



**MINUTES OF SHADDO AGM
HELD ON THURSDAY 24th APRIL
AT THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON PLAYHATCH**

PRESENT:

Gareth Jones, Pam Hudgell, Angela Jones, Beryl Lawson, Fred Lawson, Elizabeth Tyler, Liz James, Terry James, Peter Crowther, Angela Cadman, Steve Matthews, Pip Collings, Neil McAdam, Neill Wilkinson, Rosemary Appleby, Phil Johnson, Neil George, Mark Manson, Simon Classey

APOLOGIES:

Harriet Thomas, Liz Thomas

1. Adoption of Chair for meeting

Liz James was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair for the AGM. Liz welcomed everyone and commented on the excellent attendance. Apologies were recorded for the minutes.

2. Election of Officers, Executive Committee and Auditor for 2014 – 2015

The following were proposed, seconded and elected to serve for the period 2014 – 2015:

Liz James	Chair and committee member (interim)
TBC	Vice-chair and committee member
Gareth Jones	Treasurer and committee member
Pip Collings	Secretary and committee member
Peter Crowther	Committee member
Rosemary Appleby	Committee member
Steve Matthews	Committee member
Simon Classey	Committee member
Neill Wilkinson	Committee member
Phil Johnson	Committee member
Eryl Price-Davies	Committee member (TBC)

Elizabeth Tyler

Committee member

Neil McAdam

Auditor Elizabeth Tyler

Liz thanked the committee for its work throughout the year, and gave a big thank you to Harriet Thomas, Angela Cadman and Hilary tucker who are all standing down after 15 years' service. The meeting thanked Gareth for all his work as Treasurer.

3. Chair's Report for 2013 – 2014

Liz James delivered the report for this year on behalf of Harriet Thomas.

Welcome members, friends, supporters and stalwarts of Shaddo to this years AGM. It is with regret that I can't be with you guys this evening due to the unfortunate collision of the AGM with both Exeter Little Theatre's reading of 'Noises Off' which is to be this years autumn production and auntie's babysitting responsibilities – I will no doubt be playing the part of the dinosaur in this evenings bathtime production!

Anyway, enough dithering and back to the plotline...I'm very proud to have held the role of chair through another dramatic and successful year of Shaddo and what a year it has been.

The 2013/14 programme began with the exploration of Shiplake on the safari supper which brought members together and built enthusiasm for the year to come...

In act 1, the series of play readings have been; whilst no doubt time consuming for Pip to organise (thank you so much Pip!), great fun for the rest of us. Despite varied turnouts people have worked hard to fit it into their schedules and made a real effort to get involved. It has been great to see a few newer faces there as well as several skulkers who we have not seen on stage for a while. The variety of plays, roles, accents and performances have been a delight and long may they continue to be a regular feature on the Shaddo programme! Hopefully these events will spur some enthusiasm and someone new will step forward wanting to direct one of plays read.

Act 2 took us to this year's French themed mystère assassiner, another triumph which, with a bit of promotion, could be a perfect addition to our selection of evening entertainments for other local organisations. I believe we still have a Wuthering Heights one waiting in the wings for an excuse to perform? – perhaps this will make it into the 2015/16 programme.

Whilst in act 3, we were treated to the enchantment (oh yes it was!) of Beauty and the Beast. Aply and communally organised and directed by first time (and hopefully not the last time) director Pip and regular of stage and voice Neil M. The photos are up on the website to prove it if you haven't already seen them (oh no they're not!, oh yes they are!). Not only was this performance entertaining but came in underbudget to make a healthy profit for the beast's coffers and the prince's treasury or perhaps to save up for some Shaddo storage?. Rik's beast, Matt's French poodle and Angela's wicked witch will no doubt go down in Shaddo history as will Pip's YouTube dance video – is there a link to this on the website?

As the curtain falls on this year I'd like to thank all members, friends, supporters and reprobates for their continued engagement, enthusiasm and commitment to Shaddo – bring on the next show! I hope to see a full 2014/15 programme of social events, play readings, murder mysteries, one act plays, safari suppers and pantomimes for me to come back to see. Good luck to Simon in organising the Wilfred Owen event which I hope will receive the support it needs. I'll be keeping my eye on the website and emails for updates and will be in

touch when I need to borrow costumes and props! Thank you to this year's committee for all their hard work and good luck to next years committee with all their endeavours – keep the momentum going and all do your bit to keeping it going! Thank you all for the last 15 years of fun!

Harriet ☺

The third wicked witch of the West Country?

2. Treasurer's Report for 2012 – 2013

Gareth delivered this report. A copy of the report is annexed to the original minutes and published on the SHADDO website. The overall financial picture is healthy with a bank credit balance of £7881.13 as of 28 February 2014.

There was some discussion of possible future expenditure:

It was agreed that SHADDO would make a contribution of £100 to the memorial Hall as a thank you for use of the tower for costume storage.

Phil suggested that if future renovations are planned, we ask the Memorial Hall to prioritise the top floor of the tower so we can use it to store costumes in a more accessible manner. It was agreed that SHADDO would contribute towards the cost of the renovations. Gareth will take this to the next Memorial Hall meeting.

3. Future Activities

SHADDO members and supporters were asked for their ideas for future activities. The following is a summary of the ideas, proposed events and organisers where appropriate:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Details and timing</i>	<i>Co-ordinator</i>
Play Readings	1 st Monday of each month	Pip Collings
Summer BBQ	Social event at Phil's House 19 th July 2014 TBC	Phil Johnson
Wilfred Owen/WW1 Memorial Events	A vigil to commemorate the life of Wilfred Owen 4 th August 2014 at Dunsden Church.	Simon Classey
	British Legion WW1 lunch with readings 16 th August at Shiplake Memorial Hall	Rosemary Appleby
	Songs, readings and a play in memory of Wilfred Owen	Simon Classey

8th November 2014 at
Dunsden Church

Under Milk Wood	Production of this play in autumn	Becky Ilderton
Pantomime	Scripts are being considered. Pip will direct and is looking for a co-director. Performance dates will be 29 th , 30 th and 31 st January 2015. Launch in mid September	Pip Collings
Murder Mystery	Spring 2015	Angela Jones
Comedy evening	2015	Gareth/Angela Jones

4. Any other business

None was raised

5. Date of committee meeting

Wednesday 28th May, 8.00pm at Gateways, Station Road, Shiplake RG9 3NY

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Attached: Treasurer's Report

Shaddo AGM 2014 – Treasurer’s Report

I have to start by saying it’s been a terrible year. When I took over as Treasurer I was given specific instructions to spend and reduce the bank balance, but I’ve failed as we’ve actually increased the bank balance by over £800! The main culprit is the Panto – but I’ll come to that later.

Firstly I should note that this report covers a shorter than usual financial year – from May 1st 2013 to 28th February 2014. This is because there were a number of delays in finalising the receipts and expenditure from the 2013 Panto. In order to give an annual report which is more directly comparable with those for previous years it was decided to defer the year-end for 2012-13 to 30 April 2013 so that all 2013 Panto income and expenditure could be included.

Our main sources of income are the membership subscriptions and the profits from performances. Subscriptions for the year amounted to £240 (though there are were a couple of late ones that will come into next year’s accounts). The Panto generated £1294.73 (even though it was targeted to break even), the Murder Mystery generated £476.18 and we raised £20 from the sale of surplus props. Total income for the year was £2,030.91

On the expenditure side as a society our main ongoing cost is the insurance for our membership. This and our Noda membership added up to £400.20p this year. This is the baseline cost to keep us going as a society. Together with £16 of general admin expense this gives a total admin expense for the year of £416.20

We held two social events for members: the AGM and a Safari Supper. The AGM combines with business and pleasure and has been one of our best sources of new members, particularly to the Committee. The total spend on social events was £159.87. (NB A deposit of £40 for the AGM is included in the previous year’s accounts.)

As well as items purchased for our productions, which are included in the accounts for the production, we purchased a number of other items, amounting to £ 116.67 in total.

Finally, the Murder Mystery was held as a fund raiser for the Memorial Hall so the net proceeds of £476.18 were donated to the Memorial Hall.

Our total expenditure for the year was £1168.92, leaving us with a net increase in funds of £861.99.

Coming back to the Panto – I’d budgeted on the basis of a break even but in the event we made over £1200. This was partly due to better than expected ticket sales (although not one performance sold out completely) but mostly due to much lower production costs than expected. This year we tried a different approach with ticket prices – and reduced the Thursday evening price to £5 when it appeared sales were very low. As a result we had our best Thursday night audience ever, and with, I believe, only a small impact on Friday night attendance. The recorded seat sales were as follows:

- Thursday 98
- Friday 68
- Saturday Matinee 103
- Saturday Evening 132

One key thing to note is that we don’t have any direct storage expenses. The Memorial Hall has been very accommodating to us and we have a significant amount of equipment, costumes and props secreted away in dark corners. In the current year we have already invested in a number of storage boxes to protect clothes and props from the rather dank atmosphere of the tower and we have allocated £1000 to invest in trolleys to help us move and store heavy items more effectively.

We have ended the year with again, a more than healthy balance sheet and, in my personal view, it would be lovely to see this depleted by additional productions.

Production Reports

Murder Mystery 9 Nov 13		
Income		
Ticket Sales	£	870.00
Bar sales	£	278.60
		<u>£ 1,148.60</u>
Expenses		
Bar costs	£	206.45
Hall Fees	£	227.63
Food & Misc	£	193.84
Serving Support	£	40.00
Prizes	£	-
Set & Decoration	£	-
Misc	£	4.50
	£	<u>672.42</u>
Net Proceeds	£	<u>476.18</u>

Pantomime Jan/Feb 2014		
Income		
Ticket Sales		
Advance Sales	£	794.00
Shop Sales - Shiplake	£	1,248.00
Shop Sales - Binfield Heath	£	1,107.00
Door Sales & Programmes	£	450.00
		<u>£ 3,599.00</u>
Bar sales (net)		£ 468.06
		£ 4,067.06
Expenses		
Licence & Fees	£	230.00
Publicity & sales	£	260.76
Rehearsal/Performance Facilities	£	1,039.40
Production		
Stage & Set	£	329.66
Costume & Props	£	329.47
Sound & Lighting hire	£	286.92
Sound & Lighting purchases	£	180.25
		<u>£ 1,126.30</u>
Gifts & Entertainment	£	95.09
Admin & Miscellaneous	£	20.78
		<u>£ 2,772.33</u>
NET PROCEEDS	£	1,294.73

SHADDO		Annual Statement	
		2013 / 14	
Income:			
Membership Subs		£	240.00
Productions Net Proceeds			
Pantomime	£	1,294.73	
Murder Mystery	£	476.18	£ 1,770.91
Miscellaneous			
Equipment Sale	£	20.00	
Bank Interest	£	-	£ 20.00
			<u>£ 2,030.91</u>
Expenses:			
Purchases:			
Glasses	£	23.16	
Scripts	£	93.51	£ 116.67
Social events:			
AGM	£	139.00	
Safari Supper	£	20.87	£ 159.87
Administrative Expenses:			
Insurance	£	330.60	
Subscriptions (to NODA)	£	69.60	
General admin	£	16.00	£ 416.20
Donations:			
Memorial Hall Fund	£	476.18	£ 476.18
			<u>£ 1,168.92</u>
Net Income		£	861.99
Opening Balance 1 May 2013		£	7,019.14
Closing Balance 28 Feb 2014		£	7,881.13
Accruals:			
Cheques issued but not yet cashed			
Staging, gifts & Misc	£	165.61	
Scripts	£	12.00	
Stage paint	£	53.99	
			<u>£ 231.60</u>
Cheques received but not yet banked			
	£	-	
	£	-	
<i>Cash</i>	£	5.00	
<i>At Bank 28 Feb 14</i>	£	8,107.73	
<i>Net accruals</i>	-£	231.60	
	£	7,881.13	