

## Revels Drama Group AGM 17.6.2015

### Present

Chris Adderley, Anne Hutt, Stephen Yeomans, Valerie Hamley, Don Fell, Chris Cooper, Matt Barnard, Ellie Royle, Rachel Pinwell, Dave Pinwell, Bill Munro, Jane Fletcher, Jennie Bailey, Pauline Murdoch, Jayne Beecraft, Liam Johnson.

### Apologies

Norma Young, Stephen Andrews, Margaret Fulford, Lindsay Warren, Roger Prestwood, Lynne Earl, Jane Kneebone, Peter Kneebone, Barrie Potts, Jill Bentley, Kath Fell, Chris Davison, Paula Keogh, Glenys Owen, Scott Pinwell, Linda Cooper, Francis Cooper, James Spittle.

### Minutes of the last meeting

Jennie Bailey sent apologies for the 2014 AGM – duly recorded. Revels did not publicise events at Dorridge Day 2014. Waitrose put on hold for the present (June 2015). Minutes proposed as a true record by Chris Cooper, seconded Valerie Hamley.

### Chairman's report

Anne Hutt reported on Revellers' Night and the summer garden party (held at Margaret Fulford's house). 'Cranford' (October 2014) mainly had roles for female actors although there were 2 male roles as well, 'Aladdin' (January 2015) posed some challenges, which were overcome and 'Curtain Up!' (May 2015) also had an all female cast – with some interesting dance routines to learn. The backstage crew met all the challenges this year. We recruited some new members and a new dance troupe who performed in 'Aladdin'. The Christmas meal was at Haig's and went well. 'Thirsty Thursdays' continue – thanks expressed to Rachel Pinwell for organising these. There will be no 'Revellers' Night' in 2015. Anne expressed her thanks to the outgoing committee – Paula Keogh, Rachel Pinwell and Jane Kneebone will all be retiring from the committee this year.

A full copy of the Chairman's report is available from the secretary on request.

### Treasurer's report

'Cranford' made a loss, but 'Aladdin' and 'Curtain Up!' both made a profit. 'Revellers' Night' 2014 made a loss. Membership of Revels stays about the same, as do ticket prices – we have 154 Revellers in total. Where possible, Pauline requested that we used e-mail for communications. The raffles have been well supported at each production. Membership subs are now due from Revels. The number of adult members is still declining. A letter will go out to Revellers, informing them that there will be no Revellers' Night this year.

### Election of Officers

Chairman                      Anne Hutt

Vice Chairman	Bill Munro
Treasurer	Pauline Murdoch
Secretary	Chris Adderley

### **Election of Committee**

Lynne Earl  
Jayne Beecraft  
Margaret Fulford  
Chris Cooper  
Matt Barnard  
Ellie Royle (Young Revel).

### **Future productions**

There will be no Revellers' Night this year.

Stephen Yeomans will direct October production – The Late Edwina Black. Martin, Mary and Hannah Reddy and Liam Johnson have been cast. Rehearsals will start in July.

January 2016 – Chris Cooper will direct 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. This will be similar in style to 'A Christmas Carol' with music and songs added to the script. Reading date will be 19<sup>th</sup> July (provisionally).

### **Publicity and membership**

Ticket sales for 'Cranford' were low, but no reason for this could be identified. It has been difficult to get members to attend audition readings recently. There was a good article in the Parish Magazine in May and we could advertise audition dates in the papers. We also need to make sure that reading scripts are available in good time and that members are informed as soon as possible of reading dates. We also need more members and it was agreed that it is the responsibility of all members to help to increase membership and promote ticket sales. 'Thirsty Thursdays' are a forum where members can meet up – they may need to be 'flexible' in order to accommodate actors who are in productions – 8.00pm start normally. Some directors have introduced tea breaks at rehearsals – these have proved popular. We could also provide portable notice boards at rehearsals (Stephen Yeomans might be able to provide one).

### **Talent show (Revellers' Night)**

This went well and could be repeated. A non-committee member could organise it if necessary. A suggestion was made that we could offer a free ticket to a show instead of Revellers' Night. A lot of our audience members now buy tickets through Palmers. Also a suggestion that we ask Front of House staff to use 'clickers' to find out if audience members are Revellers – perhaps for one show,

Meeting closed 8.40pm