

the news

CHRISTMAS 2011



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Take it easy...

CHRISTMAS WISHES!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for Christmas and every success for the New Year



Keep up the good work and the ward visiting into 2012

Peter Phillips
Chairman



▶ **MEMBERSHIP SUBS**

Apart from Christmas, most important at this time of year is that your membership expires at the end of December

To continue as a member, please make sure that you have paid £7.50 (£3 seniors) to Kevin Rushbrook **by the end of this month**

Cheques payable to Choice Radio can be left at the studio or sent to 69 Ambleside Drive, Worcester, WR4 9DA

Remember, no subs – no membership, no programmes...

▶ **STUDIO MATTERS**

▶▶ **Christmas shows**

Special seasonal shows being broadcast on Christmas Day include seasonal editions of the A to Z of Pop, 2 different carol concerts and a couple of shows about Matt Monroe, which his daughter has prepared for us

▶▶ **Studio faults**

If any fault is found with the studio equipment, kindly follow the following procedure:

Report the fault directly to our engineers (Ken on 841296 or Tony on 358091)

Complete the Fault form so that other studio users are aware of the fault and that it has already been reported

Ken & Tony are not presenters and therefore will go to the studio *only if a fault is reported directly to them*

▶▶ **Guests**

Peter Tomlinson

Peter is no stranger to Choice as he, together with our President, Sally, performed the opening ceremony of our

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

AGM Thursday March 29th 2012

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

current studio complex in 2002. He is of course no stranger either to all things media, being a presenter on HTV in Wales, being part of the team that launched Tiswas in 1973. He was also involved in Beacon Radio and later became Managing Director and presenter on Saga Radio in the West Midlands (now rebadged as Smooth Radio)

In 2007, he was named High Sheriff of the West Midlands

His recollections were many and varied, meaning we were soon out of time. He has kindly agreed to take part in a future programme early next year

The cast of Transforming Metamorphosis

This was a production which was put on at the University by the second year students, all female for this particular show

Whilst the subject matter was rather challenging (Franz Kafka's semi-autobiographical account of turning into a despised insect overnight), the interview itself was a joy and very light-hearted. All the girls were very appreciative of being given an hour's air-time to talk about their self-penned show and the production itself was well-received

▶▶ **Recordings**

Richard Digance

Following his recent appearance at Huntingdon Hall, Richard promised to give us a couple of minutes after the show. This ended up being a 20 minute chat about his life, including his first appearances as a hospital radio presenter, before moving to Capital in London

Christmas greetings

We have recorded Christmas greetings from Harry Turner (Chairman of the Trust), Robin Walker M.P., Dr David Tibbutt, Mayor and Richard Digance – all are available on Soundbox for you to play out during your shows

Dave Webber's Wednesday Sessions

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday Jan 26th 2012

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

These spots are still proving most popular and recent sessions have included Dean Elliot, Esther Turner, Matt Woosey, Vo Fletcher and Catherine Howe

Where possible, all interviews which are broadcast on Choice are also put onto our website so that others, both members and the general public, can listen to them

Please therefore remember to record any interviews which you do with guests

Congratulations

It is with great pleasure that we can announce another training success and this time it is Chris Aggrey who has graduated from C.A.P.E. (Choice Academy of Programme Excellence). Chris will be alternating presenting shows on Monday evenings

▶ **OUT AND ABOUT**

▶▶ **Christmas Meal**

18 of us sat down to an excellent Christmas meal at the Perdiswell restaurant

Thanks again to Sally for offering the wine!

▶▶ **Birmingham Hippodrome**

Slava's Snow Show

▶▶ **Alexandra Theatre**

Buddy – West End cast
The Producers – West Bromwich Operatic Society
Omid Djalili
The Rat Pack – West End cast
Grease – Robin Cousins

▶▶ **Swan Theatre**

Jack & The Beanstalk – Ben Humphrey & Liz Grand

▶▶ **Huntingdon Hall**

Charley Boorman
Cannon & Ball
Gordon Giltrap
Richard Digance
Money for Nothing (Dire Straits tribute band)

▶▶ **Malvern Theatres**

Keeler – Paul Nicholas
Season's Greetings – Christopher Timothy & Glynis Barber
Tim Brooke-Taylor
Dr Marigold & Dr Chops – Simon Callow
The Holly & The Ivy – Middle Ground Theatre Company
Dreamboats & Petticoats – West End cast
Cinderella on ice – Russian Ice Stars

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▶▶ **Royal visitor to the Swan Theatre**

HRH The Earl of Wessex Prince Edward paid a visit to the Swan to celebrate its recent extensive refurbishment. We were invited to join the audience which was entertained with excerpts from recent productions

He also met representatives from the Swan Youth Theatre, Friends of the Swan, Worcester Society of Artists and the Worcester Camera Club

▶▶ **New Three Counties Centre**

We were invited to the opening of this centre by Michael Brinton K.ST.J JP, the Lord Lieutenant of the county. This means the showground, which is becoming one of the region's premier event centres, has enhanced its main exhibition building with a two storey state of the art extension

▶▶ **COMPETITION**

Recent competition winners are:

Pat Sawyer (switchboard) & Christine Teal (patient) for Money for Nothing (Dire Straits tribute band)
Julie Thomas (patient) for Omid Djalili
Louise Salsano (switchboard) for Grease
Jude Cambridge (staff) for Peter Pan

▶▶ **Swan panto**

Currently running is a competition for Jack & the Beanstalk

▶▶ **HBA AWARDS 2012**

We have 3 audio entries this year:

The Wednesday Sessions – excerpts from Dave Webber's live music sessions

Bev's Boobs Busting Out – excerpts from interviews with the stars of the Busting Out show

Death toll rises to 3000 in decisive battle in city – based on the Battle of Worcester commemorations in September

We'll know in January if we have been short-listed

As previously mentioned, the next HBA conference will be in Northampton in March

■ **FUTURE DATES**

Committee meetings will be held on:

January 26th 2012

Next General meeting:

AGM March 29th 2012

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