

## **WATS REPORT for ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**2023**

Good evening. This Season has been rather better for Walberswick Amateur Theatrical Society in that we have now been able to meet each month, apart from 10<sup>th</sup> October evening, when Covid-19 was still making getting together difficult.

Looking back at last year, our country seems to have had a Kaleidoscope of changes, as the world changes too.

Most of us have had a life without seeing War, suddenly we have been thrown into an era of Covid-19, of war in Ukraine, and the loss of our dearly loved Queen Elizabeth. We have been rather shaken out of our happy Walberswick existence.

We have had the continuation of Covid-19, however with the vaccine progression, and thus more immunity and defence this is not affecting social life quite so profoundly as in the two previous years.

We have managed to hold onto our small Happy Zones, one of which is our steady WATS' evenings. Although we have moved from home gatherings to the Village Hall, we have managed to continue and to enjoy our Play Readings this season.

Thus, Walberswick Amateur Theatrical Society has been able to gather itself together and this season has brought us back to much more like normality. WATS is alive and well!

Numbers attending our gatherings have decreased a little. Sadly, we lost dear Pam Webb, and Shirley-Anne Humphreys, and now very recently our Mary Nuttall who dreamed-up, wrote and we acted out her interesting and fun plays for our Annual Parties. Erica Donnellan has moved away too. We miss them all.

The Plays we have read are:

14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 "The Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon, directed by Peter Austin and Rosie Gerrell, with a cast of seven.

12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Edward & Diana Wright presented the Play which had been planned for Christmas 2021. It was most happily received.

21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, we enjoyed our Annual Party. Numbers were down from previous years, but we still thoroughly enjoyed it. Our lovely caterers, Sharon and Toby and team provided and served a delicious meal. We were entertained in playing Charades, and a couple of guessing games which I had prepared.

13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Viv and Alvin produced "Touch & Go" a comedy by Derek Benfield with a cast of five.

13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Jill produced for us, "Blue Suede Blues", and amusing play with a cast of six.

We have found this season that play-sets are not so easy to come by through the library. We need to plan a bit ahead in order to get the scripts promptly and select a play which the library actually holds.

Our present Committee has agreed to continue for another year. The Committee is thus:

Chairman	Mrs Judy Morton
Vice Chairman & Membership	Mrs Doris Brynley-Jones
Treasurer	Mr Mark Waller
Village Hall Representative	Mr Alvin Hunt
Committee: Mr Clive Brynley-Jones, Mr Peter Austin, Mrs Diana Wright, Mr Bill Willison, and Mrs Jill Willison	

We begin our new Season on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will meet in the Village Hall.

We continue to have refreshments during our readings, but have introduced a glass of wine, which all members are really enjoying.

*Judy Morton Chairman 15<sup>TH</sup> April 2023*