

Honorary Secretary's Report - Steve Leadbetter

Whilst our 'raison d'être' has been sadly lacking in 2020-21, this has been a productive year as far as housekeeping and infrastructure is concerned. Our relationship with the Parish Council has never been better as they have affirmed their total commitment to the WDS. Aborted plans for Marford Hall redevelopment gather apace once more and WDS concerns and issues have been taken on board. What's more, the old library is now a rehearsal venue for us, at preferential rates, and the Green Room will no longer be bookable! This means we have exclusive use of the Green Room during show week. Those members who have not visited the Marford Hall in the last year will be delighted to see our workshop has been given a complete professional makeover, ably co-ordinated by Jill Collis and Len Skilton.

The future therefore looks bright. 'Faith Healer' directed by Robert Naylor-Stables, starring Malcolm Hobbs, Jonathan Field & Julie Gough will be a total triumph in October. We need a full turn out please! Wheathampstead deserves to see 'The Railway Children' & 'Shirley Valentine' in the not too distant future and hopefully our regular directors, inspired by the musings of the Play Selection Committee, have a few embryonic ideas for future productions.