



Launton Village Players (Registered Charity No: 1190149)

Report to the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

April 16th 2026

We had a stall at the Bicester Mayor's Charity event in Garth Park on 15th April 2025 which was a busy and enjoyable event.

On 1st June we started rehearsals for our summer show "Heroes and Villains" which was a mixture of sketches and songs. The highlights included a Superhero Skit and a 1980s finale medley. The shows were on 12th and 13th July in the Big Shed Theatre at Hare Leys Farm, Launton. We did 3 shows this year and made £1700.00 which was donated to LVP's Stage Block Fund.

Thanks to Miles and Eileen Penhallow, who are moving to Devon, and have donated their two large white marquees to LVP, and to Bob Roberts who has donated his gazebo; both donations are much appreciated.

We sang at Saxon Court on Saturday 20th September. Saxon Court donated £50 to the Firefighters Charity.

We sang carols at Launton School at their Christmas Fair on December 1st 2025, and on December 13th we sang around the village raising £283.83 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Panto tickets were put on sale before Christmas with an "early bird" discount as well as family discounts. Our 2026 "Treasure Island" panto was very well received and won the following awards from the Oxfordshire Drama Network:

- Best Choreography
- Best Chorus
- Best Supporting Role for Nik Sherriff as Polly
- And was placed 3rd for Overall Best Show

We raised a wonderful £11,000.00 from "Treasure Island" which will be divided equally between Dementia Active and Dementia Oxfordshire. We also collected £406 in the buckets on the doors which will also be equally divided.

We have now started plans for our 2026 summer production: Disney's Frozen, the West End Musical. We held an Open Evening in March and have welcomed 8 new members to the group.

Over the last 12 months LVP has also purchased new staging, which was used for our 2025 summer show and will be used again for our 2026 summer production. We would like to thank everyone who helped us raise the money, made donations or gave a grant, including Launton Parish Council.

The Trustees have met regularly and reviewed our Policies and Risk Assessments as well as holding regular Safeguarding meetings. We continue to belong to ODN and NODA. We have had a full year of activities, and our treasurer has carefully budgeted each production. Overall, the Trustees feel that LVP has had another very successful year.