



Annual General Meeting 5th February 2025 7.30 pm	Ponteland Memorial Hall Attendees: Jason Long Philip Browell Claire Long Emma Griffiths Iona Griffiths Sarah Blythe John Eltringham Lesley Eltringham Martin Anderson David Cooksey
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Item	
1.	Apologies for Absence JL AF,HG,GSW
2.	Previous Minutes AGM 29th January 2024 As read
3.	Matters arising (PRS AGM Minutes 29th January 2024) All None
4.	Trustee and Committee ratification JL See note below
5.	Chairman's Address JL Aim for high quality shows and 23/24 was a good year with The Importance of being Earnest and Beauty and the Beast and netted out returning to profit. Challenges stay the same: costs (ticket prices may need to increase), membership needs bolstering. Plays don't sell as well at approx. 200 tickets, panto tends to be higher 500-600 tickets. Looking forward we have 'Glorious' 4 th and 5 th April 2025 . Concert St Mary's 14 th June 7:30pm, potential 21 st Kingston Park and we hope to organise another Quiz.

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6.	<p>Trustees Report JL See Annual Accounts</p>
7.	<p>Annual Accounts: CEL See Annual Accounts</p> <p>Last few years have been difficult, with losses due to covid/extending Oz, choir startup costs. This year return to profit – The Importance of Being Earnest, Beauty and the Beast. Trying to cut costs where possible. Cost structure negotiated with the hall (JL) is working well. More in line with prices for other societies. Moving forward – need to maximise publicity (papers, social media, banners, fairs/markets, etc), ticket sales, welcome all new ideas. fundraiser TBC (quiz – round the world). Explore liaising with hospitals etc to visit in costume and publicise through social media/press (EG)? Another relaxed performance (SB)? Put out more feelers with schools SB?</p>
8.	<p>Close JL Delighted that we had several members to attend the AGM. If you know of anyone that would like to join, Acting, Front or Backstage we welcome all. Stay connected in the Pont Rep Social Whats App group. Thank you for coming, see you again soon.</p>
	<p>Trustee and Committee Ratification:</p> <p>New Committee Members - None Departing Committee Members - Ruth Browell Trustees – No Change</p>