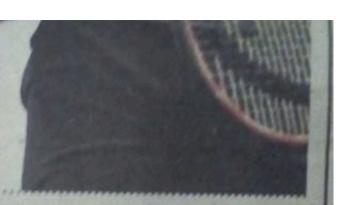
week for my trailer and we can see nearer the time whether he could cope with a visit on Saturday."

Judy's good humour has made



## Arlene: Paris is just wizard for London musicals now

## **Anna Dubuis**

ARLENE PHILLIPS says
the French are finally
waking up to London's
West End musicals scene
as she prepares to take
the Wizard of Oz to Paris.

The choreographer, pictured, is working there in the run up to Christmas on the musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, which first opened in 2011 at the London Palladium.

Phillips, 70, said: "London is having a big influence on Paris's
theatre scene. A lot of
shows are going out there
now from London. When
we went to auditions we
thought, 'what are we
going to find', but there
were the most amazing
principals with voices to

die for and all of these wonderful dancers with incredible training who could sing. We were like 'oh my god'.

The Wizard of Oz, or Le Magicien d'Oz, will run at the Palais des Congrès.