



REACH

Older People Active Lives



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'STAY AT HOME'

The clear message from Councillor Louise Gittins at the latest CWaC Community Champions meeting is STAY AT HOME, even if you have already had the vaccine as you could still infect others. 'This is the best way to keep us all safe' she added, asking us all to pass on the message. Please ensure you follow the guidelines.

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- ◆ shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- ◆ go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- ◆ exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person; this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- ◆ meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- ◆ seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- ◆ attend education or childcare - for those eligible

PLEASE BE VIGILANT



With the introduction of COVID vaccine sites comes the unfortunate news of scammers charging people to have the vaccine. Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said: "Remember, **the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge**. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam." If you believe you may be a victim of fraud, please contact Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: PANTOMIME

- 1st C BC – Roman form of pantomime was usually performed by a solo male dancer accompanied by a singer or chorus.
- 1788 – first recorded performance of Aladdin was at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.
- 1819 – first ever principal boy role was played by actress Eliza Povey, as Jack, in Jack & the Beanstalk at Drury Lane.
- 1956 – first time a female did not take the role of principal boy was when Norman Wisdom starred in Aladdin at the London Palladium.

OH NO IT ISN'T...

2020 was a tough year for the performing arts sector. They have been very innovative to try and keep live theatre alive but with changing rules and tiers, have been thwarted at every turn. Some casts have put their pantomime online, others have rearranged to Easter this year or have put them on hold until Christmas 2021, including in Frodsham and Malpas. Many of our members will miss this regular outing.

"I genuinely believe things will get better very quickly", says Andrew Lloyd Webber, who recognises that the vaccine rollout is underway and he is pushing ahead with plans to begin performances of his Cinderella musical at the end of April (interview for 'The Stage' Jan 21.) We look forward to the opportunity to enjoy these outings again soon... oh no we don't, oh yes we do!....



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Live International Bowls, 18th Jan, 3pm, BBC 2

Long Lost Family, New Series, 18th Jan, 9pm, ITV
Cornwall: This Fishing Life, 18th Jan, 9pm, BBC 2



Quizzical

1. Which Pantomime features the character "Maid Marion"?
2. What is the name of the father of Cinderella and the Ugly Sisters?
3. In which Pantomimes did Cliff Richard record sound tracks in the 1960s?
4. Who eats the Ginger Bread House?

LAST REACH ANSWERS:

WHO AM I : DAVID BOWIE, MATHS SQUARE:

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3	5	7
8	1	6

Who Am I?

17th January 1941

I am an American professional boxer, activist and philanthropist. At 18, I won a gold medal in the light heavyweight division at the 1960 Summer Olympics.

I converted to Islam and became a Muslim in 1961. I won the world heavyweight championship from Sonny Liston in a major upset aged 22 in 1964.

In 1966, I refused to be drafted into the military, citing my religious beliefs and ethical opposition to the Vietnam War. I was found guilty of draft evasion and was stripped of my boxing titles.

This is Your Life.....

DANNY LA RUE

Birthplace

Danny La Rue was born Daniel Patrick Carroll on 26th July 1927 in Cork. His father died when he was two, and his mother moved the family to London a few years later

An early memory

Danny was evacuated to a village in Devon when the London Blitz started and he worked on a local farm. He joined the British Navy and was sent to Singapore as part of Lord Mountbatten's invasion task force, and his first experience of entertaining was being part of a naval concert party.

Career

He was working in the rag trade when a friend asked him to appear in a show for him as a favour, and this was when he realised he had a talent for female impersonation.

The late Barbara Windsor first appeared on a nightclub stage with him when she was just 18. She said that he was very protective of her and once jumped off the stage in full drag and punched a man in the audience who jeered at her.

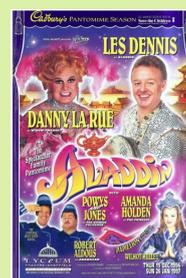
He went on to be a very flamboyant performer and a regular pantomime dame from the 1960s for the next 40 years. During the 1960s and 1970s, he was one of the highest paid performers on British television.

Personal Life

Although he occasionally hinted at romance, the love of his life was his manager Jack Hanson who died in 1984, and for the last 30 years of his life he was very close to his costume maker Annie Galbraith. He died on 31st May 2009, aged 81.

Quote

Reflecting the cross-dressing roles for which he was famous, Bob Hope said he was "the most glamorous woman in the world."



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