

Centre Stage

Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Eggescliffe, TS160EH

Welcome to this Autumn edition of the Centre Stage Newsletter, packed full of the latest news and gossip from our favourite amateur musical group. The weather is turning cold, winter is on its way and we hope you and your family are fit and well. Rehearsals are well underway for our next production, Cinderella, which is the first production led by our new producer, Michelle Dawson. There is all the latest news from our members and we hope you enjoy our latest newsletter and we look forward to seeing you for Cinderella in January.

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The Sound of Music

Centre Stage's 2014 musical, The Sound of Music, marked 25 years of Centre Stage and was a great success. Crowds at Eggescliffe Community Centre were treated to a brilliant performance with Sarah Smith and David Murray in the leading roles and the Von Trap children stealing the show with an enchanting performance. The rest of the cast and crew together with the band, led by Elizabeth Buckley, MD, helped create a brilliant show in the finest traditions of Centre Stage.



Our New Producer!

Michelle Dawson has taken over as the new Producer of Centre Stage. Michelle has been a Centre Stage member for 19 years and has been in many productions as well as doing the choreography and being the Assistant Producer for The Sound of Music.

Michelle works full time as a Manager for the mental health charity 'Mind' in Middlesbrough and Stockton. Michelle has two children and lives locally.

Michelle is committed to ensuring that Centre Stage continues to deliver excellent productions and that it remains a true community focused group.

Centre Stage's new Youth Group

In October Michelle and other Centre Stage Volunteers piloted a Youth Drama Group on a Sunday afternoon for three weeks.

This was a great success and has resulted in the development of a new Youth Drama Group which will be starting in February. The group will be held at the Community Centre on a Sunday morning 10-12am.

Places are limited and the group will cost £2.50 per session. The group is for children aged 6-12 and anybody interested in attending should contact Michelle directly on 07891776948 or via her email bluefairy_shell@hotmail.com

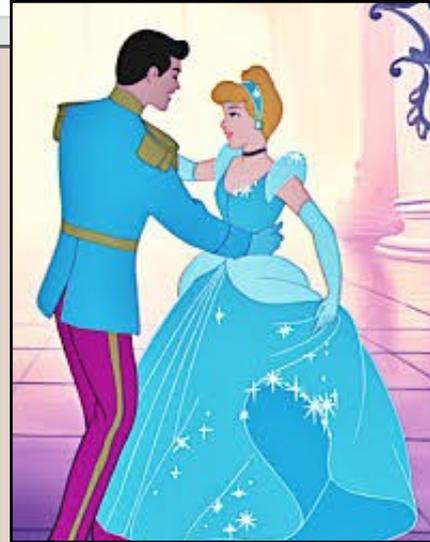
I am sure you will all be pleased to know that after her recent health difficulties Mrs Tait is recovering well and feeling much better. She is in regular contact with Centre Stage members and is wishing us well with the upcoming Pantomime.
I know she would like to thank you all for your thoughts and well wishes during the last four months .

Cinderella - 27-31 January, 2015.

Don't forget to make a note in your diary so as not to miss our pantomime. Centre Stage is performing this timeless classic at Egglecliffe Community Centre.

One of the worlds best loved pantomimes, the show contains many familiar songs and is suitable for all ages. Sarah Smith will play the lead role of Cinderella with Rachel Barnes playing opposite as Prince Charming.

Please ring Cynthia Cowley on 07583465295 or Michelle Dawson on 07891776948 for more details



News about our members past and present!

KATHERINE ABBEY is working as a full time Teaching Assistant as well as continuing with her childcare course at Stockton Riverside College.

ALICE ABBEY is at University training to be a Midwife.

MIKE WOOD and **GRACE AND EVE MURRAY** have recently appeared in 'Coram Boy' with Cliffe Theatre.

DAVID MURRAY has also recently appeared in 'Coram Boy' with Cliffe Theatre and is also currently doing work as a Support Artist on the television series George Gently, starring Martin Shaw – however he cannot wait to don a dress again and step out as a dame once more!

KENEDI LONSDALE-HILL was a semi finalist for Little Miss Teen Great Britain, 2015.

GARY DAVIS is starring in his first professional pantomime this year.

LIBBY WRIGHT came third at her first solo dance competition.

RACHEL BARNES has recently played the part of Shelly in Hairspray for Middlesbrough Operatic Society at Middlesbrough Theatre.

ISLA UNDERWOOD entered the Teen Star National Signing Competition and got through to the regional finals in Newcastle

EMILY DAWSON recently came third in a regional tumbling competition

RYAN O'GORMAN is currently performing in Phantom of The Opera in London's West End