

Minutes of the Members' Meeting held on Wednesday 31st October 2012 at the Plaza

Apologies for Absence

Shirley Haynes, Lisa Punter, Sarah Jones, Jess Bass, Ryan Wright, Clare McCaffrey.

Present

Viv Corbishley, Pat Garton, Prue Goss, Miranda Case, Hazel Wright, Liz Treacy, Martin Picken.

Correspondence

An invitation had been received for TADS to take part in a consultation exercise, organised on behalf of the Town Council, regarding the role of the various organisations in Thrapston now and in the future. The invitation asked for a stall with exhibits from past and current productions with members on hand to speak about the society. However as very little notice was given we were unable to accept, but Liz did go to the exhibition to speak to the organisers and explain that notice of less than one week was completely impractical for such an event.

Correspondence had also been received from Leisa Griffiths who runs a children's dance school in the Plaza. She wanted to know if the set currently being built could be removed so that her dancers could rehearse on the stage for a dance shoe on December 15th. Martin had replied to say this was not realistic, but Ryan and Liz had agreed to meet her at the Plaza and try to reach a compromise.

Treasurers Report

The current account stood at £1929.77

Pat had received a bill for hire of the Plaza which she believed was incorrect and was going to query it.

Plaza Meeting

Liz had attended the recent meeting of the Plaza management committee, and reported that it had been confirmed that we would not have to pay for the hire of the Box Office unless someone had to come to lock up, in which case there would be a charge of £10.

She also intended to report that we had found broken glass and beer spillage on the stage.

There seemed to be some confusion regarding the drinks licence for the Plaza, and whether we would still need a Temporary Event Notice to run our own bar. Viv reported that a TEN for the forthcoming play had already been purchased, but the situation would need to be clarified before any future plays were staged.

Autumn Play

Viv reported that advertisements for 'A Murder Is Announced' had already appeared in Village Connect and Jigsaw.

It was decided to ask Grahame Nightingale if an interview could be arranged with Radio Northampton, as he has a contact working there.

Social Events

Hazel suggested that there should be fewer social events in 2013 as it was likely to be a busy year due to the centenary celebrations. She proposed that there should be a

meal in the New Year, a quiz in the autumn, plus regular play readings. This was agreed.

Centenary Celebrations

The Centenary sub-committee had been holding regular meetings and plans were being drawn up. Pat and Shirley had been asked to go through the archive material and make a list of former members who could be invited. Invitations will be sent out after Christmas.

There was to be a cake and a toast, with some of the catering being done in house.

Any Other Business

Auditions for 'Entertaining Angels' will be held on Friday January 11th, 2013. The play dates were confirmed as 24th-27th April, and a limited number of scripts are now available.

Date of Next Meeting

January 4th, 2013.