

REPORT FROM
WALBERSWICK AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY
Year 2019 -2020-2021

Of all the Reports we have done over many, many years, this has indeed been the hardest to put together! We have had Covid to deal with from 23rd March 2020!

We begin our Season of Play Readings in October each year and they have been held for many years in Members' homes, which was how W.A.T.S. was born; a few friends reading to each other for amusement.

We began our 2019/2020 Season on 7th October with the plays of Terence Rattigan, "Separate Tables". The play reading was held by kind invitation of Edward and Diana Wright at "Millcroft". The Producer was our lovely, Margot Godbold.

On 4th November we held our reading at the Village Hall. The play was "Lettuce & Lovage" by Peter Shaffer and produced by Judy Morton.

Our 2nd December play reading was produced by Peter & Moira Austin and we read, "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde. This was hosted by Judy Morton at Hoist Wood House, and took the form of our Christmas gathering.

We held our Annual Party on 18th January 2020. Peter Austin, helped by Judy Morton provided the entertainment which was "The Auction" a Murder Mystery; lots of action and lots of fun. Our caterers were 'Coastal Caterers' and Sharon provide a wonderful supper for us.

In February (3rd) we experimented with a new venue for our play reading, and at the invitation and permission of Pam Webb and Rev. Harry Edwards, we were able to use The Studio at the River for our play, "Night must Fall" by Emyln Williams and produced by Clive and Doris Brynley-Jones. This was a wonderful experience and very well attended

2 March saw us in another new venue, The Bell Hotel at Walberswick. The producer was Wendy Mantin and the play was by Alan Ayckbourn, "An Englishman Abroad".

During the autumn and winter of 2019-20, under the leadership of Clive Brynley-Jones, who was also the Producer, some of the WATS' members joined the Cast and Production Team to finally present "Sweeney Todd the Barber" on stage at Walberswick, The play was enthusiastically received by the nightly audiences. The players and backstage boys/girls had a wonderful time in rehearsal and preparation for the performances, and also during the performances themselves. It's so good to have a project through the dark nights of autumn and winter.

I did not attend the last play as I was "up and away" to Perth, Western Australia for a month, arriving back at London Heath Row in the early hours of 23rd March 2020, it having been necessary to change the flight home a week later than planned and to make the journey directly from Perth to LHR.

We all know the rest of the story!!

Our Programme for 2021 - 2022 is out and has been distributed to our Members. Our Committee has agreed to remain for this year so that we can establish ourselves again.

Chairman	Judy Morton
Vice Chairman and Membership	Doris Brynley-Jones
Treasurer	Mark Waller
Minutes' Secretary	Angela Vaughan
Village Hall Rep.	Clive Brynley-Jones
Peter Austin	
Erica Donnellan	
Diana Wright	
Alvin Hunt	

For this year we have arranged that all our Play Readings will be held at the Village Hall. This will give us the space to be safe and comfortable, and also to discover if this suits us better than being in Members' homes

We welcome new Members who may like to come and "try us out".

Some of us will have been at the "Welcome to the Village" meeting on Saturday, 4th September 2021.