

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 25th June 2021 at the Southwold Arts Centre, Cumberland Road, Southwold IP18 7JP at 7.00 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM of 5th April 2019
3. Matters arising
4. Reports:
 - (i) Chairman's report
 - (ii) Treasurer's report
5. Election of Trustees:

Glenda Bennett proposed by Vivien Tolfree

David Bunkell proposed by Alison Evans

Christine Webb, who was co-opted last year, proposed by Jane Ackroyd
6. Election of Officers:

Peter Gibbs, Vice Chairman, is retiring this year

Chairman: Jane Ackroyd proposed by Lorna Baker

Vice Chairman: David Bunkell, proposed by Jane Ackroyd

Hon. Treasurer: Margaret Tabor, proposed by Peter Gibbs

Hon. Secretary: Viv Tolfree proposed by Mary Rowan-Robinson
7. Any other business
8. Close of meeting

Guest Speaker:

Charlotte McGuinness: 'Life after London: an actor's perspective'

Charlotte was one of FESPAs first Bursary recipients back in 2009 when, as Charlotte May Barker, fresh from A levels at East Norfolk Sixth Form College, she prepared to take up a precious place at RADA. Much of note has happened in the intervening 12 years, but Charlotte has now committed herself to earning her living in performing arts in our region. How sustainable has that decision proved? Charlotte will share her thoughts.

It is imperative that, in order to comply with Coronavirus safety and social distancing guidelines, if you are intending to attend the AGM, you notify our *Hon. Secretary, Viv Tolfree*, of your intention to do so in advance on 01502 722582 or email: vtolfree@outlook.com.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 5th April 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Sports Pavilion, The Common, Southwold

Present: Jane Ackroyd (Vice Chairman), Margaret Tabor (Hon. Treasurer), Sue Tayler, Barry Tolfree, Warwick Cross, Vivien Tolfree (Hon. Secretary).
and 59 members

Guests: Peter Adshead, Southwold Arts Centre; Marianne Fellowes, Southwold and Aldeburgh Theatres and David Harmon, Theatre on the Coast.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from David Bunkell and 8 members.
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018:** The minutes of the meeting were accepted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** No matters arising.
4. **Reports:**
 - i) **Chairman's report:** Jane opened her report by acknowledging the sad loss of our President, Margaret Chadd and our Chairman, Sidi Scott. She went on to say that over the last 2 years we have been trying to become more disciplined and business-like in allocating grants, insisting on formal applications and full financial disclosure and are very grateful to David Bunkell for his hard work in formalising this process. She spoke of our pride in the many youngsters we have helped with bursaries, the scheme that was originally Sidi's concept and an aspect of her work very close to her heart. Since the demise of the Suffolk Summer Theatres we have reappraised our purpose and aim to support a wider range of deserving theatre projects. She thanked FESPA news editor, Warwick Cross for his hard work, acknowledging that this Spring had been particularly difficult with two new theatre companies trying to finalise dates. She then moved on to fund raising, which is becoming a problem in that we are dropping the Fete and Grand draw, simply because we can't find people willing to take this on. We would like to try to assemble a fund-raising events panel, separate from the Trustees, who could plan and co-ordinate events, and she asked if anyone who is interested or anyone willing to arrange a one-off event for FESPA, maybe a coffee morning or talk, to come and talk to us. She ended by thanking everyone for their

support and being here this evening

- ii) **Treasurer's report:** The accounts were pre-circulated. Margaret reported that though the membership was the same level as 2017, subscription receipts are down by £650 with 50 or so members not responding to the renewal slips in the Spring newsletter. Donations are also down by £200 compared to 2017. The 2018 figures include £500 from her employer HSBC UK under their Employee Charity Giving Scheme.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Warwick Cross and seconded by Pat Goodman – carried.

James Rand was thanked for auditing the accounts and is willing to continue.

- iii) **Bursaries:** David Bunkell's report was circulated to the meeting with details of the 4 recipients in 2018. The overall total since the scheme began is £52,000.

5. **Election of Trustees:**

Peter Gibbs, proposed by Judith Botten, seconded by David Goodman – carried.

6. **Election of Officers:**

Chairman: Jane Ackroyd proposed by Lorna Baker seconded by Mary Rowan-Robinson – carried

Vice Chairman: Sue Tayler proposed by Gerry Cross seconded by James Rand – carried

Secretary: Viv Tolfree proposed by Mary Rowan-Robinson seconded by Sue Doy – carried.

7. **Any other business:**

None

8. **Meeting closed.**