

SEEND THEATRE CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT TO SEEND PARISH MEETING 5.5.22

2021-22

The Seend Theatre Club is now active once again following the lifting of most Covid restrictions. We have 82 members and a full programme of trips planned for the current year.

The early part of 2021 was difficult with theatres closed, so we were delighted to be able to go to Shakespeare Live's outdoor production of "A Winter's Tale" at Cleeve House in July 2021. This was followed in August by an outing to the Watermill near Newbury for a musical production of "Just So" based on the Rudyard Kipling stories. This performance was also out of doors.

Our first indoor outing was to the Theatre Royal Bath to see "The Good Life" based on the characters in the 1980s television sitcom. The year finished with "The Messiah" performed at Bath Abbey in December.

With restrictions lifting members thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Salisbury Playhouse in March 2022 to see Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced".

The current programme has two trips to Bristol Hippodrome for Chicago (on 27th April) and Mamma Mia (on 22nd June). Shakespeare Live are performing "Twelfth Night" in Cleeve House grounds at the beginning of July and we shall return to the Watermill twice more plus visits to Bath for "The Mousetrap" in November and The Messiah in December. Details are published in Spotlight each month.

After a break of two years we were able to hold an AGM on 3rd March 2022. The meeting opened with a presentation to founder members Sylvia and Tony Ewin, both of whom had stepped down from the Committee in June 2021. They were presented with a watercolour picture of the Watermill Theatre and a scented rose called "Thank You". Sadly Tony passed away on 24th April 2022.

After the Annual Reports from Acting Chairman & Treasurer Marion Whitehead the Committee members were re-elected, with Ken Harvey becoming Chairman, Marion Whitehead (Treasurer) and Pauline Robertson (Secretary). Ann Burgess and Margaret Bromley have also now joined the Committee. The meeting ended with an excellent dramatised talk by Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live on "The Seven Ages of Man".

We welcome new members and plan to continue this service for the village community.

Ken Harvey

28.4.22