



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2020 (via Zoom)

Present:

Hilary Tucker, Angela Jones, Cheryl Milne, Simon Classey, Rebecca Strong, Pam Hudgell, Gareth Jones, Neill Wilkinson, Henry Loud

Apologies:

Ellie Classey, Liz James

1. Matters arising

(a) Update on further online play readings/events held to date

Gareth and Angela reported that they had held an online reading of a new Little Grimley play (about Little Grimley in lockdown). The participants found the script to be very funny and the event went very well.

It was agreed that these online readings would be continued. Anyone wanting to hold one could access the scripts on the Shaddo website and could book a Zoom slot to use the "Shaddo paid" Zoom account which was not limited to 40 minutes.

Cheryl and Pam said that they would be aiming to organise online play readings in the near future.

Action: Cheryl, Pam and others wishing to host play reading or online events (e.g. Murder Mysteries)

(b) Newsletter feedback

Cheryl reported that she had not received any feedback from members but she thought there had been 80 views on the website.

It was agreed that we would continue with the newsletter for the time being and Cheryl agreed to produce a monthly one for the Shaddo website.

The committee discussed additional places where the newsletter could potentially appear. Cheryl agreed to ask Carol about arrangements for putting one on the village notice board and Gareth suggested it could also appear on the Shiplake Villages website.

Action: Cheryl

(c) Entertainment page(s) on Shaddo website

Gareth explained that he was "winding down" the online entertainment page as many theatrical companies were now turning their attention elsewhere and were not providing so much online entertainment as they had been doing during the main lockdown period.

Gareth had asked members for comments on continuing this feature and would bear any in mind, but would probably look to wind this up from end of July. The committee discussed the

possibility that this could recommence later this year, depending on circumstances (e.g. in September or October when people would be spending less time outside). The committee also discussed the possibility of turning this into a members' review page where they could add feedback on performances they had seen. Gareth suggested that committee members might like to add two or three lines now of any recommendations.

Cheryl had received information from Kirsty about specific online entertainment for juniors and would assess this and liaise with Gareth about whether to add this to the website and whether to create a junior page.

Action – Gareth, Cheryl

(d) Memorial garden and box hedge

The only issue was the condition of the box hedge and the garden was otherwise in good shape. It was agreed that it would probably be difficult to solve the issue with the hedge and that it might improve with time in any event. Meanwhile it was agreed that the committee would continue to assist with watering and monitoring the garden and that any issues would be discussed at future meetings.

Action – Committee as a whole

(e) Shaddo Zoom account

Gareth reported that he had used this facility quite a lot and Cheryl reported that she had also used it. Gareth and Angela had run three murder mysteries to date and had adapted them for online use. They kindly agreed that others were welcome to have access to these murder mystery materials and they could either host or lend the materials as required.

It was agreed that this paid Zoom account would be kept going for the time being. It was felt that this could also be useful for future meetings or even rehearsals.

There were no other matters arising.

2. Snow Queen online Pantomime read through

Simon reported that this event had gone well and that it was an interesting script with good dialogue and scenery. Simon was thanked for organising the read through event and Becca was thanked for locating the script.

The overall view was that this was an interesting script and was capable of being visually stunning as well as providing something different from the "usual" type of Panto script. It was felt that in order to be successful, a relatively large cast would be required and it would be necessary for the dialogue to be slickly performed.

It was felt that this would be the number one choice of script at present, when the time came to do a Pantomime (see below).

The committee agreed to look at other Snow Queen scripts so as to provide some comparison re casting demands, detail level, type of dialogue etc. Pam, Gareth, Simon and Henry agreed to source and evaluate additional scripts for this purpose and to report back at the next meeting.

Action: Pam, Gareth, Simon, Henry

3. Future Shaddo events for 2020/2021

There was a detailed committee discussion about the future programme.

The conclusion was that, at present, it was very difficult to plan ahead due to all the uncertainty with the Covid situation.

It was decided, after discussion, that we would not do a Shaddo Pantomime in January 2021 but would put this on hold. This would be announced to members in the July newsletter.

However, it might be possible to hold other events. Possibilities discussed included:

An outdoor production in spring or summer 2021 – perhaps with a picnic

The committee members named above, plus any others wanting to look for scripts, would also look for potential scripts which might suit such an outdoor production. King Arthur was one suggestion as the jousting theme might suit an outside location. This idea would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action: Pam, Gareth, Simon, Henry and any others wishing to locate script suggestions

An online variety show, perhaps before Christmas 2020

The committee thought that this might be a nice idea and it could involve a wide variety of items such as magic, comedy, poems or music etc. The idea would be that members wishing to perform would be given a "slot" and other members could watch via Zoom.

This would be discussed at the next meeting and Gareth and Neill would think about the technical aspects of holding this type of event on Zoom.

Action: Gareth, Neill, everyone to consider for next meeting

It was also recognised that we would like to hold additional Shaddo social events as, if and when possible. These could not be planned at present but this would be kept under review.

4. Date of next meeting and any other business

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Hilary would send out minutes of this meeting as soon as possible with action points marked and would send out an agenda prior to the next meeting.

Action: Hilary

There was no other business and Cheryl closed the meeting with thanks to the committee for their action and input to date.

Next meeting – Wednesday 12 August at 7.30pm via Zoom