



CHAIR'S REPORT 2024

What a year it has been for SHADDO; coming off the back of our last AGM where we had an almost entire change of committee and a genuine fear about the future of SHADDO, to where we currently stand feels like a complete 180° turn.

We have had a number of big successes this year;

- An Evening of Farce marked the first non-panto show we have put on in a number of years and it was a sell out show! Getting both old hands and new actors into the mix, and with some impressive stunt work the likes of which we haven't done before, mixed together to make a genuinely enjoyable evening for all those onstage and in the audience. A huge thanks go to Ange and Charmaine for organising!
- Our Pantomime, Goldilocks & the Three Bears. Every year I am blown away by just how many people all come together, bringing their time, experience, and dedication to make it all work. We never fail to impress and wow, each year using what we learnt the previous year to put on a bigger and better show! Better communication with the hall this year really allowed us work to our fullest and provides hope for the future. As directors, a specific highlight of both Ellie and myself was the number of juniors we could involve this year; which brings us onto:
- Our youth group! This came from a brilliant suggestion from Becky, and a willingness and passion to be the one to drive it forward. A lot of paperwork later, and a very generous grant from the parish council, allowed us to make this a reality. The energy and enthusiasm the juniors came with radiated through the cast and brought a real shine to the performance. We hope that we'll be able to see even more of their acting skills next year!

This isn't even all we have done this year, a post panto pizza party to celebrate our success, a spring BBQ hosted by Simon G, and much more!

SHADDO has been a big part of my life for the past 17 years, and something I hope will stay in my life for long to come. We have all been members for different lengths of time, but regardless of if you've been here since year one, or if for you its year one, everyone is always welcomed and accepted. We are always looking for new committee members, new ideas, and new members, so don't be shy!

Here's to 2023/24, and to making 2024/25 an even better year for us!

Henry
SHADDO Chair