

SP's Treasurer's Report 2024-25

The past year seemed to have been extremely busy, not only Drama-wise but financially too, and the Sinodun Players Finances are in good shape.

As always the Artistic committee adhered to the charitable remit of educating not only members but also the audiences when choosing the plays, and there was a wide variation in those chosen and also in the audience figures, from 52% to 100%.

Income:-

Measure for Measure	seats sold	454	52.6%	profit	£ 4008
Last 5 Years	seats sold	300	100%	loss	£ 125 (Warburton Room)
Breath of Spring	seats sold	905	84.3%	profit	£ 9741
Dick Whittington	seats sold	2547	98.15%	profit	£ 27445
Penelopiad	seats sold	591	69.12%	profit	£ 4000
Entertaining Angels	seats sold	582	59.82%	profit	£ 5642

As last year the seating capacity varies for each production depending on sight lines and the sound equipment needed etc. The above figures are provisional as some invoices have not yet been received, also some programme sales are not included.

The Wardrobe team continues to hire out costumes to individuals and other drama groups, using this income for purchasing items needed. My thanks go to the Wardrobe Team for all their work.

Donation The SP's received a very generous donation of £1000 from the Wallingford Fireworks evening and our thanks must go to Gregg for all the work he put in, which helped us to be in receipt of such a great donation, and also to the Organising Committee for the Fireworks in thinking of The Players. A Donation has also been received from Tetra Pac, as in some previous years, but I am not sure of the connection with the company.

Social Two events were held – The Ceilidh held at Moulsoford in August and was greatly enjoyed by everyone there making a small loss of £55. Our thanks go to Julie and all her helpers.

A very successful and enjoyable quiz evening was held in November making an excellent profit of over £770. Again thanks must go to Julie and all her helpers.

Encore continues to be self-financing and thanks to Diana's input is a very successful enterprise.

Gift Aid continues to be claimed on a yearly basis

Expenses:-

As ever the biggest expenditure are the production costs.

A laptop was purchased for the Tech team's use and the Wardrobe uses Lester's Storage facility for some of the costumes and also by the Props dept. for the Furnishings and some of the bigger props such as the 'heads' used during pantomime.

The Players continues its membership of the Oxford Drama Network, the Little Theatre Guild and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) and the SP Chairman or another committee member attend the appropriate AGM and sometimes training courses and conferences. All the organisations can give advice on Health and Safety and legal issues, etc. NODA also sends a critic to our productions which is published in the Corn Exchange News.

General

As many of you will know when the Charity became Incorporated in June. The two SP Bank accounts were amalgamated and changed to the CAF Bank (Charities Aid Foundation). I hope you have all managed to change your Standing Orders to the new bank. Whilst on the subject of membership a reminder that it is very easy to Gift Aid your subscription giving an extra 25% to the SP's from the Tax man! But you do have to be eligible to do this.

If you would like to sign up please let me or Dorothy the Membership Secretary know.

Any queries about this or any other items please let me know.

I must thank Barbara Wood for her help with the membership account over her many years as Membership Secretary and with Gift Aid. I really appreciated her help, thank you Barbara.

I am sure the Sinodun Players will have another successful year financially and dramatically and everyone can look forward to taking part in or watching the interesting productions that have been announced in the new programme for 2025-26.