

# The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four  
October 2023

## Welcome from the Chair:

Hello all. Thank you to everyone that came along to our AGM this year, it was great to have your support and hear your feedback.

This month will see our next production go up, Little Shop of Horrors. I am so proud of how hard everyone is working; the standard of this show is so high and promises to delight audiences. If you haven't got your tickets yet make sure you do, this is not to be missed. We are now heading into a new year for the freshly elected committee, and we can't wait to get started on new ideas and projects. We will keep you posted on dates for your diary and points of contact.

All the best

*Lily xx*

## Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everyone. September certainly was a busy period for the Company. I'm pleased to say (or sorry if you feel that way!) that you have to put up with me for another year of writing out the Newsletters, after being elected on to the Committee for another year. My aim for the NL is to keep our members up to date with all the news and events that are going on each month, and to make it membership friendly. I would like once again to take this opportunity to ask members to be involved with its creation each month. If you have a birthday message you'd like to shout about, an exam success, a poem, a short story, a picture, or even if you'd like to be a part of the Star Spotlight, it really is very easy to do. Please send any material to the email address at the bottom of the NL, and Neil shall forward it on to me for inclusion. Anyway, enough of that...enjoy this month's ramblings 😊

*Oliver*

[I once wrote a song about a tortilla, but it's more of a wrap](#)

## Company of Four AGM:

The AGM was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, and we would like to Thank all those members in attendance and for those who sent their apologies. No major changes in the structure of the Committee for another year, except for Kayleigh Richardson becoming the latest ~~victim~~ member to join the happy band. Lots of things were discussed and ideas put forward to the Committee, so hopefully some of these comments can be implemented over the next year. If any members who weren't at the AGM have any suggestions for the committee about how the Company is run, or any suggestions for future productions, then please do get in contact via the details below.

[RIP boiling water, you will be mist...](#)

### Little Shop of Horrors:

We are really excited to start the month of October, as this means we're almost ready to bring this fantastic show to the stage. We have a fabulously talented cast who are thrilled to be performing at the Seckford Theatre. In the last couple of weeks, the cast and production team went on location and filmed a trailer which we cannot wait to share with you. At the time of writing, the professional film crew are busy editing the footage and if the first reviews are anything to go by, then you will be in for a treat!!



We really hope our members come and support the cast, many of whom you will know well. Our new members have settled in as if they've been a part of the group for years and we are loving their professionalism and dedication to fully embracing everything thrown at them by the Production Team! Tickets are on sale and can be booked at the Riverside Theatre either online or by telephone 01394 382174. Can we ask all members to share any of our social media posts that we put out, as this generates a lot of presence online and will help us sell the remaining tickets. Let's make this a whole Company event to give the cast the full houses that they and the Company deserve.

We look forward to seeing you at the Seckford Theatre from the 25th to the 28th October. But remember.... don't feed the plants!

*Sarah, Neil, Lily and Dermot*

**I got hit on the head with a soda can. Thankfully it was a soft drink**

### Friends of The Company of Four:

We called in at Fred Reynolds Centre last week to see rehearsals for Little Shop of Horrors and were really impressed with the effort being put in to make this the Company's next successful stage production.

We will be holding a raffle at each of the performances at the Seckford Theatre and would appreciate any prize donations, so that we can maximise the amount of money raised for Club Funds. If you feel you would like to donate anything, prizes can be left at rehearsals, by delivery to our address at 91 Seckford Street or at front of house prior to the performances at the theatre, it would be great to see you all.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, we reported that in the last 12 months, we increased the amount held at the bank by almost £3,000, this will go to Cof4 funds or towards a Cof4 project, in due course.

The Friends have recently enjoyed a 4-day week-end coach holiday at Warner Sinah Warren Leisure Hotel on Hayling Island in Hampshire. There were 44 of us travelling and from the comments we have received, everyone had a great time.

On 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will have had a day coach outing to Brick Lane Music Hall in East London, which many of the Friends are very much looking forward too.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends, for an annual subscription of £7.50, please either come and see us at the Seckford Theatre during LSOH, or by phoning us on 01394 384806 where we will happily sign you up.

*Penny and Vernon*

**To whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you. You have my Word!**

## Jack & The Beanstalk:

Well, what a turn out. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who auditioned for Pantomime this year. It was great to see so many familiar and new faces alike. It has been an incredibly difficult decision to make this year, with over 16 people going for one of the main parts alone. The talent that was on show and offer was phenomenal, and a credit to the Company that members and newbies alike wish to be part of the production. If anyone still wishes to be a part of the background team, I still have some jobs that need a willing volunteer to take off my hands, please get in contact via the usual channels. Below is the complete cast list:



**Mavis** - Ysabel Bloomfield, **Cruella** - Chloe Atkinson,  
**Jack** - Kayleigh Richardson, **Rose** - Jessica Jay, **Dolly** - Paul Leech  
**Dingle** - Vicky Fosker, **Dangle** - Oliver Fosker, **Giant** - Allan Rogers  
**Daisy** - Troy Mordon, **Daisy** - Jacob Bland  
**School Mistress** - Sarah Wheatley, **Wally Winka** - Kit Widdup  
**Milky Bar** - Violet Wheatley, **Bertie Bassett** - Jack Clarke  
**Balloon Attendant** - Paul Moss

### Tots

Violet Ellis, Freya Quinton, Edie Shotter, Isla Shotter, Destiny Spurgeon,  
Gracie Woollorton

### Children

Arna Burch, Imogen Burch, Allyssa Bowmaker, Ava Goddard, Nathan Hawes  
Bella Richardson, Taia Scott, Kensi Stout, Sam Ward, Jessica Woollorton

### Junior Dancers

Daisy Andrews, Jack Clarke, Charlotte Donaldson, Katelynne Fortier, Jessica Foster,  
Amelia Giles, Rebecca Hawes, Benji Hughes, Annabelle Ward, Edi Watson,  
Violet Wheatley, Caitlyn Youngs

### Dancers

Elsie Almond, Rae Lucking, Abbie Makings, Isabelle Martin, Chloe Mortonson  
Isla Roberts, Lilia Tuck, Evelyn Wheatley, Kit Widdup

### Adults

Sam Avieson, Natalie Barker, Catherine Dale, Lisa Dersley, Samuel Earthroll  
Kate Edwards, Lily Griffiths, Barbara Hurlock, Glenn Hurlock, Helen Makings,  
Caroline Morden, Georgia Moss, Paul Moss, Allan Rogers, Lisa Smith, Sarah Wheatley,  
Neville Woolnough

*Oliver*

## Open Mic Night:

It is with regret that this event has had to be postponed until next year. Please keep an eye on future NLs for details of this event, when it has been rearranged.

## Future Productions:

Nothing to comment this month, but with venues and licences being sought, we hope to bring you news in the next few editions of the NL...watch this space!

### The Treasurer Writes:

Well, another AGM is concluded, and on a personal note it is always a pleasure and relief to get the OK and approval of the Company finances. Thank you. For any member not at the AGM or even if you were, copies of the accounts are still available by getting in touch with me at [new45313@aol.com](mailto:new45313@aol.com). With 2022/23 dealt with, things do not stand still and already we are a quarter of the way into 2023/24 and our next production LSOH round the corner. Let's have another production success, both presentational and financially and get those 'posteriors on the seats'. Don't forget, if you have any questions regarding the finances of the Company, I am always available for a chat and don't just come out at the AGM!

*Neville*

**What's the best way to watch a fly-fishing tournament? Live stream**

### Accommodation:

Things are still progressing well with the new costume store premises. A lot more of the mountain of costumes have been moved over to the new building, and we now have a built-in changing room, so hirers and members alike can try things on before taking them away. We are now on the hunt for a few finishing touches for the building and a bit of help with specific tasks to really make the place easy to use and find what we need:

- piece of carpet or rug 1m x 2.4m
  - any safety steps (we have purchased a small safety ladder but just a couple of small safety wheel foot stool type things would give another option)
  - someone who might be willing to print the contents labels for the boxes (might be around 80 sheets of paper)
  - someone who would then be willing to laminate these to ensure they last a long time
- We can purchase the paper and laminator pouches, just the physical printing and laminating would take time.

If you think you might be able to help with any of the above, please do contact me on either [katyspall@gmail.com](mailto:katyspall@gmail.com) or 07871218233. Thank you for all the help and support so far, here's to the final push!

*Katy*



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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, Kayleigh Richardson, 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...**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Little Shop of Horrors

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Jack & The Beanstalk

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Barn Dance

October 2024 - The Railway Children



*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](mailto:cof4secretary@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions for the November Newsletter is October 25<sup>th</sup>.*

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