

As promised, and right on time, here is our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter.

As ever we have been enormously busy over the last 4 months producing 2 great shows and creating 2 more (which we will tell you all about in future newsletters). Earthbeat continues to grow and develop and from April we will be operating for 5 full days which means that more people than ever will be able to access our drama programme.

Please feel free to write in and let us know any thoughts or ideas you may have for the newsletter. You can also contact if you have any general queries or concerns (the best time to contact us is before 10am, lunchtimes and after 3pm). Thank you, as ever, for your enthusiastic and steadfast support.

## Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

As predicted our performers gave a tremendous performance at the Middlesbrough Little Theatre. On both nights our performers gave it their all and many people have said that Joseph has been our best show ever - we might just have to agree with them. We have also had many comments about the wonderful costumes and colourful scenery and props. As ever, the humour brought the show alive, and our performers especially enjoyed dancing to the electrifying soundtrack. People travelled from near and far to provide an audience that really came alive and offered fantastic support and we would like to thank you for that.

But the show does not stop here! Rehearsals continue in preparation for the next showing of Joseph at Darlington Civic Theatre on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Tickets are available now from the theatre on 01325 486555.

### Performer Profile - Jonathan Palmer

As promised in our last newsletter we have randomly selected another performer to tell you about. Jonathan attends Earthbeat on a Tuesday and, as many of you already know, he is a real character - full of energy and enthusiasm. He has been with Earthbeat for almost 3 years now and he constantly surprises us with his acting ability, his subtle comic humour and his willingness to turn his hand to anything we ask him to do. We have seen Jonathon grow as a performer and we consider him a genuine asset to the company.

Jonathon's interests include fantasy characters in the Marvel comics and adventure holidays.



Those of you who know Jonathon will have seen him at his best in 'Islands in the Sun', dressed as a tribal warrior, and in 'Winter Wonderland' where he looked magnificent in top hat and tails. His next performance will be in the Earthbeat Ho-down where you will see him as the handsome young cowboy in El Paso. He will also be treating you to his dancing skills and showing off his vocal talents.

### Healthy Living Film

Last year we were involved in the design of a booklet designed to improve the health of learning disabled adults (the health action plan). We have just completed the production of a short film which will accompany the booklet and is offered free of charge to anybody interested in improving their health. For more info. contact David Hamilton (health facilitator) who will arrange a visit and help people to complete a health action plan. He can be contacted through Earthbeat or directly on 01642 283700.

# Christmas Swing

Christmas swing and what a Christmas swing it was - straight back to the 1950's.

This show was performed by the Thursday group who delivered a superb performance considering they only had 10 weeks to put this show together. Our very own 'Three Tenors' did us proud singing 'I believe' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas', having learnt all the words in such a short space of time. And what about the foot tapping duo in 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'? Well done to Steven Munday who became the lead singer for the first time and congratulations to Jamie Pearson on his debut performance. A very special mention to Colin Wytchley who performed wonderfully on both nights, without complaint, despite suffering from considerable pain - a true performer who displayed real spirit and determination. And what can we say about our Snow flakes, who brought a real sparkle to the evening! We'll leave that one for you to decide.

The show also contained two special guest acts – Kerriane, a talented young singer from the Heritage School of Dance, and Swing 8, a professional swing band led by the prestigious Gene Jarred. Both acts went down a storm and we would like to thank them for their time and enthusiasm. The show was a complete sell out on both evenings and all proceeds went to the British Red Cross.



## Earthbeat Ho-down

Saddle up. Guns at the ready. Get ready for a spectacular shoot out with Earthbeat's Tuesday performers.

Your journey will take you down 'Country Roads', to the Mexican town of 'El Paso' and have you galloping off in search of gold-laden 'caverns in canyons' (watch out for saddle sores on the way!). This show promises to be full of your country and western favourites. Our stagecoach contains such legendary figures as Marty Robbins, John Denver, Charley Rich (complete with the most beautiful girl in the world) and Glen Campbell, to name but a few.

We guarantee to have you foot tapping, thigh slapping and dosey-doing at the Earthbeat Ho-down, which will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 at the Saltburn Community Theatre so get your spurs on and give us a ring to reserve your tickets (07969 6723118). Yeehar!

## DIARY

30, 31<sup>st</sup> March - Earthbeat Ho-down

30<sup>th</sup> June - Earthbeat Celebration (annual social evening at Marton Country Club)

14, 15<sup>th</sup> September - 'Stars' show (performed by Monday group at Saltburn Theatre)

Closure dates Earthbeat runs for 5 days each week for a total of 48 weeks (excluding bank holidays).

We will be closed on the following dates:-

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>      May 1<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>

REMINDERS Please could you make sure packed lunches are clearly named and contain a drink. Could you also let us know if people are going to be absent for any reason. Thanks.

**Saltburn Annual Christmas Show** On the 16<sup>th</sup> December we were invited, once again, to take part in Saltburn Community Theatre's Annual Christmas show. The show highlights the talent that has been staged at the theatre over the last year and provides a wonderful opportunity for Earthbeat's performers to work with other groups and artists. The show was very enjoyable and well received by a sell out audience.