

Welcome to Earthbeat's first newsletter!

This newsletter will become a regular item, and is designed to keep everyone informed about our news, shows and other developments. It is also an opportunity for you readers out there to have your own views and ideas shared in the newsletter, so please feel free to send any relevant thoughts or articles in to us!

The last year has been a very busy one for Earthbeat and we are now offering drama training for four days each week, from our bases in Saltburn. All our performers have been working tirelessly to produce some excellent work that many of you will have seen if you came along to see 'Islands in the sun' (Sept 04), 'Winter Wonderland' (Dec 04) or 'Friday Night Fever' (June 05). If you came to our Celebration Evening you will remember seeing previews from our forthcoming shows 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' and our (as yet un-named) 'Country and Western Spectacular'.

So read on, to find out all the latest Earthbeat news!

## Performer profile - *Eric Lishman*

At each newsletter we are going to be choosing a performer to tell you a little bit about them and the work they do at Earthbeat. Each performer will be picked at random.

The performer we are going to tell you about in this issue is one of the original members who has been with Earthbeat from the start - the hugely talented Mr. Eric Lishman. Eric has many interests in his life including being a member of Brotton Methodist Church, local history, nature, art, but the greatest love in his life is drama. Over the years he has played some colourful characters but do you remember when we painted Eric blue for our show *The Murillium Quest*? (unfortunately this stained his skin for the following week!). Jan still talks with the fear and shock in her voice each time she re-tells the story! Eric on the other hand can now laugh at the whole experience. Eric will be celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in September and all his friends at Earthbeat wish him a very Happy Birthday.



## *Friday Night Fever.*

Friday Night Fever and what a fever it was! This evening of musical entertainment, which played at Saltburn Community Theatre in June, was staged by the Monday group and it was their very first performance together. As it was their debut performance it was decided, it would be a smaller, more informal affair with an invited audience of family and friends. In the months leading up to the show all the performers worked tirelessly and impressed us all with their enthusiasm and commitment.

On the night, as you can imagine, there were some pretty nervous performers but they had a ball. Their true talents shone through and those of you who were in the audience will understand just what it meant to be part of a show like that. Well done to Monday's performers.

Closure dates Earthbeat currently runs for 4 days for a total of 48 weeks (excluding bank holidays). We will be closed on the following dates:- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006

# Earthbeat Celebration

Those of you who attended the Earthbeat Theatre company Celebration Evening at the Marton Country Club in May, had an evening of fun and excitement, designed to both celebrate Earthbeats achievements over the previous year and bring together as many people as possible for an enjoyable evening of music, dance and togetherness. Earthbeat performers took to the floor to thrill the audience with acts from previous shows and offer a taster from their forthcoming productions. The company were joined by the Riverside display team who showcased their routines from the hit show 'Cats' and the evening was rounded off with a disco. Almost three hundred people attended the evening, which raised £780 for Special Olympics. The venue hire was paid for by a grant from the 'Small Sparks' fund which is designed to bring people and communities together. Overall, the evening was a great success and we have been inundated with requests to make the Celebration Evening a regular event on the Earthbeat calendar

## Tim makes a big impression

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June Tim Peacock travelled down to Bradford to audition for a place on a specialist drama course called 'Staging Change'. The course is a residential one, over a period of eight weeks, and will run from both London and Bradford. The training will be offered by a variety of nationally renowned drama organisations and individuals. The auditions prestigious disabled theatre companies in the country. The auditions were open to any learning disabled person in the UK and took place over a period of four days in both London and Bradford. Only people who had worked professionally or had extensive drama experience were offered an audition. There were only six places available and the standard was incredibly high so Tim was really up against it. Several days later, he was informed that, of all the people they had seen from across the country, he was the only person that the panel had immediately and unanimously agreed to offer a place to. This is a great personal achievement for Tim and he will hopefully bring back a whole range of new skills and expertise to Earthbeat.

## Saturday Morning Drama Training

From the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, for a trial period of three months, we will be offering drama training on Saturday mornings. The training is being funded by a grant from Connexions so is only available to people aged between 16 and 25. If you're interested, or know of someone else who may be, let us know as soon as possible. The training is free and we are also providing free transport for those who require it.

## Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Have you heard that Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream coat are coming to a town near you? This show promises to be Earthbeat's most lavish and spectacular production to date (I know we always say that - but have we ever let you down?). As in previous years we will be playing at both Middlesbrough Theatre and Darlington Civic Theatre.

Rehearsals are pretty intense at the moment so we would ask that when you're planning any dental appointments or shopping trips etc you avoid Fridays. The dates for Middlesbrough are **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November '05** (dress rehearsal will be on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 10am to 3pm). We will perform at Darlington on **27th January '06**. We will send out a letter closer to the time regarding timings and tickets etc.

**STOP PRESS** *We will be performing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Show, 'Christmas Swing', which will have a wonderful 50's theme during December. Dates and letter to follow.*

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