

The Chorus Line

The Newsletter of The Company of Four

February 2024

Welcome from the Chair:

Hello everyone, 😊 Once more we are in the panto season, oh no we're not, oh yes we are! What a fabulous start to the new year we are having with so many plans for the year ahead and beyond. February sees the start of our social calendar and we can't wait to welcome you all to our events, your support is so valued. Please let us know if you have any ideas for the company whether it's for social events, shows or anything else! The Company of Four continues to be centred around family and friends and we love to encourage this. All the best...

Lily x

Welcome from the Editor:

Hello everyone. February is here, and Panto is just around the corner. It's been an amazing time pulling the Panto together and I am looking forward to finally getting on the stage. Lots of information is included this month, with two social events coming up in March and details of our next production are included in this Newsletter. I'm also very happy to include some details of what our younger members are doing outside of the Company. If you wish to celebrate anything in a future Newsletter, please do drop me a line. With that, enjoy this month's waffling's!

Oliver

Jack & The Beanstalk:

When this Newsletter comes out, we will be only two weeks away from Dress Rehearsal...eeeeek! Rehearsals have been going incredibly well, with lots of laughter, and the singing and dancing is fantastic, this is shaping up to be a brilliant production. We are still looking for help in a couple of areas, so if you know anyone who is free for all or part of the week, we'd love to hear from them. Spotlights being one of the jobs that needs to be covered, this is a perfect role for the sibling that usually gets left out! If you have a brother or sister 14+ who might be able to help, please do let us know! Tickets sales have been steady and increasing week on week. We sold 1/3 of our tickets for last year's pantomime during the last two weeks before the show, so we really need to hit the publicity hard until we go live. Please can I encourage all members to spread the word about panto, and share any of our social media posts, it all helps. I am also very proud to say that we shall be raising funds for St Elizabeth Hospice during the production, and we have a very special prize to raffle away during the week, so come along and find out what it is...you won't be disappointed!

Oliver



Summer Show 2024:

It is with great pleasure that we can now officially announce our summer production for 2024. We have been granted a licence for The SpongeBob Musical - Youth Edition.

This will be performed once again at the Woodbridge Community Hall on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June. Dress and technical rehearsal shall be on Friday 31st May. If you are interested in coming to perform in this production, the auditions will be on Sunday 3rd March from midday (tbc) at Kesgrave Millennium Hall. Rehearsals will be at the FRC. We are thrilled that the same team as last year's Sister Act Jr are reuniting, with Lily taking on Directing, Sarah & Neil Producing, and Charlotte Lamb as the Musical Director. If you wish for any more information on this, please do get in touch via the secretary email, and I'd be more than happy to help.

Neil



Panto Party:

Once again, it's time to boogie on down and have an evening of frivolities at our Panto Party. So come along on **Saturday 2nd March** at Martlesham Community Hall (behind Tesco) and join us for a smashing disco and games throughout the evening. Tickets are £5 single or £10 a family from the same household and can be purchased on the door. If you need any more information, please do ask during Panto week!

Catherine

Barn Dance:

'Grab you partners, round and round, it's time to Hoedown!' Yes, the Company are thrilled to be welcoming back local Céilidh band Stumpy Oak, to a social event that is bound to get you up on your feet and dancing the night away. **Saturday 16th March** at the Woodbridge Community Hall, Tickets cost £20 for adults and £10 for children, which includes food. Choices are: Fish & Chips, Jumbo Sausage & Chips, Veggie Burger & Chips and Sausage & Chips for the children. A Vegan & Gluten free option is also available, please mention this when booking. The evening is open to all friends and family, so please do spread the word. If you wish to purchase tickets, please email me at harty19@hotmail.com where I will need the number of tickets required and your food order. I will give you details of how to pay when you email me. We'd love to see as many of you there!

Vicky



Friends of the Company of Four:

Not long now before it's 'Curtain Up' on Jack and the Beanstalk - Good Luck everyone, enjoy yourselves and your audiences will enjoy themselves. As most of you will be aware, we, 'The Friends' will be organizing a fund-raising raffle in the Foyer at each performance. We will be pleased to receive prize donations which will maximise the profit for Cof4 funds. If you have anything you wish to donate, they can either be dropped off to us at our home beforehand, 91 Seckford Street, Woodbridge, or at the theatre during the performance. Don't forget, you can also become a member of the Friends during the production, for the sum of £7.50 a year. If you or anyone else you know is interested, please do come and see us and ask us for details.

Penny and Vernon

Celebrating our Junior Members:



It has always been an ambition of mine, for this Newsletter to not only give you the up-to-date news from the Company each month, but to also celebrate the success of our members, or give you short stories, or birthday shout outs. This month, we have had an influx of exciting news from our junior members. I'm really proud to feature their success in this Newsletter and I hope everyone in the Company can feel proud at what a talented bunch of children we have...So without a moment's hesitation, here are some great achievements...

Anabelle Ward, Charlotte Donaldson and Bella Richardson are currently also rehearsing for their ballet show in mid-March.

Sam Ward is playing Stan in The Incredible Adventures of Superstan at his school production in March.

Kensi Stout won 2 bronze medals in her last gymnastics County grades competition. Bronze in Vault & Bronze overall for her age in the County.

Violet Ellis played Dorothy in Wizard of Oz for PQA, she is learning to play Violin and sang some solos at the Christmas concert for Planet Music at The Seckford Theatre.

Isla & Edie Shotter both love to dance & recently got honours in their disco freestyle exam.

Ava Goddard & Allyssa Bowmaker are heading off to the O2 for the Young Voices Choir performance.

And last, but certainly not least...

Taia Scott is currently working towards badges in both Gymnastics (Pipers Vale) and Trampolining.

Well done to all of you, please do let me know of anymore success any of our members have and we can gladly let everyone know. *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, 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...**

Friday 16th - Saturday 24th February 2024 - Jack & The Beanstalk

Saturday 2nd March - Panto Party

Sunday 3rd March - Auditions for The SpongeBob Musical - Youth Version

Saturday 16th March 2024 - Barn Dance

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June 2024 - The SpongeBob Musical - Youth Version

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. The deadline for submissions for the March Newsletter is February 25th.

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