

## ILMINSTER ENTERTAINMENTS SOCIETY – Programme Committee

### Minutes from meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom

#### 1. **Present:**

Chris Williamson, Sally Carrington, Brian Perkins, Malcolm Young, Julie Fowler and Paula Joslyn.

#### **Apologies:**

Dave Goodall.

#### 2. **Minutes from 11/3/21 and any matters arising:**

- Minutes approved.
- No matters arising.

#### 3. **SFD Drama Festival – updates:**

- Frome – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Valda's rehearsals are all going well. CW sorting licence. The cast & crew are aiming to run the play at The Warehouse on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 4. **2021 – Autumn Productions:**

- Play proposals from Irene Glynn, Scott Waldie and Peter Bucks.
- In-depth discussions about all suggestions and options.
- In conclusion, CW proposed Irene's 'The Titfield Thunderbolt' for our Autumn Production – it is a comedy, and it is a well-known and popular play. We also believe it may suit our audience well.
- We are only going to have two productions between September and Christmas, rather than our usual three: The Titfield Thunderbolt and Tom's Midnight Garden. This will enable us focus all of our efforts and energies on making these productions as high quality and successful as possible, whilst we are still navigating our way through and out of the pandemic restrictions.
- We are happy to welcome Peter Bucks to our theatre. He has directed plays elsewhere; this will be his first experience directing with the IES. Therefore, we will propose him directing one of his suggestions in the One Acts in February 2022.
- CW to take this back to all three Directors, with a proposal that Scott and Irene may wish to direct a suggestion in a 2022 slot. He will report back to the committee.
- CW has applied for the licence for Tom's Midnight Garden – he will inform the committee when he has received further correspondence.

**5. 2021 Incoming shows/theatre hire updates:**

- Greenfylde C of E First School provisionally booked for 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July – awaiting confirmation from Sian Sainsbury.
- Bethany Goodman pushing to put tickets on sale – we don't normally put tickets on sale until six weeks before the show.

**6. 2022 Productions - proposals:**

- CW will put out another call for Directors – specifically focussed on April/June productions and One Acts in February.

**7. Any Other Business:**

- SC – social event in garden: Afternoon Tea/ Picnic – hot and soft drinks can be provided. BYO alcohol. Committee members agreed it may be best if food is BYO too. Members only.

A few cars can park nearby, but an rsvp would be helpful for planning/accommodating vehicles.

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

SC will put together an invite for CW to send to the Trustees to okay – this will then be sent out to members.

- CW – 'Night Must Fall' – The Swan is opening its doors with the play they were opening when we went into lockdown in March 2020. We wish them well and will be interested on how this goes.

**8. Date of next meeting:**

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 7pm. (Hopefully in person!)