



THE FRIENDS OF pocklington artscentre

Friends Newsletter

Winter Edition

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the winter edition of your newsletter. This has been a very busy time for your Friends Committee, with all the interesting activities and events held over the last few months and with preparing for the new year and forthcoming events such as the St Crux coffee & refreshment day in York and the Spring Fashion Show. Studio Nights has proved to be a very popular platform for young talent, the quiz night was well attended, the coffee mornings are going well, and late night shopping was a very busy time; thanks to Father Christmas for turning up at the busiest time of his year, I am sure he was appreciated by hundreds of local children, although I wonder if the same can be said about the parents as they patiently queued to see him! So thanks again to everybody for your continuing support. Best regards. Trevor.

New Members Information Leaflet

We have produced a new leaflet which comprises of a brief history of the Arts Centre; information about the Friends including an application form and the 300 Club lottery. You will also notice that we have added a lifetime membership of £150 single/£250 joint. Please pass on to friends or relatives who may be interested in the Arts Centre.

Anagram Competition

Solve the anagram to win a free ticket to the show from the new brochure:

SAD VIENNA SOUND

Send your answers to the Arts Centre to be drawn at the next Friends Coffee morning.

China/ Coffee Mornings

We have received some lovely china following our appeal. This has made our coffee mornings a little more special. So do come along and meet other Friends for a coffee and a chat, on the last Saturday of each month.

Studio Night's a delight!



MACH 4 delighted the studio night audience in December with their wonderful programme of classic barbershop melodies.

We have also seen many other studio

night favourites grow from strength to strength over the year, and we hope that you will all continue to support this venture, which enables a wide variety of youthful musical talent to take to the stage, in an informal and encouraging atmosphere. Our next Studio Night (January 29th) is to be a band night, with four local bands leading the billing. Warning: you may need your ear plugs!!

Tickets are £4 available from the box office.



Financial Update

Fundraising activity since the last newsletter has included:

- £608 from the Pocktoberfest Raffle which we agreed to do as the Friends hold the relevant licence. The monies were handed over to PAC towards the very successful event.
- The Harvest Supper and Quiz Night on 30th September raised £220, about 40 people attended and it was an enjoyable evening.
- The Christmas Hamper £ square raised £78, the winner was Number 90 – Fergus Ball, thanks to those who contributed or helped at the Late Night Shopping
- We have received £604 from the 300 Club annual profits. A big thank you to Margaret Watson who puts in all the hard work to keep this fundraiser afloat. Anyone wishing to join the monthly draw can complete the form on the new information leaflet.

Expenditure

- We donated £300 to sponsor the Destiny Africa Children's Choir – Rhythms of Life Tour; those who attended were impressed with the gripping stories and enthusiasm of the children.
- £8,000 has been earmarked towards the new digital cinema projection system due to be installed

Pocklington Arts Centre On-Air!

Vixen 101 broadcasting Theatre Hour live once a month from the Arts Centre

Presenter Tony Barker, tony.barker@vixen101.co.uk, lines up various guests who are appearing at the Arts Centre or in theatreland across the Western Wolds every week. Listen on 101.8FM in most areas or online at www.vixen101.co.uk in all parts.

Health & Safety & Customer Service Training

Saturday the 18th of February 10.00am to 12.00pm
This is training event is **compulsory** for all staff who work in the venue. Further details are available from the box office.

Small Changes To Joint Memberships

Dear Members! You will have noticed that when your new membership card arrived, some of you now have a joint Membership number.

We reviewed the way we were running the lists and decided that this made more sense in line with joint memberships in the wider world.

We are now reviewing membership renewals every two months and we hope these small changes won't impact too much on your enjoyment. It would help us also if you could consider a standing order renewal in the future. There are free cinema tickets on offer if you decide to go that way. Thank you so much for your great support.

Karin MacDonald
(Membership Secretary)

Don't miss these Live Events, with special Reductions for Friends

Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm Friends £8, £7, £5 (Concession)	My Favourite Summer by Reform Theatre (in association with Harrogate Theatre) From the company that brought you Thick as Thieves , Bouncers and Weekend Breaks comes the funny, heart-warming play My Favourite Summer by Nick Lane....
Friday 2nd March at 8.00pm Friends £7	Ellen & The Escapades Blending elements of folk, pop and rock, the band's distinctive and unabashedly appealing sound seems to have everyone talking....
Saturday 31st March at 8.00pm Friends £9	Sean Taylor Acoustic blues of the highest calibre. Sean Taylor is one of the most promising talents to emerge in recent years....
Thursday 12th April at 8.00pm Friends £11.00	Southern Tenant Folk Union The most highly acclaimed folk/bluegrass band in the UK today, Southern Tenant Folk Union, released their fourth album Pencaitland last year and received rave reviews....
Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm Friends £9 and £6 (Concession)	Zulu Zulu is a company of genuine young Zulu singers and dancers who deliver a heady mix of African harmonies (traditional songs as well as Afro-Gospel) and high-energy, athletic dance all traditionally costumed and with drum-rhythms....

NEW YEAR...NEW HOBBY... Forgotten Voices Community Choir

The choir meets every Tuesday evening (7.00pm-9.00pm) and performs a mixture of popular music, show tunes, gospel, folk and light choral music. There is no audition process or any requirements to read music - as long as you have the enthusiasm to take part. There is a weekly charge of £5 and this includes refreshments.

For further information please contact the box office, or just turn up on the night...

The 300 Club Winners

Month	Prize	Winner	Ticket No.
October	£28	Mrs. Helen Binks	94
	£19	Mrs. Fiona Quarmby	41
November	£28	Mrs. Hilary Saynor	60
	£19	Mr. J H Moulton	66
December	£28	Mrs. Heather Rutherford	64
	£19	Mrs. Jane Pickering	52

See And Be Seen

The revamped Friends Notice Board in the foyer is attracting more attention, so please check regularly for up to date information.

Forthcoming events:

- March 19th - Fashion Show
- April 5th - St Crux in York – We will be looking for assistance with lots of cake baking and hands-on help during the day
- Coffee Mornings the last Saturday of every month

Holiday Cottage – Friends Rates

5% Discount on off-peak booking is being offered to Friends on this 5 bedroom house, comfortably sleeping up to 9, in the top part of Runswick, right on the Cleveland Way coastal path. Ideal location for walkers, cyclists, surfers or extended families. Visit the website: www.runswickbaysselfcatering.co.uk

Contact Jean Hunter: 01759 306156 or 07836 268059

Or email: jean@jhunterdid.plus.com quoting “Arts Centre Offer”

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