order, would you also please complete a renewal form and send it to Catriona. Please tick the box if you are happy to have your contact details be made available to the committee. The members' area also includes a Members' Directory which enables members to get in touch with each other. If you want to be included, again please tick the relevant box.

Graham Russell (Newsletter Editor)

Production Co-ordinator's Column

Members' Evening

The members' evening on 25th August was well attended with over 50 members and friends present. There were two rehearsed readings - 'Edwin' by John Mortimer, directed by Tim Betts, and 'Clause 14' written and directed by David Pollard. Congratulations to all concerned.

Rossiter Book Event

There will be a Rossiter Book Event on Wednesday 12th September with Jasper Fforde. Tickets from Rossiter Books.

And Then There Were None

Michelle Cooper, assisted by Gordon Brigg, will direct 'And Then There None' by Agatha Christie for our March 2019 production. Dates are 23rd to 30th March. There will be a reading on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm. Do come along to see if you like the play and if you would like to be involved. Auditions will be on Wednesday 28th November.

Arris in Wonderland

There was a play reading for 'Arris in Wonderland' by Brian Jackson on 11th July. Brian will be entering this play in the 2019 Herefordshire One Act Drama Festival next March. Auditions will be on Tuesday 25th September.

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

From 17th to 24th November, Amanda Smith will direct 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' by Oscar Wilde, adapted by Constance Cox. The cast comprise Robin Haig, Alison Clarke, Brian Jackson, Gordon Brigg, David Pollard, Alan Chacon, Diana Tubb, Jane Bovell, Suzanne Hill and Penny Field. If you would like to be involved contact Amanda on 01989 762358.

Performathon and Gala Concert

On Saturday 27th October Mary Brigg will present our annual Performathon and Gala Concert in aid of Children in Need.

Keith James

Keith James will be returning to the Phoenix Theatre on Sunday 28th October to perform one of his solo musical concerts. More details to follow.

Phoenix Theatre Singers Xmas Show

Mary Brigg will present the Singers Xmas Show on 6th, 7th and 8th December.

Theatre Xmas Party

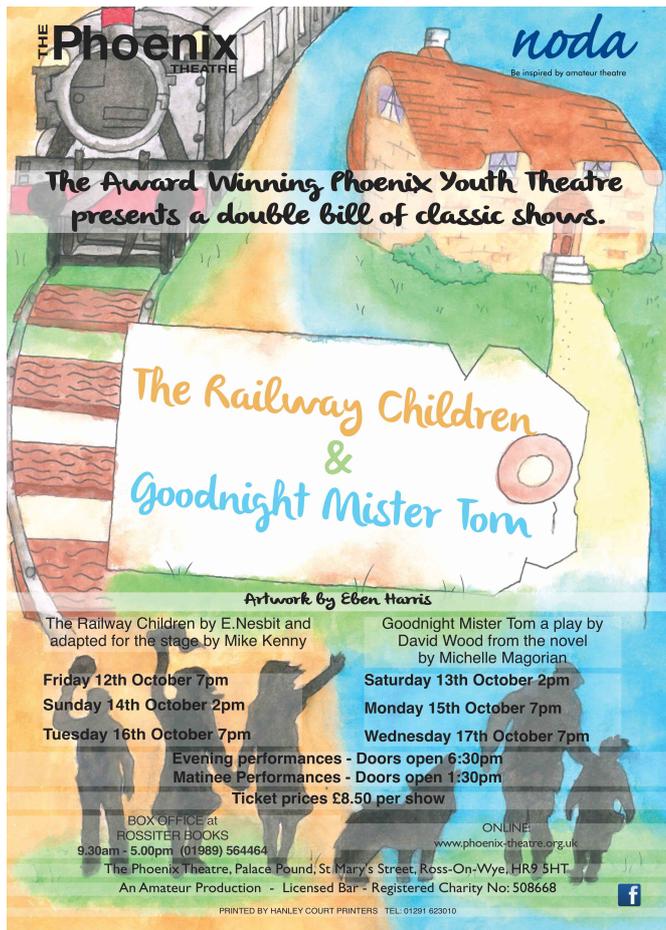
Our Christmas Party will be on Friday 14th December.

Suzanne Hill

Phoenix Youth Group

The Phoenix Youth Theatre Group are ready to take to the stage!

It is not long now until our double bill of shows this coming October... a first for our Youth Group in the seven years since it has been running in its current form by the Youth Group leader Sarah O'Neill. Sarah is leading the group with both shows set to be a roaring success. Sarah is directing a production of "The Railway Children"... the classic tale we all know and love.



THE Phoenix THEATRE

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Be inspired by amateur theatre

The Award Winning Phoenix Youth Theatre presents a double bill of classic shows.

The Railway Children & Goodnight Mister Tom

Artwork by Eben Harris

The Railway Children by E.Nesbit and adapted for the stage by Mike Kenny	Goodnight Mister Tom a play by David Wood from the novel by Michelle Magorian
Friday 12th October 7pm	Saturday 13th October 2pm
Sunday 14th October 2pm	Monday 15th October 7pm
Tuesday 16th October 7pm	Wednesday 17th October 7pm

Evening performances - Doors open 6:30pm
Matinee Performances - Doors open 1:30pm
Ticket prices £8.50 per show

BOX OFFICE at ROSSITER BOOKS
9.30am - 5.00pm (01989) 564464

ONLINE: www.phoenix-theatre.org.uk

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It will also be Zoe Hutton's first debut as a director for the Phoenix Youth Group as a main production and she is directing "Goodnight Mister Tom". The two shows have been chosen carefully to create a perfect balance in period, setting and costume and you will see a very different style of production this year from us. It will allow all of the Youth Group members to have a chance to shine and show their true talents and we are very much looking forward to this opportunity. The productions are very stylised in a minimalist way and aim to show off the true acting talents of its members and we are proud to say we think we have done ourselves proud and hope you too will be impressed with the simplicity, the thoughtfulness and sensitivity within our pieces.

They are both classic and well known plays and we have kept to the traditions but thrown in a modern twist in our style of performance acting which has really stretched our performers. Some of our members have been with us for seven years and needed the depth and breadth of something a little different, as well as bringing along our newer and less experienced members... a fine balance between the two is needed and we hope we have achieved this.

If you have not purchased your tickets yet then do come along and see the shows! Ticket prices are at a value for money price to enable you to come and see BOTH shows on alternate nights.

We wish our youth group the best of luck with their show run.

The Railway Children adapted for the stage by Mike Kenny. This is the story of three children and their mother who move to the country to escape from their troubles in London. They meet a whole community of people and there is a real sense of railway adventure along the way.

Goodnight Mister Tom by David Wood from the novel by Michelle Magorian. This is the story of an old man and a boy who form an unbreakable bond at a time when life is tough and tragedy comes their way. They find a way through it togetherthrough thick and thin. The age ranges of our performers are from as young as eight right through to eighteen and there is a real breadth and depth to their performances.

The shows run on alternate nights in October and tickets are available via the theatre box office and Rossiter Books.

October performance dates:

Friday 12th at 7pm (The Railway Children)

Saturday 13th matinee 2pm (Goodnight Mister Tom)

Sunday 14th (matinee 2pm (The Railway Children)

Monday 15th 7pm (Goodnight Mister Tom)

Tuesday 16th 7pm (The Railway Children)

Wednesday 17th 7pm (Goodnight Mister Tom)



Sarah, Zoe and Julie

Building Matters

There has been a lot going on in the theatre during the last couple of months. Firstly we have had the foyer, corridors and some areas of the auditorium redecorated so the that the public areas of the theatre will look smart for the Autumn season. Secondly the wall stage right has been treated to prevent the ingress of damp. This has involved the installation of a damp-proof membrane (DPM) which links with the DPM under the concrete stage floor. The membrane has been concealed with plasterboard and the wall plastered. Once fully dry the wall will be repainted. Although the cost was around £2000, we are confident that the work will be a long term solution to the damp problem in the theatre. Thirdly, the ceiling lights in the foyer and in the upstairs rehearsal room have been replaced with LED lighting. Again this is a costly exercise but the existing lighting has been in place since the extension opened in 2002 and the plastic fittings are showing signs of age. The lights in the foyer are dimmable. Lastly, you will recall that the end of the heatwave was marked by heavy rain storms. This caused water to come in through the roof over the auditorium in the area of seat D6. Fortunately Alan Smith was on hand to solve the problem so you won't be in need of an umbrella when you come to see our shows.

Graham Russell (Building Manager)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM 2018/2019
THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY
Reg. Charity No: 508668

There are two types of membership as set out below. Memberships are renewable annually on 1st September. (Subscriptions for new members joining on or after 1st May are not renewable until the September of the following year).

Please ✓ the appropriate box: New Membership Application Renewal of Membership

FULL MEMBERSHIP £20

This form of membership enables you to fully participate in all activities within the theatre which include: acting, directing, backstage, the Singing Group, Front of House, Cinema and attend social events. With this membership you have full voting rights at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). You are also eligible to stand for election to any committee post at the AGM.

FULL JUNIOR OR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP £10

This membership is open to any persons under the age of 21 or full-time students above that age. You are able to fully participate in all productions and attend social events.

Please fill in your details below and send this form, with the appropriate subscription, to the Membership Secretary at the address below. Cheques should be made payable to: The Phoenix Theatre

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

E-mail:

I agree to my name, telephone number and e-mail address appearing in the Members Directory in the Members Only area of the theatre website.

I agree to my address, telephone number and e-mail address appearing in the membership database accessible by Committee members only.

Please tell us what your interests are by ✓ the appropriate boxes:

- Acting Directing Stage Management Set Construction Set painting
 Sound Lighting Wardrobe Props Cinema Singing General Backstage
 Front of House Bar (serving drinks) Box Office

Membership Secretary
The Phoenix Theatre
St Mary's Street
Ross-on-Wye
Herefordshire
HR9 5HT

Tel: 01989 564570 E-mail: info@phoenix-theatre.org.uk

Date:

Signed:

Members' Calendar for September 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				Read through of 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:00 pm	PYT rehearsal for Goodnight Mr Tom 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PYT full cast run through for Railway Children 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Phoenix Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	PYT tech team only 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm			Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	PYT Goodnight Mr Tom full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Screen at the Phoenix film showing of 'I Tonya' 7:00 pm	PYT Railway Children full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PYT set painting 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	Rositer Books Event - Jasper Fforde 7:00 pm		Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	PYT Railway Children full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PYT Goodnight Mr Tom full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Reading of 'And Then There Were None' by Agatha Christie, planned March 2019 production 7:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	PYT set painting/props prep 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Phoenix Theatre Singers 7:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	PYT Goodnight Mr Tom full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Screen at the Phoenix film showing of 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society' 7:00 pm	PYT Railway Children full run through 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PYT set painting 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	PYT set/tech time 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Auditions for 'Arris in Wonderland', our HCDF 2019 entry 7:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	Phoenix Theatre Singers 7:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	PYT Railway Children full dress run 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PYT Goodnight Mr Tom full dress run 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

September 2018

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee Morning 10:30 am – 12:30 pm PYT painting/small group rehearsal if needed 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	PYT rehearsal all cast 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	Phoenix Theatre Singers 7:30 pm	PYT tech/set 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' - out of theatre 7:30 pm	PYT Goodnight Mr Tom rehearsals 12:00 pm – 3:45 pm PYT Railway Children rehearsals 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm Screen at the Phoenix film showing of 'The Greatest Showman' 7:00 pm	PYT Railway Children rehearsals 11:30 am – 3:45 pm PYT Goodnight Mr Tom rehearsals 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PYT rehearsal for The Railway Children dress run 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	PYT rehearsal for Goodnight Mr Tom dress run 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' - out of theatre 7:30 pm	PYT dress rehearsal for The Railway Children 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	PYT dress rehearsal for Goodnight Mr Tom 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm Phoenix Theatre Singers - out of theatre 7:30 pm	PYT Production - The Railway Children 7:00 pm Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' - out of theatre 7:30 pm	PYT Production - Goodnight Mr Tom 2:00 pm	PYT Production - The Railway Children 2:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	Kyrle Probus film matinee 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Phoenix Theatre Singers 7:30 pm	Rehearsal for 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' 7:30 pm	Performathon and Gala Concert in aid of Children In Need 11:00 am	Performance by Keith James 7:30 pm
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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October 2018