

CENTRE STAGE

NEWSLETTER

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CALAMITY JANE

The cast and crew of Centre Stage are heading to the town of Deadwood this summer as they perform the classic musical, Calamity Jane. Eggescliffe Community Centre will be filled with the sights and sounds of the Wild West between the 20th and 25th June 2011. Come hear the classic tunes; The Deadwood Stage, Its Harry I'm Planning to Marry and Secret Love. The story of Calamity Jane (Martha Jane Cannary) is fascinating and involves some of the best known characters from the classic Cowboy era. Apart from her romance with Wild Bill Hickok, she was also part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and reputedly rode with General George Custer!



DICK TURPIN

The tale of the infamous Dick Turpin was brought to raucous life in Centre Stage's production of Paul Reakes' panto in January. The show featured all the usual pantomime features as well as a few surprises. Dick Turpin eventually defeated the evil Mr X and rescued the priceless jewels belonging to Lord Lotaloot. Along with love sick Billy Bumpkin, feisty Katie Cuddlesome, hapless policemen Nick and Nab, the evil Smash and Grab, not forgetting amorous Dame Dollop and Daisy the Cow, a riotous time was had by all. Centre Stage's trademark fantastic scenery, superb music and hardworking crew were all in evidence and were much appreciated by large audiences. Make a note not to miss next year's Panto!

A HAUNTING EXPERIENCE



Members of Centre Stage 'enjoyed' an evening ghost hunting recently in Yarm. Spirits, spooks, devils and demons were all on the menu as members took their recruitment campaign for new members to the extreme. Contact with the 'other side' was made in the Fellowship Hall amongst other ghostly sites. The evening was run by Northern Ghost Investigations

Don't forget to check out our website at
www.centre-stage-online.co.uk

Centre Stage's Butterwick Bonanza

Centre Stage is holding a variety event at Eggescliffe Community Centre to raise funds for the Butterwick Hospice. The date for your diary is:



Saturday May 7th

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| 10am | Coffee Morning |
| 1:30pm to 3:30pm | Charity Zumbathon (70 spaces only) |
| 7:30pm | Evening Charity Variety Show (Ticket only, and other opportunities to donate money throughout the evening) |

PLUS MANY OTHER EXCITING SECTIONS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

News from our members

- ♪ **Bethany Mullen** has accepted a place on a 3 year Drama Degree course at the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts in London which is where Miranda Hart trained.
- ♪ **Paul Simpson** has received an unconditional offer to study Drama and French at both the Royal Holloway and Queen Mary Universities in London. He is also waiting to hear from the Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performing Arts.
- ♪ **Neil Angus** is now Entertainment Manager at Presthaven Sands Holiday Park in North Wales.
- ♪ **Jonathan Angus** is living and working in Austen Texas.
- ♪ **Jo Banner** is continuing her fundraising efforts by running the Race for Life.
- ♪ **Bethany Mullen, Paul Simpson** and **Faye Hall** are walking 20 miles to raise funds for the Butterwick Hospice on 29th and 30th April.
- ♪ Musical Director, **Pat Ryan**, is performing with the Dales Gilbert & Sullivan concert performance of Princess Ida at Leyburn Methodist Hall on the 14th May and at Bedale Hall on 21st May.
- ♪ Cellist, **Hannah Hunter**, is doing the Duke of Edinburgh community service with Centre Stage in May and June, including playing in Calamity Jane.
- ♪ **Katie Marsden's** mum climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in February, a height of over 19,000 feet!
- ♪ **Paul Simpson** and **Faye Hall** are performing as part of the Prague Fringe Festival in May 2011
- ♪ Centre Stage welcomes back past member **Ann Hunter** (formerly Rogers-Walker) after an absence of 8 years. A warm welcome also to new members **Stephanie Quinn, Colette Bradley Davies, Kayla McBride, Jake Holt, Gary Davis, Leon Brown, Sally Clark, Alison Clark-Brown, and Heidi Watson.**
- ♪ New member **Jake Holt** has been accepted onto a Music degree course at Teesside University