

Minutes from meeting on Monday 20th September 2021
7pm at the theatre

1. Present:

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

Not present: Julie Fowler.

2. Minutes from 1st July 2021, matters arising:

- Minutes approved.
- Congratulations to Tone Clusters team that came an amazing second in the All England Theatre Festival finals in Bridlington.
- Cinderella by Theatre for All theatre hire went well, they were very happy and considering coming back in the future. The event was well attended and no issues with Covid protocols etc.
- Youth Theatre Summer School was full and very successful. The end of week performance to friends and family only was impressive and we hope that there will be further future summer schools.

3. The Titfield Thunderbolt (October 2021)

- All cast and going well in rehearsal.
- Licence and Phoebe Rees entry all arranged.
- Publicity now the main focus.

4. Tom's Midnight Garden (December 2021)

- Auditions have been held and majority of cast set.
- Working with Youth Theatre to fill remaining your cast. Most youth doubled but 2 main young leads will be licenced to do whole run.
- Looking for assistance with costumes, props and prompt, CW to send list of volunteers as well as asking those unsuccessful in auditions.
- Licence arranged and Phoebe Rees entry to be sorted.
- Rehearsal schedule being distributed, with 3 extra scripts needed (CW to order) and PRS requirements checked.

5. 2022 IES shows

- One Acts: all in favour of Peter Bucks' proposal of Ionesco's The Chairs. CW to confirm with Peter, who will need experienced producer as he is new to the theatre.
- One Acts: Lucy Driver [LD] has put forward 'Spy Fry' as a Youth Theatre production. Committee to read through it but all in general agreement that it is likely to be accepted.
- One Acts: Leaves us still looking for a third play – further call out at AGM and after to membership. Dates confirmed as 23-26 Feb 2022.
- Spring production: LD has put forward 'Play On' which has been distributed and read, a play set in a school as a joint IES Youth and

Adult production. All in favour of the production and excited about the joint nature. LD suggested dates in March. CW to confirm play with LD and liaise with her as to whether it's possible to move it into April to fit our normal production scheduling.

- Summer Production: All agreed to Scott Waldie's proposal of 'Yellow Sands'. It was noted that as a committee we felt the play could be improved with some cuts. CW to confirm play and put this to Scott. He has requested a producer to assist him and this to be arranged by the New year. Dates confirmed as 22-25 June 2022.

6. Theatre Hire and Incoming shows

- Bethany Goodman's 'Bronte' show had a small audience of 50+ but was successful with many positive comments. She is happy and considering returning with a new Eva Cassidy show in the future.
- Comedy Night confirmed for Sat 27 Nov 2021 with May date to be provisionally booked. Tickets confirmed at £12.
- Literary Festival now included a final performance of 'Tone Clusters' on Sunday 14 Nov. The profits for this, after expenses, will be split between IES and ILT. ILT to sell tickets. Licence to be arranged.
- 'Around the World in 80 Days' a touring production from Rain or Shine Theatre Company has been confirmed for Thursday 20 Jan 2022 on a box office split after Seaty costs.
- Musical show, 'The New Jersey Boys' has been in contact. After looking at details it was decided not to pursue a box office split with this show, instead offer a theatre hire. This has now been agreed at professional hire fee for Sat 5th Feb 2022.

7. Any Other Business:

- The trustees have decided that ticket prices will be going up. Child from £5 to £6 immediately and adult from £10 to £12 in the new year.
- Youth Theatre Arts Award certificates have been presented to the first group. The next level of Art Award course to be offered this autumn followed by another introductory level course later in the year.
- Looking to the AGM for new members to join the Prog Com, especially an audience representative to replace JF who is standing down – Thanks expressed for her work over many years.
- MY is willing to continue with contracts but happy to step away if anyone wishes to take over. CW and PJ also happy to step away when new members join as all three have acted on this committee for a number of years.
- Valda Dagnell has been working on some short 5 minute sketched to be performed at the Big Green week event in Ilminster this coming weekend.

8. Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed after the AGM.