

### Lauren Smith

As you are aware Lauren is having a break from producing the pantomime this year and with good reason.

We are pleased to announce that Lauren gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 19 September, Clara Maeve Gallimore, weighing 7lbs 1 oz.



We would like to send our congratulations to Lauren and Andy on the birth of Clara from everyone at Centre Stage and look forward to the day when Clara herself will no doubt be on stage following in her mother's footsteps.

### Christmas Extravaganza

This year our Christmas Fair with Santa takes place on Saturday 4 December from 10am until 2pm.



There will be lots of stalls to browse, refreshments to enjoy, the Youth Group will be singing Christmas carols and of course we will have Father Christmas there for the children. So come along and bring the family to what should be a lovely Christmas morning.

### Amber Parks

Amber has been part of Centre Stage for a long time and recently played the Princess in our Robin Hood pantomime. Amber is 18 and in her spare time sings and writes her own music. She is a real north east star destined for big things.

During lockdown Amber entered the TFM big online audition and won the competition. Amber said, 'Winning was crazy!! I had so much support from everyone, all the donations to cash for kids and all of the kind words. I am so excited to perform at events in the coming year, it's gonna be amazing! ' .

Well done Amber from everyone at Centre Stage.



### Youth

Our Youth Group has started again on a Sunday morning. It is lovely to be able to provide a group to those young members who enjoy coming along to sing, act, play games and just to enjoy themselves. The group aims at developing skills as well as promoting confidence in the children, aged 6 to 13, and costs £25 per term to attend. The group is ran by Jim Underwood, a Primary Teacher, along with a few helpers who volunteer their time to support the group.

The Youth Group will be at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 4 December where they will be singing a selection of Christmas carols.

If you know of anyone whose child might be interested in joining the group please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Contact Jim on 07854654334

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Centre Stage is run completely by volunteers and ticket and patron money goes towards licence fees, levies, costumes, sets and everything that is needed to put on a show with any profits going towards the up keep of our Community Centre. We are grateful for your continued support and hope you enjoy coming to share in the shows. 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 Centre Stage.

# Centre Stage

Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Egglecliffe, TS16 0EH  
(Registered Charity No 520777)

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**Welcome** It is so lovely to be writing this newsletter again and welcoming you all back to our group. The past 18 months have been one that no one could have forecast and it has been the first time the show really could not go on. It was with sad hearts we had to cancel two shows due to the pandemic but the safety of our members and audience is paramount and we followed the guidance of the government and waited for when it would be safer to meet again.

When we were finally told that we could return we were all filled with excitement but also with hesitation. There were new things that needed to be considered before the group could meet to ensure all safety measures had been put into place. We returned with optimism with the hope that this time the show really will go on and so far we are moving forward with rehearsals and planning to bring our pantomime to the stage in January. We will be taking all necessary steps to ensure that everything needed is put into place for our show week for both cast, crew and audience and hope that our audience will return to support us and enjoy a good old fashioned pantomime.

This year's pantomime is, 'The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe', and we hope you and your families will come to see us once again so we can welcome you back to Centre Stage and into pantoland.

Our thoughts are with those of you who may have lost someone close to you during this challenging time. On behalf of everyone at Centre Stage I would like to say how much we have missed you all and look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm wishes, Sue

## The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe

Join us on a magical panto adventure starting in the Village of Tumbledown. As well as the old woman who lives in the shoe, meet a beautiful princess, a wicked witch, a hilarious jester and even Mother Goose.

This year the show is being produced/directed by Kieron Layton and Philip Kenyon who are filling in for Lauren our usual panto producer while she takes a well deserved break. Kieron and Philip has been working hard over the last few months to get all the elements together that will make a show to remember. The cast have been excited to be up on stage again rehearsing and to see each other after such a long hiatus. We have some young upcoming talent in this year's show who will no doubt be our stars of the future. They are enjoying learning from our older cast members who have a lot of experience under their belts, all coming together for one goal to put on a show that will entertain our amazing audience.

Tickets are £8 each and can be ordered by ringing 07395138288.

Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday 25 January	- Doors open 6.30pm, 7pm start
Wednesday 26 January	- Doors open 6.30pm, 7pm start
Thursday 27 January	- Doors open 6.30pm, 7pm start
Friday 28 January	- Doors open 6.30pm, 7pm start
Saturday 29 January	- Doors open 1.30pm, 2pm start
Saturday 30 January	- Doors open 6pm, 6.30pm start

We look forward to seeing you in January!!

