

The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four
November 2022

Welcome from the Chairperson:

Hello everyone. November is here and things are getting very exciting. We've just wrapped up *Goodnight Mister Tom* staged at the Seckford Theatre in Woodbridge. We were so lucky to have sold out on all three performances. Well done and thank you to all those involved onstage and offstage; a special thanks also goes to our audience members for their support. It was a terrific show and we all had tremendous fun. We have two more social events planned for this year, so I hope to see some of you there.

Next on the agenda is *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* which will take place during the February half term as usual. I look forward to playing *Snow White* and working alongside the kids, who I'm sure will keep me in check!

Lily

Goodnight Mister Tom:

Wow! Just Wow! I'm sure that's all you wish I would say on the matter, but I'm afraid I can't! What a success the Company has had with our recent **SOLD-OUT** production of *Goodnight Mister Tom*. I am so thrilled that we, as a Company have produced such a fantastic production, that has seen so many positive comments. The audience members who I spoke to in the foyer after the performances were full of praise and admiration for such a wonderful production, as well as our social media pages aglow with comments. Several members of the cast got special mentions, but I must congratulate every single one of them for their hard work and dedication from the start of rehearsals until the last performance. I would also like to personally thank all the people who helped backstage, from the Sound & Lighting team, the FOH team, The Friends for all of their work in raising the profile and fundraising for the Company, The Chaperones, The Stage Crew and everyone who helped in any way for this show. One major group I must thank is Ellen Widdup and the staff at Satsuma Group, who helped enormously in achieving the sell-out, something we haven't done for several years! This production, along with *Be My Baby* last year, has certainly opened the possibilities of the Company staging more plays in the future, if this is something you think is a good idea, please do let the committee know. Once again, thank you to everyone who performed, helped and who came to watch us!

Oliver



Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs:

Now that the awesome production of *Goodnight Mister Tom* has finished, we're now full steam ahead with panto - with rehearsals starting first week of November. We have an amazing cast and a fantastic production team and can't wait to get started.

We do need help in some areas though, please get in touch if you can spare us some of your time to help with:

Costumes - if you have any sewing skills or can help us source & sort costumes

Chaperones - we are required to have a certain number of chaperones at each performance, so it would really help if parents could apply for a Chaperone Licence ASAP, if you haven't got one already

Set building & painting - required before performances

Stage Crew - required during performances

Spotlights - required during performances, minimal 'training' required, and you get to see the show for free!

Performance Dates & Times in February 2023 are:

Sat 11th 2.30pm & 6.30pm (6.30pm BSL performance)

Sun 12th 2.30pm, Mon 13th 2.30pm, Wed 15th 2.30pm & 7.30pm,

Thur 16th 2.30pm

Fri 17th 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sat 18th 2.30pm & 6.30pm,

Tickets are to go on sale in early December

Principal Cast:

SNOW WHITE - Lily Griffiths, PRINCE EMMANUEL -

Catherine Dale

FAIRY FLIBBERTIGIBBERT - Vicky Fosker, MARGO MIRROR - Sarah Wheatley,

QUEEN PRISCILLA - Natalie Barker, DAME KASSANDRA - Paul Leech

TANK - Mary Leech, TOP - Darren Scriven

Dwarfs: JOLLY - Caitlyn Youngs, LAZY - Annabelle Ward, GROUCHY - Violet Wheatley,

SNIFFLY - Kit Widdup, SHYLY - Evie Wheatley, SHORTY - Sam Earthroll

LANKY - Nathan Hawes.

Penny, Mary & Paul

Friends of The Company of Four:

Very well done everyone involved with 'Goodnight Mister Tom' at Seckford Theatre last week. We have received complimentary remarks from several of the Friends who look forward to our next outing and then Pantomime. We did our very best at Front of House to adequately represent The Company of Four, we sold as many programmes as possible and Penny raised the incredible amount of £395.00 on the Raffles. Members of The Friends again showed their worth by donating the majority of the prizes and several of the members gave their time to help with sales of raffle tickets and programmes.

For any friends or relations interested in joining 'The Friends'; please contact us by phoning 01394 384806 or 07881790004 - Vernon and Penny.



Quiz Time:

Thank you to everyone who has said they shall be attending the Quiz to be held on Thursday 10th November at The Royal British Legion Club in Woodbridge. Spaces are filling fast, so if you are interested in having a team, please get in contact ASAP. Doors on the evening shall open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. We have space for 7 teams of 6 people, all for the magical price of £3 per head, which includes a bowl of chilli and nachos.....Ooooo!! (a veggie chilli option is available). So come on, get your thinking caps on, and join Quiz Masters Oliver & Adam for an evening of General Knowledge, Theatre, Songs and anything else we can throw at you! It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!



The Treasurer Writes:

Congratulations to all those involved in *Goodnight Mister Tom*, A very successful 'sell out' run on stage, will also now show a surplus financially for the Production. I am still settling those remaining transactions, but the final result should be known early November. Thank You to all those who were able to give of their time and resources to help keep costs down. We also trialled our new card payment machine at the front of house and were encouraged to see that this could be of benefit 'across the board' for taking card payments in such things as Membership, Merchandise etc and eliminate some of the cash/cheque transactions. Once again, if you have any queries regarding the financial situation of the Company as whole, please do get in touch via the usual channels and I'd be glad to assist with an answer.

Neville

Christmas Meal:

Thank you to everyone who has got in contact with us about this, as said last month, as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we'd like to end the year on a high, with a Christmas meal out at The Cherry Tree in Woodbridge. We have provisionally booked 20 spaces for Wednesday 7th December at 7pm, but we need to advise them of numbers by the **5th of November**. Two courses are £23 and three courses are £29. If you are interested in joining us for this evening of frivolity, please can you let either Lily or Oliver know, and we will need a £5 deposit and your food choices. There is a picture of the menu at the bottom of the Newsletter with the choices available...

Future Productions:

The Committee had their first meeting in October and are still sorting out our future productions and calendar of events. We would like to open up and offer the opportunity to any budding members who wish to submit a Pantomime for 2024. If you are interested, please do contact a member of the committee with your suggestion and any production team members that you would use etc, so we can add you to the list of possibilities. Also, if any members wish to submit any plays, or musicals you think we should be looking at performing, then again, please do get in contact.

A Visit from Santa's:

Once again, the Company has been asked by the man himself, Santa, to help spread some Christmas cheer in December. This really is a great opportunity to collect some money for charity and deliver some leaflets advertising our upcoming Panto. We have two runs booked in with Santa, these being on Thursday 8th December



around the Bury Hill area of Woodbridge and Tuesday 13th December around the Peterhouse Crescent area of Woodbridge.

We are looking for ideally 10 volunteers to help with these runs each night, either by distributing the leaflets through doors or rattling the donation tins. We shall aim to start around 17:30 - 18:00 and the runs last around 2 hours. We may even be able to have a mince pie and glass of mulled wine at the end of the runs! If you are interested, please let Vicky know.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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

Thursday 10th November 2022 - Company of Four Quiz

Wednesday 7th December 2022 - Company of Four Christmas Meal

8th & 13th December 2022 - A Visit from Santa - Cof4 to help him with his rounds!

Saturday 11th - Saturday 18th February 2023 - Snow White 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. The deadline for submissions for the November Newsletter is **November 25th**.*

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The Cherry Tree Woodbridge

Christmas Menu 2022

Starters

Cajun Sweet Potato Soup granary bread (vg option)

Thai Fishcakes Asian slaw (df)

Chicken Liver Pate toast, red onion marmalade

Mediterranean Vegetable Stack feta, olives (gf)

Main Courses

Roast Turkey Crown stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, roast parsnips & carrots, sprouts, gravy & bread sauce (gf option)

Soy Braised Pork Belly sticky rice, pak choi, mange tout, spring onions (gf) (df)

Curried Monkfish coconut curry sauce, cauliflower, basmati rice (gf) (df)

Nut Roast roast potatoes, roasted parsnips & carrots, veggie gravy (vg) (df)

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding brandy custard (gf option)

Apple Pie vanilla ice cream (vg option)

Cheese & Biscuits Stilton, brie, cheddar, fig chutney, crackers

Chocolate brownie vanilla ice cream

Two Courses £23

Three Courses £29

Any allergies or dietary needs please speak to a member of staff

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