

Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter! We have been doing some really exciting things we can't wait to share with you. Don't forget to contact us if you have any comments, suggestions or news.

From,
The Castaway Team

Looking Ahead to Christmas!

After the success of their Sing Across East Riding Project which saw them perform all over the county its no wonder the Sing Groups diary is filling up fast over the festive period!

Their next appearance will be at the Castaway Christmas Fair on Saturday 18th November 2017. They will also be performing at the Salvation Army Community Carol Service, held right here at Castaway as well as at several other local venues, meaning its going to be their busiest Christmas ever!



Summer Ceramic Success

Castaway members young and old had the opportunity to work with local potter Bev Ayris over the summer, creating some beautiful pieces.

We hope to continue to work with Bev in the future and we are planning on running another course for members and the local community

New Venture - Dare to Write

This summer Castaway members worked with members of Iron in the Grass Theatre and Yasmin Roe doing two days of creative writing.

This cumulated in a spoken word performance of their work, including 'I didn't know I had it in me' 'seeing things in people that we don't always see' and 'had shied away because I can't physically get words down quick enough'. We cant wait do more of this!



The Wizard of Oz

Rehearsals are underway, principals in place and a yellow brick road has been acquired from Shire Hall, Howden. Directed by Robert Readman, Castaway Music Theatre had its first photo call with costumes from Dress Circle of Haxby, York.

Dorothy will be played by Naomi Reeve with her three companions being played by Richard Simpson as the Lion, James Thompson as the Scarecrow and Madison Hull as the Tin Man!

Munchkins are recruiting now with auditions to be held on Saturday 3rd December - no experience needed. Please spread the word if you know of anyone aged 8 - 14 who would like to join our all inclusive Castaway Youth Music Theatre.



Shipmates Youth Theatre Summer Project

This included a day at York Theatre Royal seeing a musical production of Robin Hood and taking part in an Outlaws workshop which included learning to fight with quarterstaves! The group also devised their own piece of street theatre and involved a crowd of children in a Sherwood forest drama.

Since then, the group has been relaunched as Castaway Youth Theatre, which will now be held on Wednesdays from 5pm.



Castaway Young Musicians

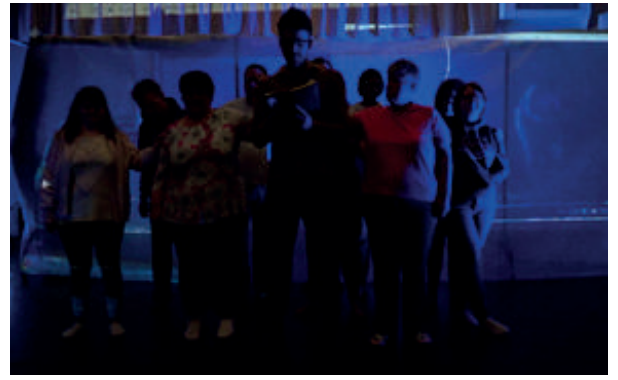
Castaway's Young Musicians Summer Project Make & Record a Song was a successful and fun project for Sloop members. On the 28th September, Sloop performed at the Wilberforce World Freedom Summit Dinner in Hull City Hall.

Sloop performed their new arrangement of 'Just', which was originally a poem written by the group with Cassandra Parkin and performed alongside Gamelan instruments.



Castaway Dance

Castaway Dance was visited recently by poet, Matt Abbott, courtesy of Efficiency North who also provided Castaway with all our lovely chairs! Matt was lovely enough to share a poem with us and worked with us on one of our work-in-progress dance pieces with projection.



Castaway Music

Castaway Music recently hosted the MA in Community Music with 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.

Chris Miley the workshop leader 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.



Trunk - Disability Awareness Training

Through links with the Hull City of Culture via Act and Casting on Humber, Trunk was asked to provide the Disability Awareness Training for the Hull City of Culture volunteers - around 600 people in total. As Trunk has been providing training for the Wilf Ward Trust and East Riding Council they were able to develop their work with Castaway members leading the highly praised training, receiving amazing feedback.

Research Findings

Danielle Dickinson, Clinical Psychologist from Hull University, delivered her findings about what Castaway means to members, their significant others and representatives from the local community. The research, for Danielle's Doctorate took place over three years and has already been discussed at conference level and will be published soon. If you would like further details or information, please contact Castaway.

Thank you to Castaway's amazing fund raisers and volunteers for all their hard work, to Jackie Cox and Wendy Beck for another successful Castaway Ball, to Liam from The Green Team, Goole Job Centre, Hanover Court, the late Dougie Whittle, Barnes Wallis Court, Howden, Goole TSB and Goole Nationwide.

We could not exist without you.

Upcoming Events

Castaway Christmas Fayre 2 - 4.30pm, Estcourt Street
Saturday 18 November

Castaway AGM 7 -9pm, Estcourt Street
Monday 20 November

Salvation Army Carol Service 4pm, Estcourt Street
Sunday 10 December

Snow White & the 7 Miners 2pm, Estcourt Street
Monday 5 February

Spoken Word Fest 23-25 February, Estcourt Street

The Wizard of Oz, Junction, Goole 20 - Sat 23 June

Want to Volunteer
Contact Us!

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