

Hello, calling all Promenade Production members and supporters.

It seems so long since we have all been able to get together so in these strange times, we hope you will enjoy receiving news and updates on what we have been doing over the last few months.

Your committee has continued to meet regularly via Zoom and have decided that it is simply not possible to hold a face to face AGM safely this year. Therefore, we have taken the decision that the existing committee members will remain in place until 2021, when we trust we will be able to hold an AGM in the normal way. This year's accounts are attached with this email and you can always contact Clare, should you have any issues you wish the committee to discuss.

Future Productions

You will no doubt be aware that we were unable to perform "Chicago" at the Playhouse Theatre in July and, along with 90% of amateur companies around the country, have been denied a licence for 2021! This has been a big disappointment, especially to the cast and production team, who had spent many hours getting it off the ground. We thank them all for their efforts and share their disappointment. From a financial point of view however, our insurance covers abandonment of a show, so we will be able to recover the initial outlay.

We also had to make the difficult decision not to go ahead with the January pantomime, which seems to have been the right one. This is a difficult time for professional and amateur companies alike.

On a more positive note, we are delighted to announce our production for July 2021 will now be "A Chorus Line" at the Playhouse Theatre. Director – Ceri Winrow, Musical Director Dave Whittle, Choreographer Rebecca Cripps. We wish them every success. Look out for details of pre-audition dates on the website in the new year.

Members News: Congratulations must go to Roger Guy on his engagement and also Phoebe Smithies on obtaining her degree. We thank Bethany Kent for her amazing choreography and wish her well in her new canine business, Barking Buds.

Looking to the future for new members many congratulations must go to Emily and Adam West, both of whom have supported us backstage in the past on the arrival of Noah, Jamie and Hannah Hayes on the arrival of Millie and Jodie and Mark Dwight on the arrival of Oliver - our best wishes for every happiness go to them all.

Our best wishes must also go to Sue Winrow who, we are very happy to report, is continuing to make good progress following her recent illness.

News from our new home The Cheltenham Playhouse,

From a BBC report:

"A £100,000 crowdfunding appeal has been set up after the theatre failed to get a share of a £1.57bn government handout."

After an unsuccessful application for £50,000 in funding to help it through the coronavirus pandemic, photographer James Fear, set up the GoFundMe, with a target of £100,000. *"The theatre is an important thing for our town and they didn't get the money - they were overlooked - so I decided to shoot for the stars and double the amount and raise £100,000,"* he said. The theatre said *"any income coming in is fantastic and we're grateful"*. (The GoFundMe page raised £5,815 in the first two days).

The Playhouse is offering a range of films between now and Christmas, with Covid rules in place, should you wish to support them by buying a ticket.

Lastly a message from John to say if anyone would like to keep in contact either for society information or just to say hello he is still on the Showcase website or can be reached on his home number and would love to hear from you.

Most of all we hope you stay safe and well, and are able to make the best of our current situation.

Best wishes from Promenade Productions

BALANCE SHEET

29th February 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Show Expenses paid in advance	1,597	500
Cash at Bank - Current Account	1,192	11,443
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	8,014	5,398
Cash in Hand	52	24
Costumes and Rails		
	<u>10,855</u>	<u>17,365</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	435	429
	<u>435</u>	<u>429</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>10,420</u>	<u>16,936</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Balance as at 28th February 2019	16,936	14,224
Excess (Expenditure over Income) Income over Expenditure	(6,516)	2,712
Balance as at 29th February 2020	<u>10,420</u>	<u>16,936</u>