

2022 Marlborough Dramatic Club AGM

Chairperson's statement

By Sue Grandison

GOOD EVENING, VICE PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR COMING.

FIRSTLY IT MUST BE REPORTED THAT WE SADLY LOST 3 VALUABLE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THIS PAST YEAR.

FIRSTLY, KEVIN WRIGHT WHO WAS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. HE ORGANISED THE BARN, DREW UP PLANS FOR PLAYS, HE ORGANISED, WITH THE HELP OF THE 'BARN BOYS' THE BUILDING OF THE SETS. JUST AS A SIDE LINE, HE MADE TEA IN A TEA POT AT THE BARN, I WONDER IF THAT WILL CONTINUE!

SECONDLY JANET CASS, JANET WAS A FRIEND TO ALL THE COMMITTEE, SHE WAS A LONG-STANDING MEMBER, AND COMMITTEE MEMBER. IT WOULD TAKE ME THE REST OF THE EVENING TO DO HER JUSTICE, SHE DIRECTED, PERFORMED, AND DID THE MEN'S MAKEUP. JAN WAS A VERY SUPPORTIVE MEMBER OF THE MARLBOROUGH DRAMATIC CLUB. SHE WAS FAMOUS FOR HER FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MEMORIAL HALL. THE FLOWERS HAD THEIR OWN SPOTLIGHT! SHE WAS VERY GENEROUS TO THE CLUB, SHE PAID FOR A SHED TO GO IN THE BARN TO PUT OUR COSTUMES IN. IT IS NAMED BILL'S SHED IN MEMORY OF HER DEAR HUSBAND, ANOTHER OF THE 'BARN BOYS' AS WAS MY HUSBAND JIM, HAPPY TIMES!

THIRDLY GRETA TAYLOR A VERY SUPPORTIVE MEMBER, SHE ATTENDED ALL THE PLAYS AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

NOW I MUST MENTION THE COMMITTEE. WITHOUT THEM THERE WOULD BE NO MARLBOROUGH DRAMATIC CLUB.

BRENDA LE-SURF HAS RESIGNED AS MINUTES SECRETARY AFTER OVER 4 YEARS. BRENDA HELPS WITH COSTUMES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND IS ALWAYS THERE WHEN THE SET GOES UP AND COMES DOWN. SHE HELPS AT THE BARN, WHAT MY LATE HUSBAND WOULD SAY SHE IS A GREAT ALL-ROUNDER. I MUST MENTION THE HOME-MADE SPONGE CAKE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THAT IS A BONUS. BRENDA WILL STILL BE ON THE COMMITTEE – THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

JULIETTE IS ONE OF OUR NEWEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SHE HAS ACTED, AND NOW SHE IS OUR NEW MINUTE SECRETARY. JULIETTE ALSO DOES THE NEWSLETTER WHICH IS ALSO WONDERFUL FOR OUR PUBLICITY. JULIETTE

IS ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO WILL DO ANYTHING SHE CAN TO HELP. THANK YOU, JULIETTE.

MARK IS OUR TREASURER; HE TOOK OVER FROM ROY SCOTT. MARK KEEPS US ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW. HE IS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND MAKES SURE THAT WE DON'T OVERSPEND. MARK IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUND AND LIGHTING, IN CHARGE ON OUR WEBSITE, AND WE NOW DO INTERNET BANKING AND HAVE A CARD READER TO TAKE PAYMENTS AT CLUB MEETINGS. THANK YOU, MARK, FOR ALL YOU DO.

PAT STALEY, VICE PRESIDENT, HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN FROM THE COMMITTEE AFTER OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE. PAT HAS BEEN A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND A PAST CHAIRMAN. AS WELL AS ACTING AND DIRECTING PLAYS, PAT HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE PASSING ON HER KNOWLEDGE. THE COMMITTEE WILL MISS YOU, AND I HOPE YOU WILL STILL DO THE RAFFLE WHEN WE HAVE ONE.

MARGARET CORRY, ANOTHER LONG-STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER HAS SUFFERED HEALTH ISSUES THIS PAST YEAR. SHE IS A VICE PRESIDENT, AND WE ARE STILL IN TOUCH AND LOOK FORWARD TO HER COMING BACK.

KAROL PATTEN ONE OF OUR NEWEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAS TAKEN OVER AS SECRETARY. WE WISH YOU LOTS OF LUCK, YOU HAVE PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM, THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON THE JOB. KAROL IS ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO HELPS WHENEVER SHE CAN.

HARRY MORRISON IS RESTING FROM THE COMMITTEE. HARRY WE WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE ALWAYS YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY, HARRY'S JOB WAS SECRETARY BUT WITHIN WEEKS HE WAS BOOKING BRENTWOOD SCHOOL FOR PLAYS AND REHEARSALS, BOOKING HALLS FOR QUIZ NIGHTS, HE BOUGHT PLAY BOOKS, OBTAINED THE LICENSE FOR PLAYS, ARRANGED PRODUCTION MEETINGS, KEPT IN TOUCH WITH THE DIRECTOR AND CAST, HE WAS ALSO A BARN BOY, PAINTING SCENERY ETC. HE HAS ACTED, HELPED FRONT OF HOUSE AND HELPED WITH THE REFRESHMENTS DURING THE PLAY, HE ALSO LIAISES WITH THE CARETAKERS AT THE SCHOOL AND I AM SURE I MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING! HARRY, YOU DESERVE A GOOD REST, BUT THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID FOR ME AS CHAIRMAN, AND FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE CLUB. PLEASE COME BACK ONE DAY.

BILL WELLS JOINED OUR COMMITTEE THIS YEAR, HE BRINGS WITH HIM A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE, AS AN ACTOR AND DIRECTOR, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE HIM ON BOARD. HE IS TAKING OVER AS CHAIRMAN; I COULDN'T HAND OVER TO ANYONE BETTER. I HOPE YOU ENJOY BEING CHAIRMAN AS MUCH AS I HAVE. I AM STAYING ON AS COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH BILL'S PERMISSION, ONE PROVISIO IS THAT I RAISE MY HAND BEFORE SPEAKING. I WILL DO MY BEST BILL!

WE ALSO WELCOME STEVE BEARPARK THANK YOU STEVE FOR COMING ON THE COMMITTEE. HE KNOWS EVERYBODY AS HE HELPS AT THE BARN,

ANOTHER BARN BOY, AND DOES THE LIGHTING AND SOUND FOR OUR PRODUCTIONS. STEVE IS A VERY SUPPORTIVE MEMBER. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST GEORGE CHURCHILL WHO WILL HELP WHEN EVER HE CAN AND IS ALSO ANOTHER BARN BOY.

JEAN AND KEITH MORGAN HAVE VOICED THEIR INTENTION TO HELP ALL THEY CAN.

THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE MARLBOROUGH DRAMATIC CLUB WHAT IT IS!



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Chairperson's statement – RIDER

By Harry Morrison

As a rider to the chairman's statement, I would just like to mention that we performed a very funny one act play entitled 'Lockdown in Little Grimley' by David Tristram and directed by James Biddles which was very well attended at Shenfield Parish Hall on 29 April this year. This had an excellent cast – Bill Wells, Juliette Bird, Roy Hobson, and June Fitzgerald. The comedy and physical actions of this foursome provided a great deal of laughter from the audience. This was followed by a very welcome ploughman's supper which was enjoyed by all including the cast who had just sung for their supper!