



# Do you remember those Phoenix nights?

By Sheila Armstrong

Our own and much loved Phoenix Cinema is asking people to share their memories of the picture house and be part of their new Story Book Project which celebrates the cinema's centenary this year.



The Phoenix (then The Coliseum) in 1930. Photo courtesy Archives of London Borough of Barnet.

Phoenix Heritage Officer Eleanor Sier is looking for anyone, of any age, local or not, who has a memory to share about the Phoenix. Maybe you worked there years ago, went to children's Saturday morning films or still travel across London regularly to see films at this iconic venue?

Whatever your memory, Eleanor is keen for you to share it. Contact her on 020 8442 0442 or at [heritage@phoenixcinema.co.uk](mailto:heritage@phoenixcinema.co.uk). You will be interviewed and possibly filmed and these interviews will be shown on the website, and in some cases at the cinema before main features.

Built in 1910 and known vari-

ously over the last 100 years as The Picturedrome, The Rex and the Coliseum, the Phoenix is the UK's oldest continuously run cinema. As we all know, The Phoenix's restoration project, funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund and community contributions, will renovate the Art Deco film house this summer. Fundraising is still going on and donations are very much welcome.

Renovation work started in March and the cinema will have restricted opening times this summer. Watch the press for details, or go to the website [www.phoenixcinema.co.uk](http://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk).



Stephen Brain with Institute Principal Joy Solomon. Photo courtesy HGSI

## New chairman for The Institute

The Institute has announced the appointment of Stephen Brain as chairman of The Institute Council. Stephen will support the ongoing development of the adult education centre.

The new chairman was educated at Goldsmiths' College London and Sussex University. His first teaching post was in Adult and Continuing Education, an area of work in which he has retained a strong interest.

He is committed to the idea of Adult Education as a dynamic

force. He believes that, despite the financial pressures the sector has experienced, it is more relevant to people's lives today than ever before. "Technology presents adult education with new and exciting possibilities", he says.

Stephen is married with two children and lives in Greenwich, although he was born in Hampstead and still has family and friends living in the area. When not working, Stephen's interests include music, poetry, literature, the arts and quantum physics.



Diana Cormack presents a cheque to The Bobath Centre from the proceeds of sales of the ARCHER Calendar. Pictured are Diana, Ruby Hamilton, Sarah Terrazas, Marie Stanley & Kevin Gillespie. Photo by John Dearing

## ARCHER Calendar raises £2,000

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a copy of THE ARCHER Calendar 2010 and to all the shops and venues who found space to sell them. Thanks to you, we raised a magnificent total of £2,066.

Every penny will go to help the work of the Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy. Hundreds of children and their families every year benefit immeasurably from the therapy and support work provided by the charity at its base in East End Road.

Bobath fundraising and

development manager Kevin Gillespie said: "We were so pleased to be chosen as the beneficiary of the funds raised from the 2010 calendar. Thank you to everyone involved in making this project such a success, especially the local businesses which sold the calendars. We are proud to

be part of such a supportive community."

THE ARCHER is also very grateful to all the readers who submitted their own photographs to be used in the calendar, and to Photobox.co.uk, the online photo and gift company that printed the calendars free of charge.

This is the second great year of fundraising for THE ARCHER Calendar. Last year, you helped us raise more than £2,000 for East Finchley Neighbourhood Contact.

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