

Centre Stage

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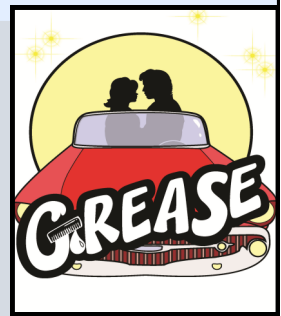
Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Eggescliffe, TS16 0EH

Welcome to this November edition of our Newsletter, packed full of the latest news from your favourite amateur musical group.

Rehearsals are now underway for our pantomime, 'Peter Pan', and we are pleased to welcome a lot of new cast members who have joined us for this production. The dark nights and the onset of Christmas gives us various challenges with rehearsals but everyone is working hard and are full of enthusiasm. As well as looking forward to the show the cast are enjoying the fun that rehearsals bring and the feeling of community and team work from working with such a wide range of ages. We hope Centre Stage will keep bringing as much pleasure to others as the cast and crew get from taking part.

Grease

Centre Stage's 2015 Summer Show, 'Grease', was a great success selling out on a number of nights giving us record sales for the show. Crowds at Eggescliffe Community Centre were treated to a brilliant performance by all involved with a raised set so that the cast could act on different levels throughout the show, a first for Centre Stage, but as usual the stage crew created a set to remember. Grease was a fantastic show to both watch and be involved in and one that will definitely be remembered.



Christmas Fair

Eggescliffe Community Centre will be holding its Christmas Fair on 5th December starting at 9.30am and Centre Stage will be supporting this event. Father Christmas will be there along with Elsa, Anna and Olaf from Frozen. Various stalls will be available with Christmas crafts. Tombola, cake stall and refreshments will also be available.

All proceeds go towards the Community Centre and we hope you will be able to join us for this festive morning.



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Youth Drama Group

The Youth Drama Group is not taking place at the moment on a Sunday morning. Thankfully this is not due to lack of interest but because all of the members in the Youth Group auditioned for roles in our pantomime and are now joining the rest of the cast for the production. Therefore, because all the children are already spending time rehearsing for the main show the Youth Drama Group has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Good luck to all of the Youth Group as for a lot of them this will be their first chance of performing, we are sure they will be brilliant.

We thought it would be nice for you to get to know some of our cast and crew members a little better. In this edition we have focused on Carol Howes, who is a cast member and on our Committee and also Elizabeth Buckley, our Musical Director.

Carol Howes

Carol has been a member for over 20 years playing a wide range of roles. She lives on a small holding with sheep, hens, geese, pigeons, guinea fowl and two dogs and works, full time, in finance for a manufacturing company near Durham.



As well as being a member of Centre Stage Carol is a member of Richardson Singers, a female choir based in Darlington and will be singing at several churches in the Darlington area on the approach up to Christmas. Carol also enjoys sport, she is a season card holder at Middlesbrough Football Club and has been passionate about the team for 40 years and attended every cup final they have played in. Carol enjoys cycling and each year takes part in the Durham Big Ride, a 25 mile cycling event. She is a member also of Billingham Marsh House Harriers & AC for 27 years and in August ran the Try a Tri, her aim for 2016 is to take part in a Sprint Triathlon event.

As you can gather Carol is a very busy person but has still found the time to be involved in our pantomime this year and is looking forward to playing the part of a pirate and an indian. Carol would like to wish everyone "All the Very Best for 2016" and to thank you all for your continued support for Centre Stage.

Elizabeth Buckley

Elizabeth is our Musical Director and a former School Teacher. Elizabeth celebrated her 80th birthday this year and has also recently celebrated her Diamond Wedding Anniversary to her husband, John. They have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren.



Elizabeth has been a Conductor and Musical Director for 30 years, she has 2 singing diplomas and a B.Ed Hons Degree from Sunderland University. She has worked with Billingham Upstairs Theatre, Middlesbrough Operatic Society and Teesside Operatic Society and also still works as a Singing Teacher and is proud to say that a number of former pupils have gone on to be professional singers and dancers. She runs her own choir called The Sydenham Singers which she started in 1985 and celebrated its 30th Anniversary in April 2015. Elizabeth is also a fundraiser for the Heart Unit and has raised a lot of money over the years with concerts by The Sydenham Singers.

This show will be Elizabeth's 8th show with Centre Stage and she thoroughly enjoys working with the company and appreciates their enthusiasm and friendliness. Elizabeth says she enjoys teaching and intends to continue doing so as she has no intention of dying of boredom.



Peter Pan 26th - 30th January 2016

Don't forget to make a note in your diary so not to miss our pantomime, Peter Pan, at Eggescliffe Community Centre.

Please ring Cynthia Cowley on 07583465295 for tickets or visit our website to buy tickets on-line.

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