

# Member's Newsletter

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Thank you to those who came along to the open meeting in May. It was great to chat, drink wine and meet new members and old. I will let you know when the next one will be.

## Anglo-American quiz night

For those of you who did not receive Larry's e-mail. Here is what he had to say:

*Question: What former colony of Great Britain celebrates its Independence Day on 4 July?  
Answer: You didn't think it was going to be THAT easy, did you?*

*As part of Phoenix Theatre's fundraising for the new Mayfield village hall, you are invited to join us on Saturday, 4 July 2009 for the Great 4th of July Transatlantic Quiz Night. Not only will each round of questions require you to test your knowledge of both UK and US culture, we're also hoping to add in something of a theatrical element to the evening--hey, we're a theatre group, so why not?*

*So if you love to perform (but don't have the time or inclination to be in a full-length play) and know of a short piece that perfectly embodies some element of British-ness or American-ness, this is your chance. It needn't be memorised, and it needn't be long--in fact, anything longer than 2 or 3 minutes would probably be too much. Think of poetry, song, plays, movies, mime, puppets, celebrity imitations, classic television shows, cheerleaders, politicians, advice columnists, agony aunts, advertisements... Comedy is better, but we wouldn't be adverse to a moment of solemnity here and there... But it really needs to typify something of the American or British experience. Dickens? Mark Twain? Benny Hill? Martha Stewart?... Can you do a Southern drawl or a terrific Katherine Hepburn impersonation? We need you there...*

*Do consider putting together a table of six and coming out to support the Phoenix and the new hall. And do contact me if there's anything you think you might like to add to the evening's festivities. There will be an open bar, and supper, and further information about ticket prices and availability will be forthcoming in a day or two... But e-mail me soon if you'd like your moment in the spotlight. If we all work together, we can raise a goodly sum for the new hall and have a great time doing it.*

*Please forward this message to anyone else connected to Phoenix and to anyone you know who loves quizzes!*

*Cheers,  
Larry Wilson*

**Hurry and buy your tickets NOW**

## Summer picnic

Our now customary, but not serious game of Rounders will be held on Court Meadow on Sunday August 9th. The Scout and Guide Hall has been booked from 2pm until 5pm, so we can use the facilities and shelter from the blazing sun, if needed. Bring you own food and stuff.

## Halloween

Deb Findlater has kindly volunteered to organise a spooky evening for us on Saturday 31st October. This is what she has to say about it:

***Halloween Eve by candle light.** Start 7.45 prompt. If anyone comes in late to do so very quietly as others will be reading their contributions.*

*Come dressed for Halloween or just in black. Bring wine (glasses provided) there will be a 20min interval*

*Members are invited to bring poems writing and stories (no longer than 3sides of A4) otherwise we will run out of time. Subject: Ghosts, witches, ghouls and spirits.*

*Evening format: Start promptly: People will be asked to read with a prompt or a very small torch, a large one would ruin the atmosphere. Interval of about 20 minutes, then second half. Finish about 10.*

*I would like to encourage members to read in a different voice; make it spooky and really live the text. Hopefully, everyone will be able to have 2 or 3 goes depending on how many turn up. Deb Findlater*

There you are! Dig out some spooky stories, or make one up and chill our blood on the night.

## Date Changes in 2010

Please note that we have changed the dates of our Spring and Winter productions in order to accommodate other Village organisations. See the list below and update your diaries. I hope you have not already organised your holidays around the shows!

### Schedule of events for 2009/10

Summer Show	Memorial Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Picnic	Court Meadow	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Improvisation Evening	Scout and Guide Hall	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Halloween	Scout and Guide Hall	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Autumn Production	Memorial Hall	26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
Spring Production	Memorial Hall	12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Summer production	Memorial Hall	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2010
Winter production	Memorial Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2010

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