



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
13th April 2022
held at 7pm in Dittisham Village Hall

1. **Attendees:** Inka Gabriel, Alun Sherwood, John Dupree, Jill Hulatt, Gail Mosley
Stella Stothard Ian A'Court, John Wells, Lesley Wells, Helen Woodman

2. **Welcome by Chair of Meeting**

3. **Apologies for Absence**
Ginny Pease, Ros Neale

4. **Minutes of 2020 AGM**
iApproval
Agreed and Proposed by Inka Gabriel
Seconded by Alun Sherwood
ii. Matters Arising
Ian A'Court queried the security of the new Costume Storage in the loft of the School Room and enquired if it needed a padlock. JD confirmed the security provided by Village Hall access was adequate.

5. **Report from Chair**
JD confirmed the last Players production had been in Feb 2020 due to:
 - Pandemic dormancy
 - 2 Productions were planned and and 1 cancelled. Other planned productions postponed to Summer 23
JD announced that 3 productions will be staged within the next 12months:
 - Camp theatre in August 'Heros'
 - Old Time Music Hall in Oct. 2022
 - A Grown Up Panto or Murder Mystery Easter 2023
Looking to the future it is evident that the Players face some important challenges:
 - Due to easing back by previous and existing members – professionals in Stage, TV, Sound, Lighting and stage scenery. Members with such skills will need to be sourced.



- Changes in property ownership and rise of second home ownership has depleted the number of residents available and willing to take part
JD suggested that some of the concerns may simply resolve themselves, however, as a Committee we cannot leave that to chance.

Background / Initiatives to help underpin the Players future

- New Players Logo/Name retained/Logo design facelift
- New Ditsum Players website launched within the Dittisham Parish Council Website on 14.4.22.
- Pages :
 - History : From Day 1 of Players, courtesy of John Wells
 - Gallery: Pictures courtesy of Ian A'Court
 - Take Part: Encouraging active involvement
 - Membership: Friends on line application
 - Formalities: Includes; Constitution, Audited Accounts, Chairman & Treasurer's Report

JD requested feedback and ideas on further site improvement.

JD advised that JH is compiling a comprehensive e.mail contact list to achieve:

- Easy access to address people personally, selectively and quickly
- E.mail to be sent to e.mail contact list inviting addressee to be a Friend of Ditsum Players [FoDP]
- The invite will incorporate an on- line Friends application form

JD promoted SS suggestion of reintroducing Workshops and invite people to be actively involved in some of the key aspects in putting on a production.

6. Treasurer Report and Accounts

Attached to Minutes

Approved and proposed by JH Seconded by AS

IG advised that after the contribution to the cost of staging as well as the work to create a loft storage space in the Village Hall left available funds very low.

IG advised that she had changed the end of year to match the end of tax year ie. end of March.

John Wells enquired if players are insured. JD advised that the Players are covered under Village Hall insurance for 3 Productions a year and the Regatta Committee covers the insurance for the BBQ.

Ian A'Court asked if any fundraising apart from the income from the BBQ is planned. JD confirmed that there is a proposal to provide a BBQ at a Village Jubilee Sports event with a 50/50 split of profits with the Ukraine Appeal.

JD advised that profit was not the main driver for putting on a production and is looking at £1,500 as working capital. He stated that we always need to ensure sufficient funds



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on the next production. Any material margins generated would allow the Players to invest in operational needs and or support other community initiatives.

It was noted that the Players used to pay their due for hire by purchasing items, ie. Lighting, sound system, speakers, for their use and other users of the Village Hall.

7. Election of Committee

JD informed that Alun Sherwood 'our man in Cornworthy' has resigned. IA'C proposed his thanks to Alun.

JD advised that the Committee had co-opted Stella Stothard. Proposed by: John Wells & seconded by GM.

Election of Committee proposed by: AS and seconded by :John Wells.

8. Any Other Business

- i. Helen Woodman suggested that Jonathan Heighway will have a number of panto scripts, and Photos etc. which would be of interest.
- ii. Backcloth for 'Globe Theatre' Set. After discussion if it can be used it was agreed to retain the cloth, take off supports and if wood supports not good, discard.
- iii. JD advised new 'eyelets' are needed for the 'Blacks'
- iv. JH asked if the Committee would agree to organising a 'Cheese & Wine' evening to encourage new people to join the Players.
Agreed to discuss at the next meeting.
- v. JD agreed that we had a good, constructive meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd June 2022

At 6pm

Deedas Cottage