

Pratt's Bottom Dramatic Society

AGM 11th September 2019

Present

Joyce Gosnell

Carole Spencer

Val McLaren

John Birch

Richard Kelogue

Tessa Knott

Davina Pike

Roland Coombes

Minutes from 2018 were agreed and no matters arising.

Chairman's report

Joyce felt it was a very successful year. This includes the forthcoming Murder Mystery evening in October. Carole has successfully cast and rehearsals are under way.

The Panto, 'Ali Baba' was well supported and enjoyed by all. It was slightly different this year, as it was written in house by Jen Gosnell. A very successful script. Jen also managed to take over the box office and went on line for the first time. All with juggling a new born baby!

We welcomed some new members, Elizabeth who played the piano for us, Emily, Natalie, Louise and Daisy. We also were lucky to find Anna and Jason who came and did some magnificent sets for us. They have confirmed that they will return next year.

We also were lucky to find Deoni, a seamstress who made most of the chorus baggy trousers.

The spring production, Curtain up, led by Carole was also a success.

Elizabeth proved to be a great actress as well as pianist. Amy Spencer returned to PB again to take a role. Natalie starred as a Teddy Bear!

We were pleased to welcome Wendy McDonnell from Farnborough Society, who directed for us and Sam who has joined Jack's technical team. The play was entered into the BTG festival and congratulations to Joy who won the adjudicators award for special merit and we came 6th (out of 9). Well deserved.

The play was followed by the May fete, where we ran our treasure map stall. The weather was kind and we had an enjoyable day. In July, Mandy was kind enough to host a BBQ in her **garden**. Disappointingly, only 12 members attended so we may not do this again next summer.

Treasurer's report

Cash in hand	£121.95
Current A/c	£4112.27
Total	£4234.22

BTG Report

Carole reported that the main agenda for BTG was fund raising to pay for future festivals.

Currently funds will only pay for 2020.

They have lost their charitable status but this did not seem a problem as there is no premises to gain tax relief on.

BTG may look for a different venue for their meetings at Ripley arts centre as the hire is for a minimum of 3 hours.

BTG will look at sponsorship from a local business. They will form a sub committee.

Election of Officers and Committee

Due to the small attendance the election of officers and committee was agreed as follows.

Carole Spencer	Chairman and BTG rep
John Birch	Vice Chairman/ Publicity
Tessa Knott	Secretary
Val McAllen	Treasurer
Joyce Gospel	Membership Secretary /Village Hall Rep
Richard Eclogue	Stage Manager
Jen Gospel	Box Office
Jack Holloway	Technical Manager