

REVELS DRAMA GROUP AGM 20TH JUNE 2012

Present

Chris Adderley, Anne Hutt, Anthea Towler, Jane Kneebone, Peter Kneebone, Pauline Murdoch, Don fell, Stephen Yeomans, Stephen Shipley, Norma Young, Chris Cooper, Rachel Pinwell, Francis Cooper, Linda Cooper, Jill Bentley, Lindsay Warren, Jane Fletcher, Roger Prestwood, Bill Munro, Jayne Beecraft, Jennie Bailey.

Apologies

Kath Fell, Bob Earl, Lynne Earl, Mike Wilkin, Margaret Fulford, Stephen Andrews, Joyce Eccleston, Paula Keogh, John Bradnock, Chris Davison, Anneke Towler, Stuart Clarke, Dave Pinwell, Scott Pinwell, James Spittle, Barrie Potts, Faye Gregan.

Minutes of the last meeting

Read and approved - Don Fell (proposed) and Rachel Pinwell (seconded) the minutes as a true record.

There is no more news about the 'Waitrose development' at present.

An advert put in the Knowle Parish Magazine asking for Front Of House help produced no responses, although a similar request to Revellers had more success.

The Ladies toilet by the C/D has now been refurbished.

Officer's Reports

Chairman's Report

'Reveller's Night' productions were well received by the audience, and 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' was much enjoyed. 'Wind in the Willows' generated much enthusiasm from backstage and actors as well as the audiences, who also enjoyed and supported 'Cat's Cradle' as well. More new members have found us. Socially, members have gathered for the Christmas meal and a quiz. The Knowle Diamond Jubilee celebrations 'It's a Knockout' competition mainly involved Young Revels who entered a team.

Anne concluded by thanking backstage crews, Prompt, Props, Front Of House staff and the outgoing committee for their efforts.

(A full transcript of the Chairman's report is available from the Secretary on request.)

Treasurer's Report

No copies of the Treasurer's report were available at the meeting (this was not the Treasurer's fault). Copies of the accounts will be sent out later to all members, either by e-mail or the next newsletter. Audience numbers were very good throughout the year and Pauline read out figures to the meeting. We made a profit of £743 in the last year. All main productions made a profit, but Revellers' Night made a loss, as did the Quiz. There will be no price increase in subscriptions paid by Revels/Young Revels. Ticket prices are now £6, £7, and £8, which will be charged at the October production. Monies raised from all raffles went to charities this year and letters of

thanks have been received from all the charities concerned. A question was asked concerning how profit compared with previous years. The Treasurer confirmed to members that there have only been 4 losses in the last 20 years.

Pauline thanked all concerned, especially Lynne Earl who has done so much work Front Of House.

(A full transcript of the Treasurer's report is available from the Secretary on request.)

Election of Officers

There being no other nominations, the following Officers were elected:

Chairman	Anne Hutt
Vice Chairman	Norma Young
Treasurer	Pauline Murdoch
Secretary	Chris Adderley

Election of Committee

The following members were elected to Committee:

Chris Cooper, Lynne Earl, Rachel Pinwell, Jane Kneebone, Jayne Beecraft, Anthea Towler, Bill Munro.

Future productions

Revellers' Night – Chris Cooper reported on his and Rachel's plans for revellers' Night. There will be a series of sketches involving a cast of 29 people (14 of them Young Revels). Rehearsals are going well.

Shut Your Eyes and Think of England – will be presented in October. Stephen Yeomans reported that he is currently short of 1 cast member but hopes to have a full complement of cast by the end of the week. Rehearsals will begin in July.

Beauty and the Beast – a pantomime by Alan Frayn will be presented in January 2013 (24th – 27th). Pauline Murdoch and Norma Young will direct. There will a reading on Thursday, 17th July to cast it. There are several nice cameo parts. Lots of backstage information is included in the script.

There has been no decision on the May 2013 play yet.

Social Events

There will be another Christmas meal and Quiz later in the season. Theatre trips were suggested for future events or backstage tours of local theatres. We may charge £1.00 per head for the quiz in the future in order to get some idea of numbers. This could become part of the annual calendar. We need to make sure that members are reminded of events nearer the time, either by phone or e-mail. There was some discussion whether Revellers should be invited.

Revels Going 'Green'

Members were asked to give committee members their e-mail addresses wherever possible. Postage has gone up and we need to cover costs for revellers' letters. Revellers' subscriptions may need to go up next year (their current subscriptions are £3 and £4.) We will also need to be a bit more careful about sending letters to appropriate people (e.g. letters re casting readings may not need to go to Backstage Crew.

Revels Website

The website needs to be updated. This will go to the next committee meeting

Meeting closed 8.25pm.