

STEVENTON PLAYERS
AGM
Tuesday, 13th November 2018

MEETING STARTED: 7.30pm

PRESENT: Marilyn Wright (Chairman), Sue Brinsley (Secretary), Jan Everton-Brown
+ 15 other attendees (list available)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Received from Paul Wright, Richard Coppin

2. MINUTES AGM 2017

The minutes were approved by the meeting and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The twelve months since October 2017 seem to have flown by. The village has been busy with the usual events such as fireworks, rolling supper and charity events. Christmas is always a special season in Steventon with a children's party and seniors' lunch enjoyed by the relevant age-groups. The Steventon Singers took part in the village carol service and the Players lent their thespian skills to the nativity play in the crib service.

A variety of talents was showcased in *Steventon Entertains* which began with the haunting tones of Laurence and his bagpipes. There was the whistling duo of Alan and Julian, various songs from the Dave, Tony, Jeff, Mike, Susie and the Steventon Singers and who can forget Fraulein Sue in fishnets! Perhaps we can persuade her to reprise the role in the next show! The black and white dance again brought the house down and the Strummers song about the Steventon potholes obviously had some success as they have now been filled.

Steventon Players not only perform but also provide other forms of entertainment for villagers. With this in mind Sue has created a Film Club for which a membership fee is charged. This covers the licence and members can then see the film for free. There have been four showings this year *Mamma Mia*, *La La Land*, *Whisky Galore* and *Saving Grace* after which Chris was so enthused, she emptied her greenhouse – she said it was spring cleaning! The films are always well attended with members bringing along refreshments and everyone being provided with choc-ices during the interval. The Steventon Players have also organised several party outings to the Watermill Theatre and the Haymarket.

The Steventon Singers continue to flourish and were part of the Basingstoke Festival of Choirs concert, *Sing Together!* at the Anvil in September for which they had to learn a wide variety of music, some fairly challenging. As members of the BFOC, singers are encouraged to rehearse with other choirs and close friendships have developed with both the Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and the Belles of St Martin's at Ellisfield.

The Steventon Strummers have also performed outside the village at Julia and Dave's birthday party at the Rectory and at Oakley Bowls Club.

Harvest weekend was celebrated with the usual festive decorations at the church for the thanksgiving service and Steventon Players then provided a band, The Woodsiders, for a village barn dance at Lichfield Grange for which we are grateful to Mouse and Peter Harrison. The September weather was particularly kind and we enjoyed a shared lunch outside with pudding provided by our friendly ice-cream man.

The Steventon Players have been trialling a monthly *Coffee and Cake* morning at the Village Hall. This has been very popular and gives villagers a chance to meet and chat. The new committee will decide whether to continue this next year.

Other regular events such as the UFO group convened by Chris, and the Book Group organised by Julia and Sindy are well supported and although they are not funded by the Steventon Players, financial support would be available if required.

As you may have noticed in the minutes, the Steventon Players considered changing the title of the organisation to be more descriptive of its role in facilitating entertainment within the village. The Committee considered this, but decided that 'players' in all meanings of the word whether it is 'someone who belongs to an organisation', someone who takes part in 'games or a sport' or 'a person or body that is involved and influential in an area or activity' adequately describes us.

As always I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work in drawing together the many talents in this warm and friendly village. I would also like Tim to thank Cassandra for keeping us all so well informed and look forward to another enjoyable year of entertainment and friendship.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan presented the annual accounts. There were no questions.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

a) Chairman:

Marilyn Wright – Proposed by Jeff Dodgson, seconded by Charlie Palmer.
ELECTED

b) Secretary:

Sue Brinsley – Proposed by Linda Sennitt, seconded by Dorothy Smith.
ELECTED

c) Treasurer:

Jan Everton-Browne – Proposed by Charlie Palmer, seconded by Rosina Forde.
ELECTED

d) Committee members:

Current committee members were all willing to stand again and were unanimously re-elected. Proposed en bloc by Mike Brinsley, seconded by Mike Everton.

Charlie Palmer
Jeff Dodgson
John Smith
Rachel Cheesman
Rosina Forde
Shona Gruzelier
ELECTED

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There was no further business.

Finally, Sue proposed a vote of thanks from the meeting for Marilyn for all her hard work over the year.

MEETING ENDED at 7.58pm