

# Centre Stage

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(Registered Charity No 520777)

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

It is an exciting time at Centre Stage at the moment as we are busy preparing for our summer show, however, we are not just putting on one summer show this year but two! Guys and Dolls Junior will be performed on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June by our Youth Drama Group and then on Wednesday through to Saturday of the same week we will be presenting Little Shop of Horrors by our main cast. Putting on two shows in one week is proving to be a challenge but one that everyone has undertaken with enthusiasm and vigour and we hope you will be able to come along and watch both of these amazing musicals. Both groups are working particularly hard as is our Producer and team of helpers who all work together to bring these shows to life.

## **Peter Pan**

The pantomime this year was Peter Pan and was received with much applause and laughter. As usual our cast threw themselves into the roles giving a fabulous performance for each show. Our costume ladies excelled themselves with this show as did the backstage crew and both costumes and sets were vibrant and eye catching. After the show good feedback from the audience was received making an overall successful pantomime.



## **Vintage Day ~ 6 August, 2016**

Centre Stage will be helping the Community Centre run a vintage day on 6 August. There will be a vintage fete on the morning followed by a tea dance on the afternoon and a show on the evening with songs to reflect the era. A lot of our cast will be helping with running stalls, waiting on tables and singing during the course of the day.

We hope that this event will bring in people within the community who find it difficult to get out and hope to provide transport where necessary. Further details will be advertised nearer the time but we hope it will be a lovely community day for all those involved.

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## **West End Star Joins Centre Stage**

We have a special treat for audiences who come to see Little Shop of Horrors matinee. Our own Ryan O’Gorman, who is fresh from appearing in Les Miserables in the West End will be joining our cast on Saturday afternoon to play the voice of Audrey II.

Ryan was a member of Centre Stage, before making acting his career, and has appeared in the West End in Phantom of the Opera, Billy Elliott and Les Miserables but has always kept in touch with the group.

We are looking forward to having him back at Centre Stage and for our cast to be able to work alongside a professional such as Ryan.



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 focus on Sarah Smith who is a cast member and Ben Thompson our Senior Technician.

### Sarah Smith

Sarah has been with Centre Stage since 2005. Her first role was Adelaide in Guys and Dolls. She had a break when she got married and had two boys but then returned to the stage in The Sound of Music.

Sarah is a primary school teacher and lives with her husband and two boys, Harry and Isaac, aged 2 and 3, not forgetting her dog, Roofus. Her hobbies outside of Centre Stage involves running.

Sarah says she enjoys performing because she likes taking on different characters and bringing them to life. The acting side is definitely her favourite part but loves to sing also. Her favourite role was being a Pink Lady in Grease and getting to sing some classic songs. I have always done theatre and drama through school but stopped when I left school. It was Michelle that mentioned the Guys and Dolls audition briefly that made me think I would like to get back into it.



Sarah loves being a mum and encouraging her boys to sing and dance and make music which they love. Sarah met Sean at school and this is the second time they have appeared together, this time as a couple which makes it all very easy. Sarah said it is lovely to see Sean in a leading role.

### Ben Thompson

Ben has been with Centre Stage since 2007 and is the group's Senior Technician. This involves liaising with the Producer and Director, designing the lighting plot, rig and focus lights, sourcing technical equipment and sound effects, managing follow spot operators and the sound engineer, and operating the lighting desk. Ben also manages and maintains the website and deals with on-line ticket sales and is one of our Committee members.

His favourite production so far was Grease, a fantastic show that brought a lot of new members to the group and a lot of new energy. His favourite professional production, however, is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat which Ben has seen on numerous occasions and finds it simply amazing.

Ben enjoys Centre Stage and being part of a group which has such fantastic talented and caring people that come together to put on a production. It is simply amazing how much can be achieved when people come together and put their mind and soul into a single objective.



## **2017 Pantomime**

It will soon be pantomime time, "Oh no it isn't!, Oh yes it is!"

Our next pantomime will take place in January and details will be announced very soon. Please ring Cynthia Cowley on 07583465295 for tickets or visit our website to buy tickets on-line.

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