

## U3A Theatre and Cinema group December 2021 message

### 1. U3a theatre group events:

**November:** Although not many people attended 'The Colour Room' about the life of Clarice Cliff, those who did found it very interesting.

Other events:

2. **January 2022. The Royal Marines Band** at the Hall for Cornwall on **Sunday, 30 January** 7.30pm start. The advertised price is £23.50 per person and at present there are some seats left, but not many. Three members thought they might like to go to this and, due to low number, are making their own arrangements.
3. Group event. Covid-permitting, we are going to '**Shrek, the Musical**' at John Keay Theatre, St Austell, on Tuesday, **12 April 2022**. 1930 start. 20 have booked so far, and I have another allocation of seats nearby, which will be £17/person. More very welcome! Just let me know.
4. Good news! Group Event. We now have the minimum of 10 saying they wish to go to the musical "**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**", at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth, and several have paid up, thank you. [I will send a separate message with details to those who now need to pay – please pay it into the u3a account now or contact me]. Plenty of room for more u3a members if you let me know straightaway. I have provisionally reserved 19 seats for the matinee performance (starts 2.30pm) on **Wednesday, 27 April**. The seats are a few rows from the back in the stalls and cost the discounted group price of £27 per ticket. Stars Jac Yarrow as Joseph and Alexandra Burke as The Narrator.

The quote for the minibus still stands, so if we can fill it, would cost approx. £20/person, direct from the Arts Centre to the Theatre. However, if we can't fill it, we'll discuss alternative train or car share options at January's meeting. I need to confirm or cancel by January.

### 5. Covid Restrictions

I think the way to proceed is as if Covid restrictions will not be prohibitive for 'Shrek' or 'Joseph'.

If the situation deteriorates, I have checked the policy with the Theatre Royal re. 'Joseph':– should the performance be cancelled, a full refund would be made. If the performance goes ahead but someone can't attend due to being poorly with Covid, they would issue a credit to be used for any show within 3 years. With 'Shrek' which has already been re-arranged 3(?) times, I suspect the option would be to move it forward again or request a refund (via myself).

We can't predict what restrictions will be law in April, but advise everyone gets their jabs and boosters, as there is the possibility of having to show proof for entry, and it protects, as much as possible, you and others anyway! Masks may also be mandatory or

recommended. If this causes problems for anyone, please contact me. Obviously we must comply with whatever is required at the time.

6. I have cancelled the provisional booking of seats for 'Les Miserables' at the Theatre Royal in May.
7. Other events;
  - (i) **NEW 'Wizard of Oz'** Pantomime, Roche £9.95/person  
(10% discount for groups over 10)  
Mon-Sat. 21-26 February 2022, comm. 1915 (Some of us went to their panto 2 years ago and it was fantastic!)
  - (ii) **NEW 'Alice in Wonderland'** Pantomime, Probus £7/person  
Thurs.-Sat. 24-26 February 2022. Comm. 1930
  - (iii) **'A beautiful Noise' Tribute to music of Neil Diamond, by Fisher Stevens.**  
Takes place at the Hall for Cornwall on Sunday, 27 February. Currently seats in the stalls advertised for £34 or £27, same for the circle. [one person interested to-date]
  - (iv) **'Abba Party Night'** on Thursday, 17 March. 7.30pm start at the Hall for Cornwall. Advertised at £34 - (some seats left at back of stalls and back of circle) only a few left – but selling out fast. Seats available in the balcony to-date.
  - (v) **'Everybody's Talking about Jamie'**. Thursday, 24 March 2.30pm matinee, at Hall for Cornwall. Tickets in stalls currently available at £49 of £37 ranges, or in the circle only for £49.
  - (vi) The Theatre Royal, Plymouth, also has a full planned schedule of events, including Chicago (14-18 June) and Oti Mabusi (19 June). More details on line.

If you let me know if you are keen to go to any of the above, inform me by return and we'll try to decide what might be group events and reserve some seats. In the case of the pantos, indicate which dates you could or couldn't do.

If you have any other suggestions you think enough of the group might be interested in, just send an e.mail or text.

## 8. Meetings

I hope to re-start face-to-face (maybe masked!) meetings on Friday, 21 January 2022! 2pm in the Assembly Room. If the situation does deteriorate and the situation changes, of course I will be in touch again! Maybe you could let me know whether you expect to attend the week before? Let's be positive but realistic!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2022!



Thanks for your support from Linda

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