

Our Region's Own Shakespeare Company for the Young Shakespeare Young Company Opens Here!

We are privileged to have this wonderful opportunity opening up within the Wychwoods area. If you would like to know more ring Lee at the Hall on: 01993 832216.

Now in its sixth year, the Shakespeare Young Company (SYC) will open in the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood. Young people aged 11 to early 20s will be invited to train

and develop their skills, talent and confidence in playing Shakespeare, alongside developing their own productions for the area and on tour. SYC in Oxfordshire will draw its young actors from a wide geographical area and also a rural population who often have to travel to major cities to attend theatre training.

Performing Shakespeare

SYC in Oxfordshire complements the large home-ensemble based in Warwick initiated by the Playbox Theatre in 2008. Both companies will benefit from shared resources and artistic associates. This Spring SYC present *The Merchant of Venice* and *Romeo and Juliet* across Warwickshire. Our home in Warwick will serve as headquarters and, with our own theatre, 'The Dream Factory', a base for operational planning whilst our new



centre will invite innovative work with new directors. The support we have had from the New Beaconsfield Hall has been superb and it is our hope to become a lively and very active part of the locale we serve.

About SYC

SYC is now an independent company, an offshoot of Playbox Theatre. Playbox Theatre is a creative organisation developing theatre for and with young people.

Founded in 1986 Playbox serves young artists and audiences across the Warwickshire and West Midlands regions with training and performance studios supporting its main creative base. Playbox Theatre places at its heart young people as artists and audience.

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The Wychwood Seeks Volunteers

As we explain on Page 37 Peggy Walmsley is now 'retiring' from her long stint as our valued theatre critic, a big 'thanks' to her. Would any of you theatre buffs, like to fill the position? Or perhaps you could take over from Ele Wozencroft as distributor for the Green Lane area of Milton-under-Wychwood? Again, thanks go to Ele who has now moved to Witney.