

THE CENTURY THEATRE

The Century Theatre is thought to be the only solid structure, fully equipped mobile theatre in the world.

The dream of engineer/designer John Ridley was turned into reality in a Hinckley yard between 1948 and 1952 with the assistance of Dick Bull, Wilfred Harrison and Norman Robinson among others. Actor/director Harrison had the task of raising the money to construct the theatre, - at a cost of £22,000. The first performance was in Hinckley on 29 September 1952, with Wilfred Harrison playing Othello.

Converted from wartime military trailers and tractors, the theatre travelled in a convoy of 32 vehicles, providing quality drama around the country for 23 years until 1974 when traffic regulations prevented the trailers from using the highway.

From 1975 to 1996, the Century Theatre was sited in a car park by Derwentwater at Keswick.

The theatre returned to Leicestershire in 1996 and was erected at Snibston with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Although primarily sited as a historical artefact, it continues to provide quality touring theatre, music, film and educational activities for the community.

Coming Soon to the Century Theatre
www.centurytheatre.co.uk

Alice In Wonderland (PG)

Directed by Tim Burton, starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter with Mia Wasikowska as the 19 year old Alice who returns to the magical world from her childhood.

The Ghost (15)

Based on Robert Harris' novel, directed by Roman Polanski. A ghost writer hired to re-write the memoirs of a former British Prime Minister uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy. Stars Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan, Kim Cattrall and Olivia Williams.

For further details contact Ashby Tourist Information Centre on 01530 411767

We would like to thank the following organisations for co-ordinating and supporting our first ever Coalville Film Weekend - Coalville Town Centre Partnership, Keith Pare (Century Theatre), Peter Orgill (Snibston), Dan Liddicott (Stephenson College), and Goff Lewis (NWLDC)

Coalville Film Weekend

21 - 23rd May 2010



**at the Century Theatre
Snibston, Coalville**

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

See inside for more information

Telephone: 01530 278444

supported by Coalville Town Centre Partnership

FRIDAY 21st MAY @ 7.30pm

A SINGLE MAN (12A)

A gay English professor in 1962 Los Angeles finds it hard to cope after the death of his partner. Based on a novel by Christopher Isherwood, this stylish and emotional film earned its star Colin Firth the BAFTA Award for Best Leading Actor, as well as an Oscar nomination. A visually stunning debut by director Tom Ford. Also starring Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult and Matthew Goode.

With support short film *THE BLUE BOX STORY* (the story of the Century Theatre). The evening will be introduced by PBQ film expert/lecturer Alan Seaman.

- Doors open 7pm. Programme commences 7.30pm.
- Licensed bar
- Admission £3.50, pay on the door



SATURDAY 22nd MAY @ 10.15am

Children's Matinee - FANTASTIC MR FOX (PG)

Highly acclaimed stop-motion animated film based on the novel by Roald Dahl, featuring the voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep and Bill Murray. An urban fox cannot resist returning to his farm raiding ways and then must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation.

- Doors open 10am. Programme commences 10.15am
- Refreshments available
- Admission £1.00 pay on the door



SUNDAY 23rd MAY @ 2.30pm

THE TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT (U)

The classic 1953 Ealing comedy, filmed in beautiful early Technicolor, starring Stanley Holloway, George Relph, Sid James and John Gregson. Local residents take over their village's passenger train service (against local bus company's resistance) when British Rail abandons it.

With support short film *THIS YEAR - LONDON* (1951) a nostalgic British Transport film shown by kind permission of the BFI. The staff of a Leicester boot and shoe factory go on their annual works outing, travelling by train for a sightseeing day in the capital.

- Doors open 2.00pm. Programme commences 2.30pm.
- Refreshments available
- Admission £3.50 pay on the door



SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Children & Young People's Films

AFTERNOON FILMS AND WORKSHOPS ALL FREE!

**1-4pm 3-D ANIMATION for 11+yrs
STOP-MOTION WORKSHOP for 8yrs +**

Ever wanted to have a go at animation? Now is your chance to get some hands on experience. Tutors and students from Stephenson College Art & Design department are demonstrating the basics of stop-motion and 3-D digital animation, and giving you the chance to have a go yourself. Drop in to the Education Unit (next to Century Theatre) between 1-4pm to make your debut in the world of animation.

3-4pm SHORT FILMS MADE BY YOUNG PEOPLE

'Museums in Leicestershire & Rutland' A short film made by Greenhill Youth Club who gave us their full and frank opinion of exactly what it is our museum could be doing better.

'Personal Choices' Made by young people from Earl Shilton's Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade.

Jordan is a girl trapped between the street and her band. She feels a sense of loyalty to her gang but knows their behaviour is wrong. Her friend Regan is the only person who is reaching a hand out to pull her toward the right side of the tracks but will her efforts be enough?

'Personal Choices' Made by young people from St. Matthews Contact Project, Leicester. Muji has just left prison for assault while taking part in a street fight. Upon leaving he can't find a job and although he is offered the chance to box in the ring he can't see past the lack of food in the house. Will he stay on the straight and narrow or go back to street fighting to pay the bills?

**4-5pm A SLECTION OF 3D ANIMATION
& STOP-MOTION FILMS**

A number of short films made by students from Stephenson College

