

ILMINSTER ENTERTAINMENTS SOCIETY – Programme Committee

Minutes from meeting on Thursday 1st July 2021 @ 7pm, at

The Warehouse Theatre

1. Present:

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

Apologies:

None.

2. Minutes from 29/4/21 and any matters arising:

- Minutes approved.
- Tone Clusters and All England Festival: the play is going through to the next stage at The Merlin Theatre in Frome. Happy with the adjudication from Phillip De Glanville, including the pointers for going forward. The performance will take place on 17th July, (audience still not at full capacity.) Congratulations to the team and wishing you every success going forward!

3. 2021 Productions:

a.) The Titfield Thunderbolt:

Irene has set read-through dates for Mon 26th and Tues 27th July, with auditions on Mon 2nd and Weds 4th August.

b.) Tom's Midnight Garden:

Read-through and auditions will be early September.

Both licences all sorted – CW will sort payment for these soon.

4. 2021 Incoming shows:

- Kingsbury School has cancelled.
- Greenfyld are keeping their booking, but they will be filming the production and inviting parents to view at a later date, rather than having a live audience.
- Theatre For All (TFA) Cinderella: 30th & 31st July.
- Youth Theatre Summer School: 02nd – 06th August
- Bethany Goodman, (Bronte) – 17th September, (no advertising material as yet.)
- Isle Valley Flower Club have postponed until spring 2022.

5. 2022 Productions:

a.) One Acts

There will be an item in the upcoming newsletter.

CW had a very positive meeting with Peter Bucks. Peter is withdrawing his Tom Stoppard suggestion for the time-being, (due to not wanting to stretch YT members too thinly for the One Acts.)

He is now proposing two Theatre of the Absurd pieces for the Committee's consideration; 'The Chairs' and 'The Bespoke Overcoat'. SC has taken the scripts to read in the first instance.

Lucy Young and some older YT members are looking for a One Act, so they will keep us informed.

b.) Other proposals

Committee members have considered Scott Waldie's proposal of 'Yellow Sands'. The concern is the length, as it is a three-act play, so if we proceeded, it would need some cuts.

After discussion, it was agreed that we will keep it until the next meeting for further consideration.

6. Any Other Business:

- SC – Garden Party social will now take place on the 1st August, from 3pm.
- PJ – Social evenings at the theatre. We would like to get them up and running again from September onwards, and we would also be looking for various people willing to take this on.
- BP – Tuesday evening's performance of Tone Clusters was the best ever!
- DG – The Literary Festival will be selling their own tickets. Thursday Club dates clarified with MY. Harrimans are still selling theatre tickets for Warehouse, but continuing High Street sales are a consideration going forward. CW confirmed this will be discussed at the next Trustees meeting.
- CW – Thinking about our succession: CW is going to be taking over the Treasurer role from JW, therefore he is happy to continue with jobs such as attaining the licences, but he would no longer wish to be Chairman of the Programme Committee. We discussed the shaping of the Committee for next year, (from autumn,) and PJ and JF also said that they would be happy to step down when new members are ready to replace us.
 - 'Night Must Fall' at The Swan is this month.

7. Date of next meeting:

- Thursday 19th August 2021, at 7pm, at The Warehouse Theatre.