

# The Chorus Line



The Newsletter of The Company of Four

May 2022



## Welcome from the Chairperson:

Hello reader! And we are off!

Our 50th celebrations have commenced and hopefully we will see the momentum continue throughout the year. I'm definitely in a party mood now! Tickets are now on sale for our upcoming show and the hard work is well underway. It turns out I'm not as young as I think I am and being a dancer once more is a killer. Never mind, those that limp still move. Plus, I'm having the best time!

Keep dancing!

*Lily*

## Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everyone. Welcome to the May edition of The Chorus Line. Lots of information and bits & pieces this month. Just a short intro from me this time, but if you no longer wish to receive the NL, please do get in touch and I can remove you from the list. That just leaves me to say, enjoy and see everyone around at rehearsals.

*Oliver*

**Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up.**

## Friends of The Company of Four:

We have recently returned from our very successful 4-day coach holiday based at Warner Thoresby Hall Leisure Hotel, Nottinghamshire. This venue was the Warner holiday that we previously organised for March 2020 but unfortunately this had to be cancelled because of Covid. Not to be put off, we planned for April this year. Same venue and easy to organise we thought, but covid and two-year lapse brought differing Group arrangements by Warner and sadly, illness for some members who had to miss the event. We're pleased to say that the holiday went extremely well, and we were blessed with bright sunny weather throughout. En-route to Nottinghamshire we stopped at Coton Orchard Garden Centre and arrived Thoresby Hall at 3.30pm. On Saturday we had a trip to Bakewell in Derbyshire and on Sunday spent some time in Nottingham itself. While at Thoresby Hall, there were many activities to join in, walks around the grounds, leisure facilities, restaurants, live stage shows and of course, Bars. Returning home to Suffolk on the Monday, we stopped at Springfields Shopping Outlet & Garden Centre in Spalding and had a short stay in Bury St Edmunds, arriving home late afternoon. Friends' trips usually have a fair amount of laughter and banter and this one was certainly no exception.

We have just sent out a newsletter to all our members, giving them details of the Summer Show and mentioned the Autumn Show as well as Barbeque at Bredfield and event on Kingston field. This is available to read on the Cof4 Website, any friends or relations interested in joining The Friends; please contact Vernon Burrows - 07881790004.

*Vernon*

### Thank You Very Much:

I'm glad to say that rehearsals are going very well, from what I've seen of the choreography and heard of the singing, this is going to be an amazing production. Tickets are now on sale via The Riverside box office (01394 382174) or by using their online booking system. If any members who aren't in the production would like to help in any way, please do get in contact with either myself or Penny via the details at the bottom of the NL, we would love to hear from you. Adam and the team are also still looking for volunteers to help paint and build scenery, so if you can spare an evening or two a week, that would be much appreciated.

The 5 performances shall take place at our home of **The Riverside** on these dates: **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** (7:30pm daily, 2:30pm & 7:30pm on Saturday). The Dress rehearsal shall take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** and the *Get In* will be on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** during the morning, after which a full run through of the show will go ahead.

**Shout out to my fingers. I can count on all of them.**



### Goodnight Mister Tom

Goodnight Mister Tom will be performed at the Seckford Theatre this October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The auditions are to take place around the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>, the final dates are still to be confirmed (I'm just waiting for my work schedule to come out!), but please do keep that week free. There are quite a few speaking roles, several of which are for children, so if you know any children, especially young boys, who would be interested in being involved, please spread the word. More details of this production shall be in next month's Newsletter.

### Future Productions:

The Committee would like to ask for suggestions for future productions. We are looking for offers of Pantomimes for 2024, and a Musical for the Summer of 2023. Does anyone fancy producing a Christmas show for Winter 2023? If you have wanted to try your hand at writing or directing and can put a production team together, please get in contact with any member of the Committee who will be happy to discuss it with you and put your suggestions forward at the meetings.

**What do you call a belt made of watches? A waist of time.**

### Gala Dinner:

What a fabulous evening we all had! Everyone was dressed to the absolute nines and looked incredible. Thank you to Ufford Park for hosting us and looking after us so well. The disco was a roaring success. The music, although 'eclectic,' suited us down to the ground and the dance floor was full all evening. Everyone in attendance had a lovely time and those who couldn't make it have certainly had a giggle at some of the photos, of which a handful can be found lower down in the NL.

## NODA Awards:

We're a winner! I am delighted to let you all know that we came away from the 2020/21 NODA awards with a win for Best Pantomime in District 12 for our production of "Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood".

**Congratulations** to the whole team who made the panto such a huge success. We also received a special award for being 'Covid Warriors.'



This was in response to our creative efforts on the 'Together We'll Be OK' video, that was kindly organised and constructed by the Spallettes.

**Thank You** girls.

The awards evening was a lovely affair and a great chance to mingle and chat with other local companies. It was also an opportunity to catch up with Catherine Dixey our fantastic NODA rep.



## A Note from Catherine Dixey NODA Rep:

Catherine Dixey, our NODA Rep and all at NODA would like to send Company of Four congratulations on your 50th Anniversary. "Looking back at all your photos of past productions is a great reminder of how many hundreds of your members have been involved. Company of Four has enriched their lives with wonderful memories. New skills have been taught and learnt, new friends made, and no organisation can ever ask for a greater legacy than that. We are sending you our very best wishes and our pleasant and exciting expectations for the next 50 years".

*Catherine*

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clothing:

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, the Company is now offering some 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary clothing for our special year, embroidered with the Company's logo on one side, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo printed on the other. We shall be offering Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Polo T Shirts & T Shirts, all available in black. The individual prices are:

Adult Hoodie £30, Child Hoodie £26

Adult Sweatshirt £28, Child Sweatshirt £24

Adult Polo Shirt £17, Child Polo Shirt £15

Adult T Shirt £15, Child T Shirt £14.50

If you wish to order and purchase any of the above, please see or email Vic Fosker

([cof4secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cof4secretary@gmail.com)) who shall have a size guide and she'll be happy to help place an order.

Because we are having these printed to order,

Orders placed up to and including Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May will be guaranteed to be here for the production, after this, they will be here as soon as possible. Please get in quick to avoid disappointment!



## \*Star Profile\*

Welcome to Star Profile time again! This month we shine the spotlight of happiness on to a member who has had quite a few roles in his relatively short period with the Company, even writing the award-winning Pantomime of Robin Hood. We introduce to you.....**Allan Rogers**

**Name** Allan Rogers

**Age** 58

**Occupation?** Community Occupational Therapist.

**Do you have any Pets?** A Labrador called Frank, and an aquarium full of African cichlids.

**First Cof4 show you were involved with?** South Pacific (2014).

**Favourite Song (And who by?)?** Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen (and try to sing all the parts!).

**First Music Album you brought?** Parallel Lines - Blondie.

**Favourite Food?** Lamb curry.. or Steak and chips!

**Tea/Coffee (If neither, then what)?** Tea is the go to choice at home, but drink either when I'm out.

**Who's your Hero?** My partner Allen. How he supports with my ups and downs in life amazes me.

**Favourite Book?** Easy to read humorous books, by the likes of Jonathon Harvey and Dawn French.

**Do you have a Nickname?** Al, Al, Allan, Allan, Steve, Steve! The joke is wearing thin though!

**Favourite Film?** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

**Your Favourite Saying/Quote?** I'm playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order!

**Do you Collect Anything?** Only admirers 😊

**Favourite Tv Show?** Difficult choice, but narrowed down to three; Vicar of Dibley, Gimme Gimme Gimme and Dinner Ladies.

**What would you do with a Million Pounds?** See ya! Wouldn't wanna be ya!

**What do you get if a lorry load of strawberries overturn on the motorway?** A Traffic Jam

### **Queen's Jubilee celebration in Woodbridge:**

The Company has been asked if we would like to take part in the Queens Jubilee celebrations, to be held on Kingston Field in Woodbridge on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. We shall be looking to perform a small selection from our Summer Show and would also like as many people as possible to hand out leaflets to advertise the production. Details of this shall be discussed during rehearsals for *Thank You Very Much*.

**What does garlic do when it gets hot?** It takes its cloves off.



**Chaperones:**

As many of you are aware, the children need chaperones for the run of rehearsals and during the performances. Please can we ask any member who has a current licence or is willing to help during the shows, to get in contact with us, so you can be rostered on and help us out, it really would be appreciated. Contact **Charlotte Lamb** for further details.

**Gala Dinner Photographs:**

Some exciting snaps from the Gala Dinner night at Ufford Park to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Company:



**The Human Pyramid**



**The Attendees of the Gala Night...**



**The Lovely Spall Ladies**



**Oops Up Side Your Head...**



**And Why Not?**



**Greg & Cheryl Enjoying Themselves**

### **Camping Trip:**

Thank you to all those who have booked to go on our camping trip to Orchard Campsite in Wickham Market. We still have a couple of pitches available if anyone is interested in joining us for the weekend of Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July. Pitches are £30 per night or £34 with electric hook up. Tents, motor homes, caravans and camper vans are all welcome. Families, children, and dogs welcome too.

The site has toilet and shower facilities as well as a fully stocked camp shop and off licence selling over 200 varieties of beer and wine. If you are interested or would like more details, please email me at [cof4secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cof4secretary@gmail.com), and let me know how many pitches you would like and how many people will be coming. For those who have booked, please can payment be forwarded to Neville as soon as possible, so the bill can be paid.

*Vicky*

**What do you call a Shetland Pony with a sore throat? A little hoarse.**

### **Membership:**

Just a quick reminder to everyone, please can the membership fee be paid at the earliest opportunity. This not only helps with Company's funds, but also pays for your insurance throughout the rehearsal period and during the production. Any member who goes on the stage, **MUST** have paid a membership fee to perform, no exceptions. Please hand completed forms to either your Choreographer or a committee member.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Queens Jubilee Celebration on Kingston Field

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Thank You Very Much at The Riverside

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Company's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ at Bredfield

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Camping at Wickham Market

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Auditions for Goodnight Mister Tom at FRC

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Goodnight Mister Tom at The Seckford.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - Panto at The Riverside



*There we are, another Newsletter completed. Please do feel free to send me anything you wish to include in a future Newsletter, this can be some good news you may want to share, a birthday shout out, a poem, a short story, or if you wish to be included in the Star Profile section, it really is as easy as emailing me on [cof4secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cof4secretary@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions for the June Newsletter is **May 25<sup>th</sup>**.*

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