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TREASURER'S REPORT

Although I am still awaiting a few figures for My Fair Lady I suspect that we will find we have made approximately £2,000 from this production which considering there were a few empty seats on a couple of nights is a respectable end figure. The show was very well received and relatively cheap to stage although I must make a special mention to the wardrobe team (Mary-Lou, Sue, Jonathan and Sarah) who really did costume the production very professionally indeed and came in well under budget. We needed a slightly larger orchestra than we would normally have so that did eat into our profits slightly but I think everyone will agree that it was a superb show and certainly all the feedback I had from it was extremely positive.

We have had some issues with scores and libs not being returned to Pamela at the end of the shows or returned in poor condition. I would be very grateful if all those participating in shows could remember to return their scores having rubbed out any jottings and do try to keep these in as good a condition as possible to avoid having to pay for a replacement. The cost of replacing a score is not included in your showfee so please be warned (replacing a score can vary in cost depending on the shows licencing company and can be anything from £7 to £35).

Our new membership secretary Jane McMichael is now fully trained and raring to collect your subs. If you have a Paypal recurring payment set up please can you visit this and update the amount as these have altered to £30 (full member), £20 (junior/student) and £10 (non-acting member) if you have not already done so.

Don't forget our magnificent studio full of costumes for your Christmas and New Year parties!

Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Arabella Burwood, Treasurer

Chairman's Message

You will be reading this about a month after the curtain came down on My Fair Lady. It is a favourite of many people and proved to be so once again.

We received a lovely letter from a Lurgashall lady who wrote: "As a comparative local, I felt a sense of pride in sitting in Haslemere Hall last night watching the Haslemere Players performing My Fair Lady. It was a wonderful production with an excellent cast and set that worked seamlessly into position. Congratulations on your achievement."

I completely echo her sentiments. Thank you and well done to everyone who was involved in whatever capacity.

In the past few weeks we have cast our next production, The Full Monty, and rehearsals have started. This is only possible thanks to the months of planning that the production team has already undertaken. I suspect that demand for tickets will high, so please book early to avoid disappointment; it is on from 20 to 24 March 2018.



As it is now less than four weeks until Christmas, and my last letter to you for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved with the Society.

Best wishes Chris

Chris Lloyd

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Fundraising Arctic Challenge

Two of our committee members, Arabella Burwood and Sally Barr, have signed up to complete an off-piste cross-country skiing marathon in the Arctic in February to raise money for the UK's largest breast cancer grant making charity, Walk the Walk. The charity is most well-known for the Moonwalks in London and money raised goes to help numerous national projects including emotional and physical support for those with breast cancer, scalp cooling equipment, research into dogs detecting cancer and research into secondary cancers amongst many others.

As the challenge gets closer, the ladies are feeling slightly daunted by the task ahead - the temperatures are likely to be -30 degrees and any bare skin will get frostbite. A few nuggets of information they found out recently at the event's briefing session (to drive home reality!) included that last year it took them 5 hours to complete the first 7km due to the extreme wind, the need for them to carry their own whistles in the event of white-outs so they can find the rest of their group (yikes) and that they will need to wear 7 layers of clothing including 4 thermal layers!

They have started the formal 16 week training plan which includes walking between 8 and 38 miles, a swimming session, a cross trainer session, two Pilates sessions and another cardio session every week. This is no mean feat to fit in when the ladies are working full time.

They are paying all their expenses for the trip including flights, local mountain guides, accommodation and food, so all money they raise will go directly to the charity. If you are able to sponsor the ladies for this fantastic cause they would be so grateful. The fundraising page is https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https://arcticchallenge2018.everydayhero.com/uk/theteam&c=E,1,oUIJSys54dVqoH-gsVxDU0FVcT8tN66eKI92PROrcmU7NfNo3FDnJvGh5CtJ_e8gC_SsiswvhSfcU-TnOwMEIzjg6psiZ6ATEdj5TvaO2U,&typo=1



Christmas Cracker

Don't forget that this year's Christmas Cracker Carol Concert will be held in the Haslemere Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 16th December. It is a fun evening for audience and massed choir. Tickets are £10.50 (£5.50 for children) from the Hall (01428 642161) and include mulled wine and mince pie.

As before the Players will be supplying members of the choir and sketches so there are plenty of people to support. But do book soon; it is always a sell-out and there won't be all that many tickets left.

WARDROBE Help Required

My Fair Lady was a triumph for your own Players Wardrobe as we supplied the majority of the costumes. The clearing up process is finally over and with a limited number of costumes required for the Full Monty, we have some time to tackle the many 'housekeeping jobs' which ensure that the clothes are kept clean, repairs are done and the general upkeep of the Studio is maintained.

Some tasks such as sewing on name tapes and sizing clothing can be tedious and time consuming but essential as we hire out our costumes to both other societies and the general public. We are therefore asking for your help.

On Thursday 11th January 2018 we invite any member who feels they can help, to come to the Studio between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm armed with needle and thread. There are non-sewing jobs too so you don't have to be able to sew!

If you can spare an hour or more, please come and bring a friend if you wish. Lunch will be provided so nearer the time, I'll need to know how many are coming. The more people who turn up, the more we can achieve.

Thanking you in advance.

Mary-Lou and the Wardrobe team.

Trailer repair

While eating our fish and chips (one of the perks of scenery construction) we noticed that an arm of the trailer had nearly rusted through. So we called in Duncan Gill (who amongst other talents operated the 'rain' in the show of the same name).



So Duncan took it away, repaired the rusty arm, re-welded the floor, smartened up the rear board and got daughter Sam to paint it all over. It looks as good as new - so many thanks to Duncan and Sam.

PS Duncan has also cut a car in half so it will fit on stage for The Full Monty (don't ask).

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SOCIAL REPORT

On Tuesday 19th December we will be holding our annual Carols, Mince Pies and mulled wine evening. Come along to meet the cast of The Full Monty (probably not in costume) and enjoy an evening with your friends in the Players. The first part of the evening is a rehearsal and the carols and entertainment begin at 9 pm.



GRAPEVINE NEWS OF MEMBERS

Many congratulations to Jo Richardson and Richard Weller who were married on 8th September in Mayfair.

I am delighted to report that Frances Cross had a baby boy, Edward, on 16th October. Mother and baby are both doing well.



I know you will all be sad to hear that Jennie Budden's husband, Allan, died last week. He had been ill for some time and was in a Home up on Marley Heights. Allan and Jennie have been involved with the Players for many years, Jennie having costumed many of our shows and having been on Committee. Allan helped design scenery, including St Paul's Cathedral (for Blitz!) which is still in use. His funeral will be this Tuesday, 5th December and I know you will all join with me in sending our love and thoughts to Jennie.



Dates for Your Diary

16 December	Christmas Cracker in Haslemere Hall
19 December	Players Carols, Mince Pie and Mulled Wine evening 9 pm Annexe
11 January	Wardrobe ' Come and Stitch ' experience
12 - 20 Jan	Aladdin by Haslemere Thespians
23 - 27 Jan	Spamalot by Farnham AOS
16 & 17 Feb	Grayshott Stagers One-Act Plays
20 - 24 Mar	The Full Monty



The Full Monty has now been cast; rehearsals are going well and are great fun... Tickets are now on sale at the Haslemere Hall Box Office www.haslemerehall.co.uk or 01428 642161. Here are the main roles:

Jerry Lukowski	Mike Byrne
Nathan Lukowski	Lewis Renninson
Dave Bukatinsky	Tony Creasey
Harold Nichols	Richard Weller
Malcolm MacGregor	Alan Thornhill
Ethan Girard	Tony Carpenter
Noah (Horse) Simmons	Sacha Blackwood
Pam Lukowski	Carolyn Lane
Georgie Bukatinsky	Chloe Johnson-Jones
Vicki Nichols	Joanna Weller
Jeanette Burmeister	Vicki Gavin
Estelle Genovese	Debra Allen
Susan Hershey	Robyn Davies
Joanie Lish	Hazel Hawkeswell
Buddy (Keno) Walsh	Arran Treacher-Evans
Teddy Slaughter	TBC
Reg Willoughby	Matthew Harding
Molly MacGregor	Linette Ackroyd

SHOW STOPPERS 2018

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The anniversary is going to be marked by several events in the Town - including poppies growing on St Christopher's Green, ceramic poppies in front of the Town Hall to mark all the names on the Town War Memorial, Bell Ringing, a net containing 10,000 poppies hanging from the tower of St Christopher's and a WWI concert. We are doing our bit by using a WWI theme for Showstoppers in June next year. Judy Fowler will be directing this exciting and uplifting production. If you are interested in taking part or hearing more please contact Judy on judy.fowler@btpopenworld.com



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