



The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four

January 2023

Welcome from the Chair:

Happy New Year one and all, I hope you all had the most magical of Festivities. I am so excited to hit the ground running with panto rehearsals, there's not long to go now. If you are in the panto, I do hope you are looking forward to it, if not, don't forget to get your tickets and tell all of your friends. We have lots of plans in place for this year and are just waiting on some confirmations on licenses. We will keep you updated as soon as we can!

All the best.

Lily x

Welcome from the Editor:

Welcome everyone to the January edition of the Newsletter and I'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year. Lots of news and requests this month, please do try and help out where you can, any help is always appreciated. The committee will also be meeting in January, we had December off due to various Christmas events etc, so hopefully lots more to tell you in the next edition. Please do get involved with the Newsletter, it is there for the membership to be a part of.

Oliver

Friends of The Company of Four:

We managed to inform the majority of our members about their privilege to book seats for the forthcoming pantomime; two days before the general public could buy tickets. Regretfully, there were a few members who 'missed out' because of the postal strikes. Our outing Friday 16th December was a huge success, comprising shopping at Clacton outlet, the fabulous Christmas show at Clacton, followed by an excellent meal at Brantham Bull pub. The staff left a table out for our raffle prizes for the day and much merriment was had when the draw took place. We have received many cards, phone calls, etc expressing their appreciation for our efforts.

It's got to that time of year again where we would like to start collecting prizes for the pantomime raffles. If you have anything you would like to donate, then we can collect them from rehearsals, or they can be delivered to our home address (91 Seckford Street, Woodbridge) before the production, or they can be brought to us in theatre foyer on the day(s). We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

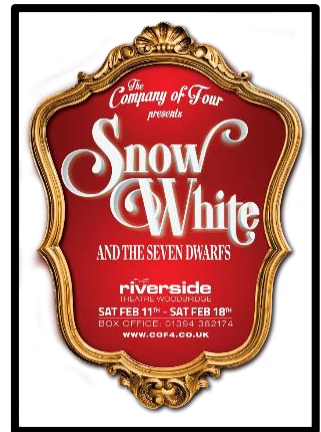
Happy New Year.

Vernon & Penny.

Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs:

Panto has been continuing with rehearsals and getting things in place ready for February, we have had the usual disruptions to rehearsals of some illness and pre-Christmas events, but hopefully the Christmas and New Year break will have given everyone time to recover to get back to rehearsals with everyone in good health.

We are as always looking for volunteers to help for the week of the Panto and in the build up to the show (*Also see Adam's request below!*), so if you fancy yourself as a follow spot operator or as a handy stage crew person, or if you are not available show week but wanted to help build some of the scenery or drop some advertising leaflets through peoples doors, then please email penny.davies4@btinternet.com and Penny will put you in contact with the appropriate person.



Also, if you haven't got your tickets yet, then don't forget to get them and tell your friends and family to do the same. All the details for the performances are listed below...

Saturday 11th 2:30 & 6:30* is BSL Signed performance

Sunday 12th 2:30, Monday 13th 2:30, Wednesday 15th 2:30 & 7:30

Thursday 16th 2:30, Friday 17th 2:30 & 7:30, Saturday 18th 2:30 & 6:30

Tickets Prices:

Adults £16.50 Children (under 16) £12 Seniors (Over 65) £14 Family (2+2) £50

Call the Riverside Box Office on 01394 382174 or via the website

www.theriverside.co.uk/programmes/snow-white-the-seven-dwarfs

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Penny, Mary & Paul

Panto Help...

Do we need help...? "Oh yes we do!"!

After three years in the making, we are only 5 weeks away from the opening of Snow White. We still have some jobs to do, and help is needed. This year we are hiring our Scenery from Scenic Projects in Lowestoft.

We will be looking for lots of help on Sunday 5th February to build the set and hang the backcloths. We only have the theatre until 5pm. The lorry will be arriving at 9am sharp. Bacon rolls will be provided (vegetarian option too!)

Further assistance will be needed on Wednesday 8th February when we will be building the rest of the scenery and getting the theatre ready for technical rehearsal.

We are also looking for follow spots operators, no experience necessary!

If you can help with any of the above or know someone who can, Please do contact me via email adam.thorpe36@btinternet.com and I shall get back to you in due course.

Adam

A Visit from Santa's:



"Santa Clause came to town!", but sadly for only one night this time round. He had to send an email (*oh yes, he is very up to date with his technology in the North Pole!*) to the Company and send his regret, but due to the icy & cold weather and slippery pavements, he didn't want to put anyone at risk of injury just before his big day. But what an evening he had travelling around the Orchard Close & Bury Hill area of Woodbridge on the 8th of December. He was greeted by a very friendly bunch who offered to help him raise money for EACH, as well as

get some of the postcard adverts through letterboxes. Lots of children came to see him and he had much delight in handing out sweets from his sack. He is hopeful that we can help him out again next year, and he wishes to thank all of those who came along to help on the night. Once he disappeared, the rest of us gathered at my house for a few mince pies and a drop of mulled wine to keep out the cold! Thanks again for all the help!

Vicky



Christmas Meal:

What a wonderful night we all had at The Cherry Tree for our Christmas Meal. 20 of us enjoyed the evening of fun & frivolity, with some good laughs, good food and good drink. An event that we hope we can repeat again next year.

The Treasurer Writes:

Not too much from me this month (Hurray I hear the cries!), however just a couple of bits I wanted to say. It was unfortunate that we saw it appropriate to cancel the second 'Santa Sleigh run', but the first run collected £145 for EACH. Well done to all of those involved, I'm sure the money shall be well spent.

We managed to deliver plenty of Panto advert cards during the Santa run, but we could do with getting some more out there, so please do take some from your rehearsals and deliver them where you can, at the office, school foyer, it will all help!

Lastly, The Fred Reynolds Centre is still available to hire, Please also spread the word about the building to anyone and everyone who may be wishing to hire a venue for a children's party, or hire it long term for lessons etc.

Happy New Year to you all from the Treasurer!

Neville

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The Committee:

Chair: Lily Griffiths

Vice Chair: Oliver Fosker

Treasurer: Neville Woollnough

Secretary: Neil Thorpe

Committee Members:

Natalie Barker, Catherine Dale, Vicky Fosker, Adam Kearney, Allan Rogers, Katy Spall, Adam Thorpe & Sarah Wheatley.

If any member has any questions, issues, concerns, or suggestions, please do speak to any of the committee members above, and if they can't help, we shall guide you to who can. We are here to support the Company and you as the membership, so please do get in touch with us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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

Sunday 5th & Wednesday 8th February - Get In at the Theatre

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 February Newsletter is **January 25th**.*

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