



Launton Village Players (Registered Charity No: 1190149)

Report to the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

April 17th.2025

In the spring of 2021 on April 20th Launton Village Players (LVP) visited Launton Grange where once again we enjoyed a singalong with the residents.

At the start of May we began rehearsals for "It's Showtime." This was a variety show including "Jigs in a Jiffy" and the "Beach Ball Ballet" and was performed on July 20th and 21st. £2,250.00 was raised and shared between the Bicester Baby Bank and our own Stage Block fund.

On June 8th LVP held a Bingo night organised by Sarah Nixey and Jackie Webber and many thanks to our caller Alan Howes. This was a packed evening and was great fun!

At the beginning of December we sang carols at the Launton Primary School Christmas Fayre. On Friday 13th December we went around the village singing Christmas Carols and raised £383.83 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Our 2025 pantomime was "Beauty and the Beast," written by Matin Evans and adapted and directed by Julia West with music by Steve Webber. We held an Open Evening on Sunday 15th September and rehearsals began on 6th November. The pantomime was held in the Cooper School Performance Hall from Wednesday 19th February to Saturday 22nd February. We had 7 shows and one was a relaxed performance again and for the first time we had a British Sign Language interpreter. Our Front of House team has been applauded by our reviewers for the warm welcome our audiences were given and then once in the Hall they enjoyed Steve the squirrel racing around on the stage and music from our band! The story was set in Fairy Tale Land which was eventually saved from the wicked witch Silenus. And of course Beauty and her Prince lived happily ever after. We sold over 1300 tickets and raised £12,500.00 for the Hummingbird Centre in Launton.

We now have 5 trustees and we have purchased some new staging which will be used for the first time this summer in our show "Heroes and Villains." Our thanks to Launton Parish Council for a grant towards this.

Thanks must also go to the whole LVP team who work so hard to put on our shows. 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 01/04/2025 (LVP Trustee)