



LITTLE ASTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

THEATRE GROUP

30th June 2018

Dear Friends

The June meeting was well attended and the LACA AGM took place before we began our programme for the evening. We put forward two day trips, one to see **The Wondrous Waters of Wales** but, due to circumstances beyond our control the date has been changed to **Wednesday, 10th October** and the second to visit **The Peak District** on 3rd September, both of which include a **Lunch**. We then began our plans for the Christmas season and our **Christmas Lunch at Acton Trussell** was next on the list for the 7th December. Once again, because of the popularity of this event the booking is only open to members at present. On 13th December we have tickets for **John Rutter's Christmas Celebration** and a matinée performance of **A Choral Christmas** on 16th December, both of which are at Symphony Hall. Full details of these events are either under "Events Already Planned" or attached at the back of this Newsletter.

During June we had a day visit to Rutland, **England's Smallest County**, but the gremlins of the road did not make our journey easy. It took us quite a while to get out of Little Aston due to the heavy traffic and then we encountered hold-ups on the motorway, followed by a huge piece of farming equipment which we had to follow for several miles without being able to overtake! Very frustrating but happily we were only 10 minutes late to pick up our guide and the remainder of the day went along smoothly and the lunch at Haycock Hotel was excellent.

Our second visit during June was to Kilworth House in Leicestershire where we enjoyed a pre-theatre dinner in the lovely Orangery before an evening performance of **"Guys & Dolls"** in the open-air theatre. The meal was very good and the performance excellent.

***** STILL NOT CLAIMED! *****

At the end of our meeting in **April** we found a pair of subscription Spectacles under one of the chairs. Please get in touch to claim them (hopefully you can still read this notice)!

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.

PAYMENT - May we remind you to send all your payments to **The Treasurer – John Smart, 54 Stirling Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6PS**. Should you wish to make payment directly into the bank, please contact John (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

Thursday

19th

July

2018

7.30pm

Mere Green Centre

Tuesday, 17th July. We visit the award winning *World of Wedgwood* for a self-guided factory tour. A 2-course lunch will be in the **Six Arches Restaurant** at **Trentham Shopping Village** where you will have time to explore the amazing shops and garden centre. Full details on request. **Coach leaves at 9.00am.**

£56.00 per person

RIDE a COCK HORSE to BANBURY CROSS

Monday, 23rd July. Enjoy a day in Oxfordshire's prettiest towns beginning with a visit to the gardens at Sulgrave Manor. A 2-course lunch will be served in a 16th century country inn and afterwards we take a tour towards Banbury Cross hearing all about the countryside and the story behind Banbury Cross. Full details on request. **Coach leaves at 9.00am.**

£58.00 per person

Sonning. This is a comedy and we follow the planning and disastrous outcome of a group of The Pendon community as they plan their small town's first pageant. We travel to The Mill on the banks of the River Thames near Reading and will enjoy a 2-course lunch before the matinée performance. Full details on request. **Coach leaves at 8.30am.**

£79.00 per person

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.** Full details with this Newsletter.

£48.00 per person

THE TWEED VALLEY, THE NEW BORDERS

RAILWAY & EDINBURGH

Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th September. Full details can

"TEN TIMES TABLE" plus LUNCH

Matinée Thursday, 23rd August at The Mill at

Charity Registration

No. 509757



be obtained from Cynthia.
We could do with more
bookings for this holiday.

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

Please note
CHANGE OF DATE
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 the
Queens Hotel in 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 with this Newsletter.

£55.00 per person

"KINKY BOOTS"

Matinée Saturday, 20th
October at The Grand,
Wolverhampton. Coach
leaves at 1.15pm.

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 a 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.

£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. Coach leaves at
11.00am.

£41.00 per person

Booking open to
Members Only

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

"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.**

£56.00 per person

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

WAITING LISTS

You can add your name to a "Waiting List" if a show or outing is marked "Booking Closed" as we do sometimes get cancellations. Contact Cynthia on 0121.308.8195 or email c.frankin48@btinternet.com.

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 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.

BOOKINGS MADE BY TELEPHONE

If you make a booking with Cynthia over the telephone, please **confirm in writing or by email within 7 days of booking.** Thank you.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT

Unless a specified date of payment is given we would appreciate receiving your payments at least 4 weeks prior to the event. We have to pay for tickets and events much earlier than previously and we thank you for your co-operation.

The Peak District plus Lunch

Monday, 3rd September 2018



Coach leaves at 9.00am and travels to Buxton where we meet our guide for morning refreshments. Buxton is the Cultural Capital of the Peak District and, as a spa town, it has been a popular holiday resort for centuries. Based in the heart of the Peak District the town is filled with magnificent architecture and a wealth of shops. Coupled with its world-famous spa water, Buxton has plenty to offer any visitor. Our starting point

will be at the Pavilion Gardens. The large coffee lounge has beautiful views over the 23 acres of beautifully laid out gardens and the best toilets in the High Peak! It's a particularly delightful spot on a warm day but the town is only a short walk away. For anyone who feels the need of retail therapy your guide will lead you for an interesting relaxing half hour walk around the historic town (this is optional). You will tread in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots and Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

1.00pm Lunch at The Rutland Arms Hotel - A friendly welcome awaits you at this lovely country hotel which stand at the heart of Bakewell Town and we will enjoy a two course lunch with tea or coffee. The hotel lays claim to being the site where the world famous Bakewell pudding was invented, in the kitchens of the hotel itself. Bakewell is both an exciting place to visit and relaxing market town to explore and it is full of history and sits in a stunning countryside setting.

2.30pm Bakewell - There's more to Bakewell than just a pudding as you will see. It is very easy to wander around the compact town centre and there are plenty of interesting and historic buildings to admire, as well as a host of independent shops. Down by the river wildfowl roam freely. There is nothing more pleasant than a stroll along the riverbanks.



3.30pm Tales Tour : The Peaks - Our guide will take us on a delightful drive through the Peak District, an area of great natural beauty.

Price includes:

- Coach travel
- Guide for the day
- Morning refreshments
- 2 course lunch with tea and coffee

£48.00 per person

We require a minimum of 25 people to proceed with this visit

Please note – itinerary may change due to circumstances beyond our control

The Wondrous Waters of Wales plus Lunch

Wednesday, 10th October 2018



Coach leaves at 8.30am to meet our guide en route to St. Winefride's Holy Well, Holywell. According to the legend St. Winefride's Well first erupted at the spot where her would be attacker Caradog cut off her head with his sword. Since that time, her Well at Holywell has been a place of pilgrimage and healing. The only such place in Britain with a continuous history of public pilgrimage for over 13 Centuries. Take the waters at one of the "Wonders of Wales" – the Lourdes of Wales with its spring, renowned for its healing powers. Have some refreshments in the delightful "Mill on the Hill" tearooms adjacent to the well.

We then travel along to Dyserth with its waterfall plunging 70 feet, which has been a source of fascination by passing travellers for many years. We continue past magnificent

Rhuddian Castle, set on the banks of the River Clwyd. We will enjoy the stunning views along the coast and the attractive Conwy estuary on the way to Llandudno, the “Queen of Welsh Resorts”.

1.00pm Lunch - Enjoy a two course lunch at the Queens Hotel on the promenade in Llandudno

2.30pm - Llandudno

After lunch you will be spoilt for choice about what to do. You can enjoy the vintage charm of the Great Orme Tramway, Punch and Judy on the prom or a Victorian style afternoon tea.

3.30pm - Rhos on Sea.

Enjoy the rest of the day in this charming seaside town.

Price includes:

- Coach travel
- Guide for the day
- Morning refreshments
- 2 course lunch with tea and coffee

£55.00 per person

We require a minimum of 25 people to proceed with this visit

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*Merry
Christmas*



CHRISTMAS LUNCH at THE
MOAT HOUSE HOTEL,
Acton Trussell, Staffordshire

Friday, 7th December 2018

4 AA stars, unrivalled quality and service and over 600 years of history.

The Moat House, Acton Trussell, is one of the premier hotels
in Staffordshire.

We are, once again by popular demand, travelling to *The Moat House* at Acton Trussell for our Christmas Meal. We will leave Little Aston Village Hall at **11.00am**.



This 14th century, moated manor house boasts an award-winning restaurant, nestled in the heart of rural Staffordshire. The grade 2 listed manor house has grown from a village pub and restaurant into an independent, award-winning hotel and restaurant without losing any of its unique charm or personality.

The luxury Moat House Hotel also boasts a canal side location and the interior décor will bring a sparkle to our fine dining. **The menu is printed on the reverse of this leaflet, but may be slightly amended and we will collect your choice nearer the date.**



This will be a great way to begin the Christmas Season with a good festive lunch in the company of good friends and we hope it will also be the beginning of your Merry Christmas!

Cost £41.00 per person

(Including coach, 3-course lunch and all tips)

***Please note bookings are being taken for
MEMBERS ONLY***

CHRISTMAS FAYRE MENU

Friday - 7th December 2018

Roasted butternut squash soup, cumin, chilli & honey, coriander,
yoghurt, toasted pumpkin seeds

Warm tart of hot smoked salmon, crème fraiche & chives, beetroot
& horseradish slaw

Slow cooked pork shoulder & prune terrine, pickled apple & endive
salad, puffed rind, caramelised apple purée, toasted sour dough

Bruschetta, garlic, Porto bello mushrooms, mascarpone, basil,
truffled pecorino

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Roast turkey crown, bread sauce, chestnut, sage & onion stuffing,
duck fast roasties, roast turkey gravy

Salmon, crispy poached egg, potato cake, brown shrimps, caper &
parsley gremolata

Cauliflower, Gruyère cheese, grain mustard & Swiss chard
pithivier, crushed roots mash, braised leek, caramelised shallot
gravy

Pressed lamb shoulder, roasted savoy cabbage, carrot & anise purée,
champ potatoes, roast lamb gravy

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Christmas pudding, caramel & congas sauce, clotted cream ice
cream

Hazelnut praline macarons, chocolate cremeux, chocolate soil, milk
sorbet

Cheese platter, savoury biscuits, celery, grapes & chutney

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Freshly brewed coffee & mini mince pies



Please note – menu may be slightly amended by
the time we need to place our orders

