

Launton Village Players (Registered Charity No: 1190149)



Report to the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

April 18th.2024

Launton Village Players have had a very successful year and our thanks must go to the whole team who give up so much of their time and work so hard to achieve these results.

On April 16th we had a Welcome Event for new members to come along and find out about LVP and see if they would like to join us for our next production. On May 30th we started rehearsals for our summer show "Come Rain or Shine". It was a mixture of sketches and songs as well as readings and poems. The highlights included an umbrella dance and a lawn chair drill; and we must also mention the "Films in Forty seconds" which really made our audiences laugh! The show was performed on the afternoons of July 15th and 16th and due to the strong winds and thunder storms became a "Show in a Shed" at Hare Leys Farm, Launton. The show went on- come rain or shine -and thank you to all in our audiences who came and cheered us on! We had full audiences and made £1400.00 which was donated to the Bicester Food Bank and UNICEF.

On April 29th we visited Launton Grange Residential Home and sang some old favourites such as "My Favourite Things" and "Oklahoma!"

On September 17th we had another Welcome Evening for potential new members and are happy to say we have gained some new members from both of our Welcome evenings.

Rehearsals for our 37th pantomime "Rapunzel" began on Friday October 27th.

On 15th October we sang at the Island Pond Wood event and enjoyed singing a selection of songs such as "Summer Holiday" and "Thank you for the Music."

In February this year we performed "Rapunzel" which was written and directed by Julia West with Steve Webber providing us with original music. Our audiences were very enthusiastic and we sold out a few weeks before the show and had a waiting list this year. In total we sold 1344 tickets. The story involved Rapunzel who was taken and locked in a tower by the evil Mother Gothel and our hero Bobby, with help from Felix the magical Phoenix, eventually rescued her. There was mayhem, music and much fun along the way.

"Rapunzel" raised £11000.00 for Bicester Autism and this money will contribute towards providing much needed support and opportunities to the families and carers of autistic children, those with ADHD or those awaiting a diagnosis of autism or ADHD.

The trustees have been busy reviewing and updating policies as well as approving any shows we do. We have put together a 5 year plan which includes raising money to buy new stage blocks as our present ones are reaching the end of their life.

Our thanks must go to the whole LVP team who are so supportive and we are lucky to have such a great and talented 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 24/03/2024 (LVP Trustee)