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Christmas is Coming!

Christmas? Really? I know it's only October, however, in this newsletter we have booking details for Cinderella and Christmas at Crumbly Edge.

Let's look back to our opening of the season and forget about Christmas for a few minutes. Our Sondheim concert gave a fitting tribute to one of Dewsbury Arts Group's well-loved writers. And, we have another one coming up in July – Sweeney Todd.

As I write this Up N Under 2 is in rehearsal and looking forward to its first night. You might be lucky and manage to get a ticket. **Give us a ring on our help line (07305 113408).** We are very confident that it will be a huge success. Our director, Stuart Marshall, really knows what he's doing. A member, actor, director and general dog's body for the group for years, Stuart has a very special talent when directing a production about rugby. He was an RLF Match Official with 12 years as a top flight touch judge. He also officiated at eight Test Matches including his last match which was the third Gillette Fusion Test Match between Great Britain v New Zealand on November 10 2007. He also directed Up N Under for us in 2007. Very well qualified I'd say.

We are also getting involved with the Dewsbury Arcade Group. This group is aiming to bring our arcade back to life. We've helped with some costumes and props and hosted an event at our premises. We've also asked our contacts if they have memories about the arcade as Mike Mawson is putting together an archive. If you would like to get involved you can contact the group here:

mike.mawson@arcade-dewsbury.org

ring 07415671646

or you could try

chris.hill@arcade-dewsbury.org

07968 968 862.



Cinderella - November 19th to 26th (matinees on 19th, 20th and 26th)

Since 1970 the group has been presenting productions specifically aimed at a young audience. These started with Pinocchio in 1970, 52 years ago.

David Wood always thought it so important that young people were given

the opportunity to be involved in the magic of theatre, both as audience and by attending our youth classes.

In the last few years (interrupted by the virus that shall not be named) we have started presenting pantomime in this November slot. This season we'll be presenting Cinderella, arguably the best panto ever (oh no it isn't!). Tickets are now on sale and there is a flyer enclosed, make sure you book early for this sure fire favourite.

Another tradition is the pre Christmas production. This one is aimed at the adults and this year it is:

Christmas at Crumbly Edge -December 8th to 10th. This is where you can get your Christmas off to a cracking start.

Visit the quintessential Yorkshire Village of Crumbly Edge this festive season and get to know some of the unique local personalities. (flyer enclosed)

Youth Theatre Update

The youth classes started up again after a long summer break with some old and new faces. All were excited to be there and looking forward to the year ahead.

Classes in the Autumn mainly focus on learning / building skills in voice, characterisation, movement and improvisation, through games and exercises.

There are only two spaces left in the first year group so if you know anyone who might be interested please email dagyouth@btinternet.com.

Members' information

Sweeney Todd - Musical

We have a pre audition get together on **11th October at 7.30** where you can hear some of the music and look at audition pieces. More information on the enclosed audition sheet.

ART NEWS

Art Classes started on Wednesday 14th September. These classes are open to all members and take place on most Wednesday evenings. Please contact Zahoor Sakharkar (our Art Secretary) if you are interested. He will add you to his email group so that you know what is planned.

Contact Zahoor at haseenmultimedia@gmail.com or phone 07979316858 or 01924 504378

October 21st Quiz Night

we hope you enjoyed the September quiz night. The next one is October 21st. We intend to do one every month so look out for information. Please contact Maria Bailey if you think you could do a round. Also contact her to let her know that you intend to come along.

mariab642@gmail.com

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Auditions

You will find all the information about the auditions on the website.

My Mother Said Auditions

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER;

Production dates 4th and 7th to 11th March 2023 with a matinee on Sunday 5th March

Sweeney Todd Auditions

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Production dates 24th and 27th June to 1st July with a matinee on Sunday 25th June

Mrs Neele Investigates Auditions

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Production dates 24th and 25th March with a matinee on Sunday 26th March.

Ah! Ha! Auditions

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Production dates 24th and 25th March with a matinee on Sunday 26th March.

Neville's Island Auditions

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Production dates 29th April and 2nd to 6th May with a matinee on Sunday 30th April.