

The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four
June 2023

Welcome from the Chair:

Hello everyone. The summer has finally arrived and what a busy one it shall be. We've just performed in Elmhurst Park in anticipation for our upcoming show Sister Act Jr, we can't wait to take to the stage for real on June 17th. The children are working so hard, and the talent is immense. We've got parties planned and auditions this month, more information to follow below.

All the best

Lily xx

Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everyone. I wasn't going to write anything this month but felt compelled to after popping into rehearsals this last weekend and getting a sneak preview of Sister Act Jr. WOW! Just Wow! The children are doing such an amazing job, and I'm not just saying that to sell more tickets. The singing is phenomenal! It is fantastic to see such enthusiasm and genuine enjoyment and smiles from our younger members. I am so proud that they are embracing such a wonderful hobby and the future of this Company is certainly bright with these young stars coming through. I wish them all the best of luck for the performances and hope we as members support it by either buying tickets or spreading the word...details below.

Oliver

Sister Act Junior:

We are really excited to be performing this month. It would be fantastic to have as many of our members as possible support the children of the company, by coming to watch on Saturday 17th June at either 2:30 or 7pm at Woodbridge Community Hall. You can purchase your tickets from The Riverside Theatre website or by calling the Box Office on 01394 387124. This show has given our younger members an opportunity to really shine, and it will be a real treat for those who come and see them.

Lily, Neil & Sarah



There are some rehearsal photos of Sister Act Jr 'Beyond the Back Page'.... scroll down to see them!

Little Shop of Horrors:

This show will be performed at the Seckford Theatre from Wednesday 25th - Saturday 28th October 2023.

Auditions will be held at Bucklesham Village Hall on Sunday 25th June from 10am-4pm. We will shortly be creating a closed Facebook group, that will have the information about characters and audition songs prior to the date, although no one will need to prepare anything as we will workshop singing and script in the morning.

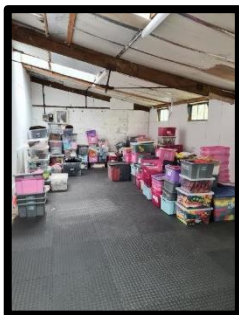
The production will have a small ensemble but please note there are not many ensemble numbers in the show. If you would only like to audition for this, then you will be finished by 12 on Sunday 25th. This ensemble may include a limited number of high school aged children but again it is worth noting they will be doing very little in the production.

Anyone who cannot make the audition date will be asked to record something before the audition date - this will vary depending on the part you wish to audition for. If this applies to you, please contact Neil by emailing cof4secretary@gmail.com, who will give you more information.

Sarah (Director) and Dermot (MD)

Accommodation:

Lots of progress is being made sorting through the company's costume collection. We are currently preparing the new premises for the arrival of all of our wonderful costumes, hats, wigs, accessories and abundance of material to be stored safely.



The next stage of the process is to build the actual storage rails that will hold the hanging costumes for people to easily look through. This will require a few willing hands to make happen. So we would like to put a call out to anyone able and keen to lend a hand. It will involve putting together the purpose-built wooden costume rails, all measured and expertly cut by David Wright and Oliver Fosker. So

it will basically be a big Meccano set!

There are 10 full costume trundles to put together, and also some shelves to put back together, all under expert supervision, so the more the merrier. We will be at our new premises in Dallinghoo on **Sunday 11th June from 10am**, so if you are up for a fun day building, a bit of tea drinking and maybe a bacon roll, please let Katy know on 07871218233 and we can let you know the directions and any more info. Thank you in advance for supporting this exciting venture, which will help the company continue into the future!



Katy

The Treasurer Writes:

Essentially as the Treasurer, June 30th signals the end of the year for Cof4 activities and during June I start to review my paperwork for the year to start to arrange & compile our Annual Accounts and reports in July for inspection.

And especially being a registered Charity, it is important our Accounts stand the rigorous examination and verification of all the transactions in the accounts.

Having another late June production means I need to sort all the finances of the show in that period and even where I can't settle the items, I need to allow for them all in this year's accounts. Apart from the actual production finances, it also includes items such as, all membership fees; Gift Aid; outstanding utility bills etc, and our Fred Reynolds Centre finances.

I will no doubt be pestering a few (or more) people for outstanding paperwork and details in the coming weeks, so I apologise now, but it essential that I have them. We have a had a busy year on and off stage and I hope in a relatively short time to be able to give you an indication of how our funds have fared over the last twelve months. Productions have been profitable as a whole but we have of late been working (and spending) muchly on our new accommodation (as forecasted!)

Neville

Summer Picnic:

The committee would like to invite all Company members to a picnic, to be held at Bredfield Village Hall on Sunday 9th July from 2pm - 5pm. Hopefully good weather will spoil us, and this is a chance for all members to get together and have a bit of food and drink, play some games with some exciting prizes to be won and generally be together as a Company. Please bring your own picnic and drinks. If you are interested in attending, please buy your tickets by going to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-company-of-four/t-yagdvme> so we have an idea of numbers. £5 per head or £10 family ticket, or they can be purchased on the day. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Lily



Jack & The Beanstalk:

Time is pressing on within the year, and it'll soon be that time to start panto again (Oh yes it will!). The panto is written, and a few minor things are still to be sorted out. But I have a request, if anyone would like to be involved with behind the scenes stuff, Producing, Chaperones, Costumes or Choreographers, I'd love to hear from you. Please get in contact in the usual way, and If I can use you, I shall be back in contact shortly. Dates for auditions shall be posted as soon as they are finalised, but we are currently looking at a week in September.

Oliver

Friends of The Company of Four:

Last Sunday, Penny and I called in at Fred Reynolds Centre to see rehearsals for Sister Act Jr and were very impressed with the enthusiasm of all the cast. We may not have stayed for very long but came away assured that the cast are going to enjoy themselves and ensure that the audience are going to have a great time. Well done everyone.

We have been asked to organise a fund-raising raffle for each of the performances so as mentioned in the previous 'Chorus Line', we shall be very grateful to receive donation of prizes so that we don't have to buy many prizes and then can maximise the profit. Please deliver any prizes to the rehearsal hall and we will collect them. Alternatively, please let us have donations on the day.

Also in 'Chorus Line', we mentioned outings that we have planned for this year and still have places available for anyone reading this and/or for your family and friends:-

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

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

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.

Quiz:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz night at the beginning of May, and what fun we all had! Hosted by Oliver & Julian, 7 teams battled it out over 10 rounds to be crowned the evenings winners. With a range of questions that stumped, bemused and got some of the participants really scratching their heads, the overall winners were team 'Uppa Town', a group from Grundisburgh Am-dram group. These were closely followed by 'Donalds Ducks' in second place by only 1 ½ points. Our last runners up (we don't have losers!) who won the wooden spoons were team 'Clueless' (They did tell me they'd lose!) Everyone also complimented the evenings chef for making his signature chilli dish, which went down incredibly well! Our thanks to the Woodbridge branch of the Royal British Legion for allowing us use of the room and once again, thanks to all the participants.... anyone for a rematch?!

Oliver

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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...**

Sunday 11th June - The Big Build at our new Costume Store

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

Sunday 25th June - Little Shop of Horrors Auditions

Sunday 9th July - Summer Picnic Party

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 July Newsletter is **June 25th**.*

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Some photos of our younger members in rehearsals from Sister Act Jr,
Tickets available here:

<https://www.theriverside.co.uk/programmes/sister-act-jr>

