

Centre Stage

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Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter, packed full of the latest news from your favourite amateur musical group. We are now in the midst of rehearsals for our upcoming pantomime, "Snow White and the Babes in the Wood" and rehearsals are coming along nicely. Our committed cast and crew are busy getting things organised for what should be a show to remember with lots of fairy tale characters making an appearance in this show. We also have not 1 but 3 baddies in the show which will add to the overall excitement.

Our Summer shows went well, the youth group did two wonderful performances of Guys and Dolls and it was hard to believe how young the children were as they gave such a mature performance. Little Shop of Horrors was also an amazing production with the main focus being the amazing plants that were created by our back stage crew and although our cast of accomplished actors were brilliant, I think they were somewhat outshined by the breathtaking set and plant and was definitely the talking point of the audience each night. The plants were so professionally designed and made that they were sold to another theatre group after the show for them to use when they performed that same show later in the year which in itself was a compliment to the hard work and excellence that our backstage crew manage each show.

Ignore the Score

A few of our talented group of musicians have branched out and created an additional band called "Ignore the Score" playing popular classic pop and rock songs by artists such as Greenday, Fratellis, The Undertones, Oasis and many more. Of course the band will still be playing for our shows as usual but we wish them well with their additional venture so look out for them playing at a venue near you. If you know anyone interested in hiring Ignore the Score for their occasion please text Sue on 07946669279.



Cambodia Trip

One of our young actresses is getting ready for the trip of a lifetime. She is travelling to Vietnam and Cambodia in the Summer to work with a team doing things such as helping build an orphanage and generally helping the community. Grace has been fundraising hard for this trip, bringing in homemade cakes to sell and also arranged a vintage day at the centre with some of the proceeds going towards her trip. She will also be selling cakes and goodies in the interval of the pantomime with all proceeds going to support this venture.



It is good to see our members spreading their wings especially for such a good cause and we look forward to hearing about her trip on her return. We wish her well with her fundraising and adventure, however, for now she is looking forward to performing in the pantomime as part of the chorus.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group have been working hard on a Sunday morning practicing their drama, singing and generally having a good time. They are currently rehearsing a special showcase to be held on Sunday 18 December for all of the Youth Group's family and friends where in this one off performance they will be showing what they have been learning. This will be a lovely afternoon and will give some of our younger members experience of being on the stage in front of an audience without it being as daunting as a full show. We have some very talented younger members and it is always a pleasure to work with such a fun and enthusiastic group of children.

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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 Cynthia Cowley and Lauren Smith.

Cynthia Cowley

Cynthia came to help in the kitchen on the very first show then started helping on a Sunday in rehearsals for the next show. By the time the next panto came around Cynthia took over as Secretary and did this role for over 20 years. Cynthia has been involved with making the costumes for the shows since show five and is generally the font of all knowledge for Centre Stage. As well as being involved with Centre Stage she is also the Booking Secretary for the Community Centre, a roll which she has been doing for the last 12 years and is on various Committees within the Centre. Cynthia was also a founding member of the Community Centre.

Cynthia , who is 74 , spent 20 years looking after her mum and dad, however, in the past she was a fruit shop assistant and at 16 a typist for Power Gas. She has two children, Peter and Vicky and has two grandchildren, Toby and Alexandra, who at the age of 7 is now our youngest member of Centre Stage.

In her spare time, which isn't much, Cynthia enjoys doing crafts, knitting, sewing etc and also enjoys cruising with her husband Ron. However her favourite pastime is spending time with her grandchildren.

The Community Centre is very important to Cynthia and has played a big part in her life. She has given so much of her time helping run the Centre and in supporting those that use it and for that we thank her.



Lauren Smith

Lauren is 21 and has been doing theatre and shows since primary school. She finds musical theatre brilliant but definitely prefers doing panto. She is currently the Wicked Witch in our latest show, Snow White and the Babes in the Wood. She has been part of Centre Stage since 2012 with her first show being Half a Sixpence. She has made lots of friends at Centre Stage who have similar interests and love a good sing- a- long like herself.



Lauren works in a nursery and loves her job as much as she enjoys being the leader of the Centre Stage Youth Group, which runs on a Sunday morning. She finds it a very challenging role however says it is extremely rewarding to see the children's confidence grow and seeing them enjoy themselves.

Lauren is one of our team of chaperones and helps in various other roles such as helping in the costume cupboard, doing make up and is always happy to help wherever she is needed.

Lauren is currently studying a Foundation Degree at Teesside University and is hoping to become a Primary School Teacher in the future.

Centre Stage is ran completely by volunteers and ticket and patron money goes towards licence fees, levys, costumes, sets and everything that is needed to put on a show with any profits going towards the upkeep of our Community Centre. We are very grateful for your continued support and hope you enjoy coming to share in the shows that we produce. It takes a lot of people to come together to get a show on the stage and it is filled with challenges but it means a lot to everyone involved being part of our family that is called Centre Stage.

2017 Summer Show

Our next show will take place on 27th June until 1st July 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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