



Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre

THEATRE VISIT GROUP

Dear Friends,

First of all, a big thank you to those who have supported us during 2015. We have one final visit, to the Lowry for the Sound of Music , before Christmas and I look forward to seeing many of you then. Thank you too for the messages of appreciation following our visits and for your suggestions about other shows we might see or places we may visit. We appreciate these suggestions and hope they will keep coming. Our plans for 2016 are starting to become clearer so please watch the Fulwood Methodist Church website for early information. We will also send you regular emails or letters.

My main reason for writing however is to tell you of the plans we have made to relieve Joyce Rae from our administrative and booking arrangements. As many of you know, Joyce has served us wonderfully well for several years but now feels it is time for her laptop and phones to cool down. We are all grateful to her for her attention to detail, her patience and so many kindnesses.

This aspect of our work is being undertaken with immediate effect by Sharon Beck, the Church administrator. Sharon works at the Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and looks forward to meeting you all in due course. Obviously, though, she cannot be available on demand at other times and therefore we need to introduce some new arrangements. These are described below:

1. As before, adverts and lists for our visits will be displayed in the Willow Grove at Church. For the next few visits you can sign the list there (but remember to give a contact number) but we will be moving to a system whereby we ask you to fill in a form and return it to Sharon at Church. The forms will start to be available on the board itself in the next few days with instructions where to leave them when completed. We will also have them available on the coach on our next visit and you can keep a small supply at home if you wish. All the bookings already made for next year will stand – you do not need to submit any forms for them.

2. If you want to post the forms to Sharon, then please use the Church address which is on the bottom of the form.
3. From today, you can also contact Sharon direct by email using the address theatrevisits@fulwoodmethodist.org.uk
4. Messages can also be left for Sharon on the following numbers – 01772 718741 or 07592167700 – but remember she will only be responding during her working hours.
5. From now until the end of November, you can continue to contact Joyce if you prefer. She will then pass your messages on to Sharon by one of the methods described above.
6. However, from 1 December only methods described in 1-4 above will apply.

New systems are being devised for payment and these will be in a further message within the next few days. If a payment is due and it is not possible to contact Sharon direct, the payment can be handed to me at Church or sent via post to 2 Wentworth Place, Broughton, Preston PR3 5LQ. Cheques should be made payable to Fulwood Methodist Church, as before.

I shall continue to plan the programme of visits and be responsible for liaison with the theatres. If you have any concerns or uncertainties do speak to me on 01772 863791 or write to me at the above address or at kenwales9421@gmail.com

As ever, best wishes as we approach the special season of Advent and Christmas,
Shalom,

Ken Wales