

# ***THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER***

## ***December 2015***

Here we are again. The newsletter is a little early this month as it is nearly panto time! Oh yes it is! The panto is ready and everyone is raring to go. If you're not involved in the panto, and let's face it, there can't be many of you, please tell all your family and friends about it. It starts next Sunday and though ticket sales have been excellent, it would be great to have a sell-out, so do come and support it. Full details on the website.

Speaking of the Panto, the trip to the Birmingham Children's hospital went brilliantly on the 29<sup>th</sup> November (see picture). There was an abridged performance, followed by a trip round the wards and though it was hard to see some of the children so ill, it was extremely rewarding to put smiles on faces and it was very much appreciated. Thanks to all involved.



The bag pack at Morrisons last month raised approx £200 towards the cost of chaperones for the panto and though the Christmas lights switch-on seemed rather disorganised, we were there (on a freezing afternoon) and managed to distribute loads of flyers.

As you may be aware, the auditions for Hi-de-Hi had to be re-arranged and the last one is now set for 6.0 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at Rowney Green. If you are interested in a part but unable to attend, please contact Mike at [m.jeffrey2@sky.com](mailto:m.jeffrey2@sky.com).

There is a planned social evening out on 16th January, which will be held at Rosados Italian restaurant in Aston Fields (behind the Ladybird pub). Further details to be confirmed but if you would like to attend, please contact Joy at joysie59@hotmail.com.

### The Youth Group

For those who are not aware, we have a youth section. This is run by Alison and Emma and is held at the Baptist Church Hall on New Road in Bromsgrove on Thursdays in term time, between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. It is for 7 to 15 year-olds and currently there are about 12 members. The activities are improvisations, drama-based games, singing, dance and stage combat and there is potential for informal performances. The cost is £3.00 per session, payable on the night, so if anyone has family members or friends who are interested they can e-mail Alison at alisonberrisford@live.co.uk.

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I just deleted all the German names from my phone and now, guess what? It's Hans free!

Last week I went for a job on an origami magazine but I was too late..... it had folded.

### Interesting fact of the month

Why is a robin known as a robin redbreast? The reason is that it got its name in the 1400s and at that time there was no word for orange in English. The word orange (meaning the fruit) entered English in about 1400 but it wasn't used for colour until the 1540s. Don't know why it took them so long to make the connection, they should be red-faced about it!

In other news this month, I see there was a survey done about the amount of sugar people have in their tea. They found that the more sugar someone has, on average, the lower class they were. I know, amazing isn't it. Another lump anyone?

Also in the news, did you see that a village in Nottinghamshire called **Gotham** is calling for help from Batman to convert an old building into a community café. Jumping cream cakes Batman, I hope you can help!

Also this month, there was a man in Halifax who had a cow fall over the edge of a cliff and land spread-eagled on his patio roof. It had to be winched off later and the man was heard to say "I know I ordered milk, but this is ridiculous!"

Xmas news. Shock, horror, it's official – Santa is dead! A Norwegian newspaper was forced to apologise after printing an item saying that Father Christmas had died, aged 227. Of course, there was an outcry. I blubbed for hours!

And finally, as it is the panto season, what do you call Santa's elves? Subordinate Clauses.

That's all folks, merry Christmas,  
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