



## **EARTHBEAT NEWSLETTER**

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### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Last year was our busiest and best ever but guess what – this year's going to be even bigger and better still. And why is that? Because this year is our twentieth anniversary and, as well as producing our usual shows, we have loads of other things planned to celebrate and commemorate our twenty years in show business. Following a series of meetings with our performers we plan to (big breath in) host a very special Celebration evening at the Marton Hotel, produce a commemorative booklet, lay on a free show for all seventy two of our performers, produce a new T shirt (designed by our performers), make a calendar, put together a CD of our best songs, create a DVD with clips from all of our shows on it and round the year off with a fantastic 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary show. Phew, that'll keep us out of mischief for a while!

### **Earthbeat Events Coming Up**

Put 'em in your diary...

**Grease** – April 22, 23, 26 Saltburn Theatre (Friday group)

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Evening** July 16 Marton Hotel

**Moulin Rouge** – Sept 13, 14, 30 M'bro/Darlington Theatres (Wed. group)

**Twenty Years of Earthbeat** – Dec 13, 14, 17 Saltburn Theatre (Mon & Thurs group)

## **Grease is the word**

For more years than we can remember our performers have wanted to do GREASE and now, at last, it's here. The show will be performed by our Friday group and if rehearsals are anything to go by, then this one is gonna be fantastic. The music is so well known and brilliant that this show has been a joy to rehearse and our performers are really bringing the characters to life.



Join Danny Zuko, Sandy and the gang as they journey back to the class of '59 at Rydell High, California. There are too many big songs to list but they're all here - Summer Nights, Sandy, You're The One That I Want, Beauty School Drop-Out and, of course, Greased Lightning. As usual, we promise to deliver a show that is exhilarating, touching, funny and completely unforgettable. Grease is the word...

**Grease will play at Saltburn Theatre on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Tickets available mid March.**

## Performer Profile: Debbie Mitchell



Debbie is one of our longest serving and most loyal performers. She has a lovely, sunny personality and in all the time we have known her, she has never once complained. Not about anything! Because of her experience Debbie is not only a real asset to the company but is always ready to lend a hand to our newer performers where her enthusiasm and hard working attitude set an excellent example. She has recently taken part in our Christmas show and will soon be playing the part of Frenchy in our forthcoming production of Grease. She will also be playing the part of Lady Marmalade in Moulin Rouge, which will play at both Middlesbrough and Darlington Theatres in September.

### Closure Dates

We will be closed on the following dates:-

**April 2, 5, 6      May 3, 31      June 1, 2, 3, 4**

## *A World of Christmas*

Audiences at Saltburn were given a rare insight before Christmas – finding out what Santa wears under his kilt!!

If you're confused you must have missed our sell out World of Christmas extravaganza that wowed the crowd for three nights at Saltburn Community Theatre in December. The cast took us on a whistle-stop tour of Christmas around the world taking in numbers from Hungary to Trinidad. Some connections were a little tentative, hence a Scottish

Santa in a kilt brought to life by Tim Peacock with his usual effervescent verve. Other highlights included the delicate rendition of Silent Night by Dorothy Lowther and the rousing Hallelujah Chorus by the entire cast; many may have thought they might not pull it off, but they did!

We also showcased some of the excellent film making that the company have been undertaking under the direction of our film coach, James. Only Earthbeat could incorporate Dracula and assorted ghouls into a Christmas show but they did it with true panache in the Christmas in Transylvania film. Watching Stuart Harrison's Dracula and friends having Christmas dinner really had the audience rocking with laughter. The Christmas in Hawaii film brought some very welcome warmth and sunshine into the theatre despite the biting cold and snow outside.

We're amazed that we managed to completely sell out the theatre for three nights and also raise £1200 for UNICEF's work in Haiti when the weather was so bad and times so hard. A big thank you to all our supporters.



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