

Welcome to the latest issue of Castaway Newsletter! Halfway through the Castaway year we have a major production in rehearsal and upcoming events not to be missed...

Please contact [castawaymedia@gmail.com](mailto:castawaymedia@gmail.com) if you have any comments, suggestions or news.

#### BOOK NOW! A L O U D

Join Castaway members in collaboration with Hull based Iron the Grass Productions and performance artists in a unique and new venture – an evening of words, light, sound and good food.

20 & 23 March 7pm - details on page 3.

Please note the change of date for this spoken word event.

## Snow White and the Seven Miners



Castaway's Feel the Beat group, including some of Castaway's most senior members, are keeping Castaway's pantomime tradition alive with their recent production *Snow White and the 7 Miners*.

Directed by Mo Garner, and with a series of high energy dance numbers fully choreographed by Sam and Sally Rudge of Butterfly Dance Studios, the group played to a packed and very appreciative audience in Estcourt Street: 'Loved all the singing and dancing. Everybody was so amazing. Can't wait for more shows!'

**They're performing one more time on 26th Feb 1.30pm. 01405 761423 to book. JG**

## Sloop at Let's Rock 2018

On 20 January Sloop Group once again delivered a triumphant performance as part of the East Riding's Let's Rock 2018 event in Bridlington. The moody and thoughtful ensemble composition *Survival* stood out for its maturity and intelligence.

Sloop Group received the heartiest ovation of the evening, leaving all their supporters rightly proud, and happy to see the ensemble continuing to produce unique and reflective work. Quote of the day from P. 'This will be the best day of my life so far.' **TS**



## Making Music Together

Castaway Music recently hosted a visit by Community Music MA students from the University of York and we spent the day making music together. The sound was absolutely tremendous and it gave both Castaway members and the York students a fantastic opportunity to work together and learn from each other.

Workshop leader Chris Miley said 'It was really nice to see some individual partnerships and relationships forming throughout the day and there were some really positive steps made by Castaway musicians.' A very special experience. **TH**



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## Howden Joinery visit Castaway Sing

Last month Castaway welcomed Ian and Sue from Howden Joinery who've raised an incredible £4115 for Castaway. They visited Castaway 'Find Us' open morning, the Members' Forum meeting and enjoyed a few songs with Castaway Sing.

Sing looks forward to building on last summer's project, Sing Across the East Riding, hoping to work once more with the children from Airmyn Park Primary School and incorporate their song shares into our new programme. After the Christmas rush Sing members are learning new songs and dusting down old favourites - all suggested by members themselves.

Hopefully Sing will be going out and about meeting new audiences and also taking part in an event organised by member Ellie Hodgson to raise money for Castaway Music Theatre's The Wizard of Oz. **CD**



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## Castaway Fundraising

The Fundraising group year has raised over £5500 - an astonishing achievement thanks to their hard work and everyone's generosity in supporting the Grand Draw, Christmas Fair, tombolas and bag-packing.

The group makes a huge difference and plays a big part in raising awareness of our activities and would welcome new volunteers with even a small amount of time to help.



# The Wizard of Oz Junction Goole, from 20 June 2018

After a call out for Munchkins we now have a wonderful cast of 16, who have been working hard in rehearsals for 7 weeks and are well on their way to helping Dorothy and Toto reach the Emerald City.

The Munchkins met with the main cast on Wednesday 7th Feb for a wonderful rehearsal which was full of fun and energy.

For the first time, we've opened Castaway's main company to all young people and are being supported by local schools. Three of our Munchkins are from Goole Academy who are offering 10 tickets for the show free to students as a reward for good behaviour! **KA**



## Efficiency North poet's visit to Dance

'Spent the morning with @castawaygoole Dance and ended up devising a multimedia physical theatre piece with my latest poem. An honour and a pleasure!'

Matt's visits to community projects funded by Efficiency North's EN:ABLE scheme will lead to a collection of twenty poems being produced by EN, ahead of their annual conference next summer.

Matt says: 'These kind of community projects fall directly in line with my social and political activism; both in terms of the activity on a practical front, but also in terms of the human element and the characters that I'll meet. Plus they're from my neck of the woods of course, which always helps!'

## Upcoming Events

### **A L O U D .**

An intimate and playful night of spoken word and creative language. Join Castaway and friends for a multi sensory feast of inspired performances and original work. Co-created by members of Castaway Goole with Iron the Grass and local artists. In their own words.

7pm Tues 20 March Estcourt Street, Goole and

7pm Fri 23 March Kardomah94, Hull

Tickets £5 from Castaway 01405 761423 and Kardomah94 01482 317941

### **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Castaway Music Theatre, directed by Robert Readman  
Junction, Goole Wed 20 June 1pm, Thurs 21 and Fri 22 7.30pm, Sat 23 June  
2.30pm & 7.30pm