

Seend Fawlty Players Pantomime

We performed our 43rd village panto 'The Frog Prince or Sleeping Beauty the Sequel' in February in the Community Centre. 420 people came to see the show over the three nights – the highest number for well over a decade (and definitely the highest level of audience participation for some time too!) We were pleased to welcome several new young members to the cast and some new backstage helpers too. We were able to hand over £500 each to Melksham Food Bank and Devizes Opendoors – two very necessary organisations in these difficult times - from our proceeds.

Co-script writer and director, Anita Shea, and I enjoyed delving into our memories and the archives to give a talk to Seend Theatre Club's AGM about the history of Seend Fawlty Players earlier this month. We made our entrance in the pantomime cow costume and dropped a cowpat, which went down well.

For next year's show we shall be looking for a new scenery designer as Jackie Hamblin steps down, and someone to run the box office as I step down after a couple of decades in that role. If anyone is interested in taking on either of those jobs, do have a word.