



<b>Annual General Meeting</b> <b>9th February 2026</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Ponteland Memorial Hall</b>  <b>Attendees:</b> Jason Long - Chair Hayley Grant Claire Long Emma Griffiths Iona Griffiths Sarah Blythe John Eltringham Lesley Eltringham Martin Anderson Gav Warrender
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1.	<b>Apologies for Absence JL</b> SN, DC
2.	<b>Previous Minutes AGM 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</b> As read
3.	<b>Matters arising (PRS AGM Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025) All</b> None
4.	<b>Trustee and Committee ratification JL</b> See note below
5.	<b>Chairman's Address JL</b> Aim for high quality shows and 24/25 was a good year in terms of quality of offerings with a well received concert in June and in November, Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street and perhaps the most problematic show we have ever done which resulted in a net loss for the year of £2478. We then bounced back with an Award-winning show, 'Glorious.' Looking forward Challenges stay the same: costs (may need to pass on booking fees), membership needs bolstering. Plays don't sell as well at approx. 175 tickets, panto tends to be higher 300-500 tickets but again declining. This means we have to rely on grants and fund raising to supplement income. 2027 is The Rep's centenary year so

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	currently planning the events for that.
6.	<b>Trustees Report JL</b> See Annual Accounts
7.	<b>Annual Accounts: JL</b> See Annual Accounts  As ticket sales are declining we are now trying to cut costs where possible. Moving forward – need to maximise publicity (papers, social media, banners, fairs/markets, etc) and we need more ideas or ways to sell tickets which the new card reader should enable. We welcome all new ideas. Fundraiser TBC (quiz ). Explore liaising with hospitals etc to visit in costume and publicise through social media/press (EG). Despite the loss we have sufficient funds to continue operations.
8.	<b>Close JL</b> 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 What's App group. Thank you for coming, see you again soon and in the meantime please follow us on Facebook, Insta and TikTok
	<b>Trustee and Committee Ratification:</b>  New Committee Members – Kev Price & David Cooksey Departing Committee Members - Philip Browell Trustees – Departed Philip Browell