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CINDERELLA HAD A BALL!

The first ever Nerve Centre Christmas Pantomime was a great success – OH YES IT WAS! You've heard of Hollywood and Bollywood – but watch out for the latest sensational development as Dandywood comes to prominence!

Leading Lady Jean Long in the title role of Cinderella gave a great performance in what was both her debut and swansong.

Seldom has such dramatic impact been made on a familiar story than by Sue "Spielberg" Dickinson's production, and Chris Pearson's Prince really was charming.



The Ugly Sisters were actually gorgeous and the fairy godmother's performance was pure magic!

We eagerly await next year's production. OH YES WE DO!

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Jean Long is not only hanging up her Glass Slippers, but is also retiring from her role as Responsible Officer. Her standards of reliability and approachability have made her a great asset to the Nerve Centre. Thank you from everyone, Jean, we wish you a restful retirement and hope that you will come and visit us often,

CREATIVE WRITING

If you are interested in writing or reading poetry or prose and getting ideas from each other to inspire you, you would be very welcome to join our Creative Writing Group. No experience is needed, just a sense of fun and a love of words. The group meets on Tuesdays at 10.30 for a very informal chat and exchange of ideas and to share anything

we have written or read. It is very wide ranging. In the last few weeks we have written a blues song, some limmericks, poems about ghosts, and seasons of the year. Each month we will be inviting everyone to have a go at writing a short verse, a list of ideas or anything else that inspires them, using the letters that make up the name of the month. February is well under way - - have a look at the flipchart in the library area and see how creative you can be!

WEDDING PLANNERS

Well known couple Janet Billington and Leslie Price announced their engagement on 28th December. Janet proudly showed off her yellow gold diamond trilogy ring.

"We are planning a summer wedding, hopefully in July," she said. Arrangements for the big day are now being made. Congratulations to the happy couple. With St Valentine's Day coming up soon, there is definitely a touch of romance in the air.



Janet and Leslie

CALENDAR SALE

The Nerve Centre's 2009 calendar was so well received that we went ahead and produced one for 2010. They are on sale at reception at the bargain price of just £1.50 each.

The colourful calendars show a different piece of artwork for each month, painted or drawn by members of our very successful Art Therapy Group. The calendars have been generously sponsored by a number of local businesses, to whom we are very grateful.

SAINSBURY SUCCESS

As our local branch of Sainsbury's Charity of the Year during 2009 we benefitted from quite a number of events and fund raising opportunities. The grand sum of £3488.51 was raised. Thanks to Branch Manager Colin, Mary and everyone at Market Street, We have enjoyed working and socialising with you and hope to keep in touch going forward.



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Recent prolonged periods of snow and ice have impacted on many of our members and our normal opening times were

affected when the weather was particularly bad on a couple of occasions.

Our conscientious staff do their best to get to Standard House but in exceptional conditions we may decide not to open, or to close a little early while transport is still running.

When that happens, staff will make every effort to contact members that are expected to attend on that day, or who have a therapy appointment. We will also endeavour to place a notice on our website to inform those who have access to the internet of the current situation.

(www.thenervecentrekirklees.org.uk).

If you are in any doubt, telephone reception before setting out. (01484 469853).

TWO WAY DIALOGUE AT FORUM

A meeting to provide an update on recent activities and plans was well attended on Tuesday 2nd February.



The Forum's purpose is to provide such information, but also to provide members with an opportunity to ask questions or suggest ideas.

On most peoples' minds was the question of continued funding. Rikki was able to give

some assurances that this vital subject does receive plenty of attention. Our current expenditure is mainly coming from a grant we received from a fund set up by the government to assist organisations in the recession. This provided funding for seven months, ending on 31st March 2010. Any money from this grant that has not been spent by that date has to be returned, so paradoxically, we cannot retain some funds to help with future running costs, but may be able to buy items of equipment. We have every intention of spending the full amount of the grant.

The Big Lottery, who rejected our funding bid some months ago, has asked us to resubmit our bid, since they now have additional money to allocate. Lynda has worked hard to update the budgets in a short timescale. We hope to be informed of their decision within a month.

Kirklees Council has supported us financially in the past and we are in talks with their representatives about continuing funding. We also carry a prudent level of reserves that would bridge a funding gap for some months. Hand in hand with any such grant is the need for documentation so that we are able to demonstrate to funders that we have accounted clearly for the money they have given us, so whilst we try to have streamlined systems and procedures, paperwork can seem disproportionate. Thanks to everyone involved in those often tedious but vital tasks.

FIRST AID COURSE

Monday 15th March 2010 –

A first aid course for volunteers is being run. There may be a few places left, so please see Ros if you would be interested in



taking part and have not already confirmed your attendance.

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