



The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four

August 2022

Welcome from the Chairperson:

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, we kicked things off with the Company of Four BBQ and a camping trip which we hope to make an annual excursion! I had a great time and I can't wait for next year. A big thank you to the Spallettes for keeping us entertained at the BBQ and to Penny & Vernon who once again organised a great raffle. Auditions for Goodnight Mister Tom were a great success, well done to everyone who had a shot. Please support this show wherever you can either in ticket sales, backstage or just telling anyone and everyone you know all about it.

Lily

Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everyone, and welcome to the August edition of The Chorus Line. We have a couple of reviews of social events in this month's edition, also the date for the Company's AGM. All the details are below...So enjoy the read.

Oliver

What did the Caretaker say as he jumped out of the store cupboard? Supplies! Friends of The Company of Four:

Congratulations to the Cof4 Committee who organised the very successful BBQ and socialising event at Bredfield Village Hall. You must have been pleased with the attendance of over 100; comprising past and present members plus members of the 'Friends' of Cof4. Everyone we spoke to on the day and afterwards, enjoyed their time together very much and specially mentioned the wonderful BBQ food itself. We, the 'Friends' were glad to be able to take part by organizing the raffle but were a little disappointed with the amount raised. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

July 7th was the day for our coach outing to Aylsham where we boarded Blickling Hall train to Wroxham and it was here that we had free time and lunch. Short coach journey to Horning where we embarked Mississippi 'paddle boat' for a 90 minute trip on the River Bure. Afterwards, another excuse for a drink, sitting in the grounds of the local pub with lovely views of the river after which was the journey home. Another very successful outing.

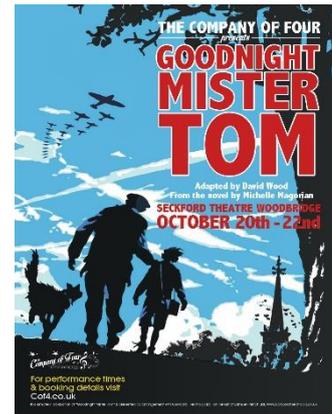
Cof4 members are welcome to join us for our outings and annual holiday; please refer to our newsletter(s) on the Cof4 website. For any friends or relations interested in joining 'The Friends'; please contact us by phoning 01394 384806 or 07881790004 - Vernon and Penny.

Vernon

Goodnight Mister Tom:

by David Wood, based on a novel by Michelle Magorian.
Well, what a turn out we had for Goodnight Mister Tom. We were overwhelmed with choice, and I can safely say it was one of the most difficult things to cast with so much talent on offer. But cast it has been and we shall start rehearsals over the summer. Thank you to everyone who came along to Audition and commiserations to all those who didn't get in. If any member wishes to be involved behind the scenes, please do get in contact with any of the production team, we'd love to have you on board. Ticket prices and details of when they go on sale shall be given out soon, once finalised, so please do keep an eye out on your email inbox or our socials when they become available.

Oliver



The Company of Four AGM:

You should all have seen the email I sent out recently regarding the AGM, but in case you didn't, here are the details you need to know! It's that time of year again when we get ready for The Company's AGM. This year, the AGM shall be held on **Tuesday 13th September** at The Fred Reynolds Centre, with doors open from 19:00, starting at 19:30. This really is a chance for members to see what has been going on behind the scenes within the Company, with a review of the year, as well as your chance to ask questions and make suggestions.

As always, we are also looking for a committee for the next year. If you, or anyone you know would like to be a member of the committee and have a chance to shape the future of the Company, now is your chance to join. If this is something you would like to be part of, it's quite simple to achieve. You will need a current member to nominate you as a candidate, you will then need another current member to second you, and then send your nomination to the Company of Four secretary (cof4secretary@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 23rd August 2022** (inc). This goes for all current committee members also. Being part of this dynamic team will mean making choices for the Company going forward and requires some commitment from yourself in the various roles that will need filling, of which will be decided at the first committee meeting.

The Committee is set up of 4 Executive Members (Also deemed The Trustees of The Company of Four by the Charitable Commission) consisting of: The Chairperson, The Vice Chairperson, The Treasurer & The Secretary and 5 or more ordinary members. Although this year we have managed with an acting Secretary, this is a vital role that needs to be filled within the scope of the Company, so if you have the ability and willingness to fulfil this role, please do get in touch.

The Company accounts for the year 2021/2022 will be available to view to all members from the 23rd August, If you wish for these, please email the Secretary who will pass on your request to the Treasurer. Also, if any member wishes to submit a resolution for the Company and the next year, this also needs to be placed in writing to the Secretary by the same date of 23rd August.

Please come and support your Company at the AGM and help shape and move the Company forward.

A sheep told his Shepard that he was fed up of always being bossed around by him, The Shepard taken aback asked "Pardon?" The sheep replied.... "You heard!"

The Treasurer Writes:

The accounts for 2021/22 are now about to be sent off to be examined, which will probably take a good few weeks, but a copy (possibly still draft) will be available to members from 23rd August from me in accordance with our AGM rules.

We do know we will be showing a deficit for the year 2021/22 but this was expected in order to be get Productions back on stage, but unfortunately without staging our Pantomime in 2022 as we original hoped for.

Neville

50th Anniversary BBQ Birthday Bash:

A huge Thank You to everyone who came along to the Company's 50th Birthday bash at Bredfield Village Hall. As well as being joined by 50 or so of the 'Friends', it was fantastic to see so many ex-members, as well as some of our latest member from the summer show, who came to join in with the frivolities. We had some fantastic entertainment from The Spallettes, who gave us some wonderful singing with there close harmonies and 40s flavour and style. Some wonderful BBQ food was provided by Leroy from "Come Get Some" (Check out his Facebook page!) and a game of Rounders finished the afternoon off just wonderfully. No Company of Four event wouldn't be the same without a traditional raffle, and we thank Penny (Who else!) for organising it. A fabulous day was had by all and a brilliant way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Company of Four.

Camping Trip:

Eight intrepid members of the Company, set forward to the back and beyond (Well, Wickham Market) for a weekend away camping. Kathryn & Julian were the first to pitch up with their van at Orchard Campsite, with Chairperson Lily and Freya setting up their tent next. Vicky & Oliver arrived next in there VW bus and promptly set about shunting 4 or 5 times to get the best position for Vicky to sunbathe! An hour later and Adam K arrived in his motor home, putting everyone else to shame, with his air-conditioned luxury abode! Once all set up, the virtual campfire was lit (well, we gathered around in a circle with our chairs) and opened the first of a few cans and bottles for the evening putting the world to rights. Natalie B was chef, charged with ringing the takeaway and ordered the pizzas for us all (!) and we had a very enjoyable evening chatting and drinking. Saturday, after a cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages and beans in rolls (and a healthy yoghurt breakfast for K&J), the day was our own, with all of us catching the rays of the sun as it shone brightly. Oliver learnt how to play Uno, beating Natalie several times at her own game! A walk to the village for supplies, lead us into the evening, where we headed over to Grundisburgh for the village show dance. A live band, a hog roast and a boogie certainly set the mood high, and we got back around 11:30pm, where we ended the night in Adam's motorhome eating toast until the wee small hours. Sunday, another cooked breakfast, before starting the clear up and heading home. A very enjoyable couple of days away relaxing, is what was needed for all and hopefully the experience can be repeated as an annual event.

Vicky

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!



Star Profile

Welcome to Star Profile time again! This time, we shine the fresnel of enlightenment onto a retired stage professional, who has appeared in many Company of Four productions over the years, fondly remembered for her role of the Woodbridge Mrs Mop, and as an ex Chairperson of the Company....we present to you.....June Allum.

Name June Allum

Age Eighteen in my head, Ninety Eight in my body.

Occupation? I was a hairdresser until 1993, then joined the professional dance troupe the Jelly Rolls. Now happily retired.

School? I went to Woodbridge County Primary, and I left Farlingaye with two double D's.

Do you have any Pets? Len (My husband), He doesn't bite and is almost house trained.

First Cof4 show you were involved with? Jumping for Joy in 1974.

Favourite Song (And who by?)? One Day More Michael Ball.

First Music Album you brought? Summer Holiday by Cliff Richards.

Favourite Food? Sea food/Fish.

Tea/Coffee (If neither, then what)? Neither. Brandy and Coke!

Who's your Hero? Shirley Bassey.

Favourite Book? Heidi by Johanna Spyri.

Do you have a Nickname? Greg had one for me at Farlingaye, but you will have to ask him yourself!

Favourite Film? The Sound Of Music.

Your Favourite Saying/Quote? Is the Pope Catholic?

Do you Collect Anything? Photographs.

Favourite Tv Show? Downton Abbey.

What would you do with a Million Pounds? Not much. I'm happy as I am.

Thank you, June, for being part of the Star Spotlight this month, If you or a younger member would like to be appear here, please drop me an email, details at the bottom of the page.

Pantomime 2023-Snow White:

Nothing new to say about this month, but it is to be performed at the Riverside during February half term week 2023. There are still lots of things to sort out at the moment, but we are delighted to say that the production team will be Penny Davies as Producer, Mary Leech as Director & Paul Leech as Assistant Director. Final details for auditions are to be sorted, however we can say that they shall be taking place around the week of 18th September. Please keep an eye on the next few NLs for further details.

Accommodation:

Although things have been a little quiet on this section of news for a few months, things are still progressing behind the scenes, and we hope to have a few more details on a move to our (hopefully) new building over the coming months.

A slice of apple pie in Jamaica is \$2.50 and \$3.00 in the Bahamas. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean!

50th Anniversary BBQ & Camping Photos...

We thought we'd share some photos from our social events this last month...enjoy!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

New This Month in **RED**...

Tuesday 13th September 2022 - The Company's AGM at The FRC from 7pm

Week of Sunday 18th September - Auditions for Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs

Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd October - Goodnight Mister Tom at The Seckford.

Saturday 11th - Saturday 18th February 2023 - Snow White at The Riverside



*There we are, another Newsletter completed. I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday. 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. The deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter is **August 25th**.*

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