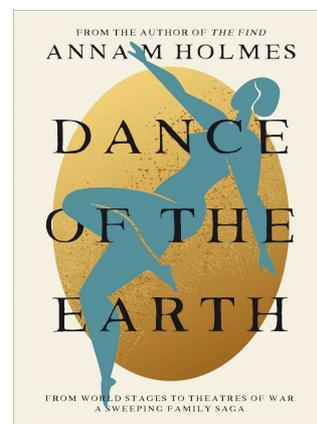


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Welcome to our final newsletter of 2025. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Trust this year with generous donations. Also thanks to Geoffrey Baskerville (Independent writer) and Susan Jones, Emeritus Professor (English Literature), St Hilda's College, Oxford with written work and research. To Kristin Johnson, choreologist for teaching *O Caritas* and *Economy in Straitjacket but with room for Movement* to the students at Roehampton University as well as the *Cinderella Statue Fairy 3rd Act* solo to Bethany Kingsley-Garner for our archival work. To the educational establishments - Elmhurst Ballet School, London Studio Centre, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and The Royal Ballet School who are taking Peter to the heart of their work and to Ballet Nights for giving us a platform to showcase snippets of Peter's work.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Renton Thomson, who has been the Independent Examiner for our accounts for almost 20 years which he has done pro bono, and we are enormously grateful to him. Finally, to our amazing Trustees who give so much of their time to make all of the above happen.

Christmas is nearly here and if you are still looking for Christmas presents and enjoy reading why not buy: *Dance of the Earth* by Anna Holmes

From backstage to centre stage and theatres of war, *Dance of the Earth* is a sweeping family saga. Set against the backdrops of London's gilded Alhambra music hall, Diaghilev's dazzling Ballets Russes, and the upheavals of the First World War, Rose and her children, Nina and Walter, pursue their ambitions, loves, and dreams. Dance and music become both sanctuary and self-expression, shaping their identities and helping each of them find their place in the world. Spanning the years 1875 to 1921 — an era of profound artistic and social change — fact and fiction interweave in this tapestry of birth, sacrifice, and renewal. Art — both serious and comic — is at the story's beating heart.

In the UK *Dance of the Earth* can be ordered from your local independent bookstore, or main outlets (Waterstones etc) and is widely available internationally on all Amazon links - paperback and e-book. You will find various links on [Dance of the Earth web page](#)

<https://www.annamholmes.com/dance-of-the-earth>

Listen to Thea Musgrave discussing creating *Beauty & the Beast*

In 1969 **Thea Musgrave**, composer wrote the music for Peter's *Beauty & the Beast* you might like to hear her interview with Stephen Johnson on the Voices of British Ballet podcast which discusses the challenges and idiosyncrasies she found when creating the music:
voicesofbritishballet.com/podcast/thea-musgrave

Remembering Linden Currey - 23 January 1953-13th October 2025



It is with great sadness that we report on the passing of Linden Currey in London in October. Linden trained at Tring Park School and was awarded the John Cranko Scholarship to attend Stuttgart Ballet School. Her early dance career took her to Opera Ballet de Monte Carlo followed by Northern Ballet and Scottish Ballet. Her teacher training was on the Royal Ballet's Teacher Training course and she went on to complete her Masters at Roehampton University.

Linden taught at White Lodge, English National Ballet School, Bird College, Central School of Ballet, London Studio Centre and the RCS in Glasgow.

She was a lead assessor for Trinity Laban College helping to devise the syllabus for vocational dance and musical theatre providers.

Linden had moved to France pre-Covid and was very happy there in her "cowshed" which she had beautifully converted into a lovely home. She was great fun and showed a real sense of caring to people and animals alike! Linden leaves behind her son Killian, his wife and two grandchildren all of whom she adored. She will be greatly missed.

The Peter Darrell Circle of Friends - why not join our Circle?

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Or by donating directly through our Justgiving page:

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We are now looking forward to 2026 and all it has to offer. So, until then have a great break and a happy new year!

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