



Launton Village Players (Registered Charity No: 1190149)

Report to the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

April 12th.2022

In the spring of 2021 we looked into the possibility of putting on a show again after just over a year of not being able to perform. We planned this according to the government regulations that were in place at that time and managed to have our first rehearsal on May 16th. We had a Covid Risk assessment in place and prevention measures asking members to do a lateral flow tests before they came, rehearsing outside and ensuring we were well below the legal number allowed to meet. We are delighted to say that by the summer there were fewer restrictions and we were lucky enough to perform on August 14th and 15th in the beautiful garden of Bob and Maureen Roberts, our huge thanks to them both. The show was entitled "Another Opening, Another Show" and we raised £565.00 for The Hummingbird Centre in Launton.

Our thoughts then went to putting on a 2022 pantomime. Again we had a Covid Risk Assessment and we were able to get a grant from our County Councillor Ian Corkin which we put towards a HEPA filter. Our thanks to Ian Corkin for his support.

We performed in February 2022 in Cooper School Performance Hall and did 7 shows. Our audiences were smaller this year but they were all very enthusiastic and there was a wonderful atmosphere each time we performed. Everybody was glad to be back, actors and audiences. We told the story of Dick Whittington and included all the family participation parts that a panto should have. Poochy the dog seems to have stolen the show though! At the end we raised £2,570.00 to be divided between the Horton Hospital Children's Ward, Friends of Launton Parish Hall, The Blue Cross, Medical Detection Dogs, The Samaritans, The Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Bicester Baby Bank and The Somerville Foundation.

On April 9th we sang in Launton Grange Residential Home, and both us and the residents, had a really good time. It was wonderful to be doing community events again.

The trustees have been busy reviewing policies and updating them as well as approving any shows we do and ensuring we are achieving our charitable objects.

Our thanks must go to the whole LVP team who are so supportive and really rose to the occasion during the pantomime set up week this year, when some of the lead group were hit by Covid. We are lucky to have such a great team. Thank you too to our advertisers, sponsors and of course our audiences who have come along and been extra spectacular in supporting us.

Celia Evans 13/04/2022 (LVP Trustee)