



CHRISTCHURCH LADIES CLUB

FOOTLIGHTERS REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

This year we have had a change from going to a play or show every month to only 6 performances throughout the year.

Our first meeting after the AGM was our annual dinner on Friday 1st March. This year we went to Rushmere Golf Club, 33 attended. We had a room to ourselves and a very nice 2 course dinner, coffee and mints. There was plenty of chatter and laughter throughout the evening, so I think everyone enjoyed it.

On Saturday 30th March, 41 of us went to The Royal Hospital School, to their Gala performance of music. It never ceases to amaze me the high standard of performance the pupils reach. The concert featured the Chapel Choir the Concert Band, the Chamber Choir, Big Band orchestra and String Ensemble. In addition, they had two guests, a soprano and an actress who read modern poetry. The standard of playing and singing was superb and we all drove home very happy and content.

We had nothing else until Saturday 13th July when 23 went to Southwold Summer Theatre where we saw 'End of the Line'. This was a comedy set on the beach where there was a row of huts. The last hut was owned by an upper-class couple (or at least they thought they were) who were coming for their holiday. Next door, the hut had just been sold and they eagerly awaited the owner's arrival. Oh dear, when they arrived in an old banger, they were very common folk – a middle aged man with his young floozie. He was very loud, and she never spoke a word but just sat and sulked. They had nothing for their use in their hut so borrowed chairs, kettle, cups, etc. from next door - much to Denise and Roger's disgust. Denise and Roger put 2 and 2 together to make 5 and think they are father and daughter. The play continues with much bantering and bickering until the end when all is revealed and the new beach hut owners turn out to be the salt of the earth and Roger and Denise are imposters!

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On Saturday 31st August, 28 went to Aldeburgh to their summer theatre to see 'Blithe Spirit'. The play opened with husband and wife (Charles and Ruth) discussing their forthcoming evening with friends plus Madam Arcati going into a trance and Charles first wife (Elvira) appears as a ghost. Only Charles can see or hear her and Ruth, his present wife, has to take second place to Elvira. The whole situation becomes unbearable and Madame Arcati is asked to come back to send Elvira back from whence she came; only Madame Arcati does not know how to do that! The play then takes a twist when Ruth suddenly dies and Charles is left with 2 ghosts!

On November 11th, 21 are going to St. Peter's Church at the Quay to the Remembrance Concert by the Hospital Orchestra and on Thursday 5th December, I have provisional booked 30 seats with Beestons Coaches to go to Cromer for the End of Pier Christmas Show. Lunch is included in the cost. At present I only have 17 takers and unless Beestons have managed to sell some tickets, I fear it may be cancelled. If anyone here would like to come to make up numbers, please see me at the interval for details. You can bring guests and/or your family if you wish.

Margaret Ford