

Willand Theatrical Society (WiTS) March 2022 – March 2023

Another busy year for Willand Theatrical Society. We managed to stage a full-length play in September which we began rehearsing in June. The show, directed by Sam Fincher was a great success and the club felt proud in performing a very wordy comedy script.

In October we performed our Murder Mystery “Alfurian Fury” written by one of our own members Alison Harris. We have performed this murder mystery several times and as before, it was extremely well received. The audience really joined in with the action and even dressed in medieval costume to make the evening more authentic.

Our yearly pantomime was presented in February. This year it was a more traditional panto, ‘Treasure Island’. As previous attendance numbers had been increasing, we agreed to put on an extra night’s performance but then hit the cost-of-living crisis! However, our audiences didn’t let us down and we played to a pretty full house every night. We thank everyone for once again supporting the club. The show was full of laughs and singing with the audience booing and cheering to help the cast sort out Long John Silver!

Rehearsals are ongoing for a production called “Cry Havoc” written by one of our members for this September. It really is full steam ahead.

During the year the stage lighting was upgraded and thanks to the Village Hall Committee half the cost was borne by the hall along with improved sound this is really an ideal venue to entertain our village.

Apart from a social media presence we now have a website slowly being built with memories.

This is the tenth year since we formed and special celebrations are being prepared for our anniversary on the 5th August.

As always, we are open to new members and if treading the boards is not your thing, please remember that there are many jobs that need doing behind the scenes. From backstage to front of house, there are many jobs that help make the production a success. If you are interested, please do contact our secretary.

David Keating - Chairman