

Report from Ruan Revellers to Grade Ruan Parish Council 2020

Ruan Revellers continue to function and we are now into our fifth (or is it sixth year). For our February 2020 production we chose “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” Choosing this play meant that we were able to include younger members as we had done the previous year in Toad of Toad Hall.

It is always a pleasure to be able to combine all age groups into one project enabling the nurturing of strong relationships without the barrier of age. This village is so lucky in having a wealth of talent both young and not quite so young.

This year we decided to try to improve the audience experience by the use of banked seating. We were extremely lucky to be able to borrow tiered units from Gweek Players and Carnon Downs Players. Many thanks to them for their generosity. The elevated seating was popular with the audience and the sight lines were greatly improved.

There were four performances of “Charlie” all of which were sold out. Many thanks to Claire at the Stores for acting as our ticket agent and supplier of refreshments. Thanks go also to the Village Hall Committee for their help and co-operation and to the Methodist Chapel for the continued use of the Sunday School Room for rehearsals. Without this facility we simply would not be able to function.

Planning is underway for the 2021 production again scheduled for the February half term. It is an ambition of the group to acquire sufficient tiered decking although ownership and storage is presently an issue. It would be nice to have such an asset available for the whole village not just the Revellers.

On behalf of the Ruan Revellers I would like to wish everyone well during these difficult times. Please stay safe.

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