

The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four

May 2023

Welcome from the Chair:

Hello everyone. Welcome to May! What a busy time The Company of Four is having, there is lots going on - onstage and off. I am delighted that we have recently found a new premises for our costume storage and can't wait to show you all. The biggest thank you goes to Oliver Fosker, Katy Spall, David Wright and other willing volunteers for all their efforts in getting this up and running. Sister Act is well underway, and I'm blown away by the talent amongst our younger members. For a sneak preview of this production, head to Elmhurst Park on Monday 8th May. We have lots more coming up over the summer and I can't wait.

All the best

Lily xxx

Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everybody. I really hope everyone is keeping well. Just a short bit of waffle from me this month, as I don't really have a lot to say (I can already hear the cries of "That's unusual")! Things are progressing well behind the scenes to keep the Company going and stable for future generations, hopefully more can be told in next few month's NL and lots of help is going to be needed in moving and sorting in the near future, so please do try and help where possible. With that, please enjoy the latest edition of The Chorus Line.

Oliver

Sister Act Junior:

Sister Act Junior rehearsals are still going well. The cast are all working incredibly hard and you're in for a real treat. Tickets are now on sale from The Riverside box office on 01394 382174. Please do come and support the younger members of the company on Saturday 17th June at the Woodbridge Community Hall, if you haven't already brought your tickets - they really are a talented bunch. Tickets are priced at £12.50 for adults, £7.50 for children and £35 for a family of four.

The cast will also be performing two number at Elmhurst Park on Monday 8th May at 2:30 for the Coronation celebrations, another great opportunity for us to get our name out there and advertise the show!

Lily, Neil & Sarah

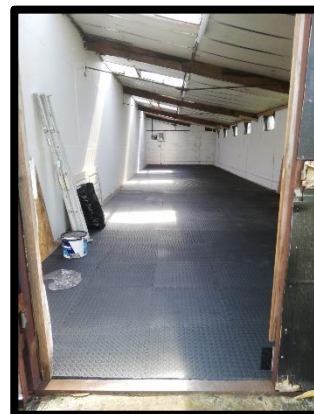


Accommodation:

Our new costume store is starting to take shape. This month has seen a new flooring go down by Adam K and Oliver, as well as electrical work by Ollie Richardson (www.richardson-electrical.co.uk) to bring a lot more light and sockets to the interior. The materials have also been ordered for the new racking and shall be cut down to size at the beginning of May for assembly at the new building.



Katy has also been very busy again this month, with sorting out the mountain of boxes and clearing and sorting what is usable for the future. Several van loads will be undertaken to Dallinghoo this month to make a start on storing these.



Costume Hire:

Whilst the current sort out of the costume store is underway, the committee have taken the decision to suspend our costume hire venture for the time being. However, if someone wishes to make a large order, then we can certainly look at trying to help to supply these. We intend to make a big part of the new accommodation, visitor and hirer friendly, making the costumes more accessible and easier to find. So if you know of anyone who may be interested in the future to hire out our sets, then please do let them know and get in contact with the secretary, who will keep them informed once we are up and running.

Quiz:

The chilli is in the slow cooker and the questions are now sorted! Not long now, until the grey matter is being stirred on a willing band of members who wish to put their knowledge to the test against 10 rounds of various questions! Thank you to everyone who has come forward to support this event, all we need now is to find out who will be going home with the wooden spoon - Answer in next month's NL!

The Treasurer Writes:

With the work on the Dallinghoo site purchase and fit out; the work day at the FRC; the build up to Sister Act and various insurance / utility contract renewals a Treasurer's day is never dull!! We as a Society are currently juggling with many items and the associated financial impact. We hope to see and display the fruits of our labour very soon.

Neville

Friends of The Company of Four:

This month, we would like to let new members know and remind existing members that we are a small group that have existed for many years; solely to support The Company of Four, by raising funds and by adding publicity for the Society via our current 225 membership. Members each pay £7.50 for 12 months membership and for this, they receive newsletters which keep them informed about forthcoming shows and events, they receive priority booking to the shows and they receive a complimentary programme. They are also invited to join us on non-profit making outings to various theatres and to other popular attractions. **Membership and outings are available to Company of Four members, family and friends as well.**

-We donate funds raised to support the Company of Four in a variety of ways whether it be direct financial support or by purchasing equipment, etc., as requested by their committee. Our thanks go to everyone who supports the raffle that takes place at all events; both by buying raffle tickets and/or donating prizes.
- Many of 'the Friends' have booked tickets for 'Sister Act Jnr.' and have been alerted to forthcoming autumn show 2023 and pantomime 2024.

Outings planned this year include:-

1) BLOOD BROTHERS - THEATRE ROYAL, NORWICH - Thursday 29th June 2023
Matinee performance - total cost for the day is £58.00pp for members, £60.00pp for non-members. Day in Norwich without theatre, at a cost of £20pp.

2) 'DIVAS SHOW' WITH AFTERNOON TEA - BRICK LANE MUSICAL HALL, LONDON - Thursday 28 September 2023

Publicity from theatre as follows: - "from Judy Garland, Barbara Streisand and Shirley Bassey to Frank Sinatra and Elvis and many more - we celebrate the music and devastating glamour of the all-time greats in a fun-filled show".

Matinee performance - total cost for the day with 'afternoon tea' provided is £70.00pp for members, £75.00 for non-members,

Holiday planned:-

WARNER 4 DAY HOLIDAY - SINAH WARREN HOTEL, HAYLING ISLAND, HAMPSHIRE - Friday 8th to Monday 11th September 2023

Base cost for a standard double occupancy room is £430pp plus any upgrade you may ask for and includes half board accommodation, entertainment, inclusive drinks, trip out to place of interest, coach transport and driver's gratuities.

For more information regarding any of the above, please contact Vernon and Penny Burrows tel. 01394 384806, Vernon 07881 790004 or e.mail vernon.burrows@talktalk.net.

Vernon & Penny.

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The Committee:

Chair: Lily Griffiths

Vice Chair: Oliver Fosker

Treasurer: Neville Woolnough

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...**

Thursday 4th May - Quiz

Saturday 17th June - Sister Act Junior at the Woodbridge Community Hall

Sunday 25th June - Little Shop of Horrors Auditions

October Half Term Week - Little Shop of Horrors

February Half Term Week 2024 - Jack & The Beanstalk



*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 June Newsletter is **May 25th**.*

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