**SOUTHEND SORCERERS SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**APRIL 2020**

**SHOWS REPORT**

A poor year for us with just 4 shows performed – for Stambridge school, St. Nicholas Church, Wentworth primary school and All Saints school, all of which were repeat bookings.

I would like to thank all our performers who come out to our shows, who give of their time freely and give the audiences a great experience. This year, however, it’s been a particular struggle to get a full roster of performers. We have a regular crew of half a dozen people but those extra 2 or 3 remain difficult. In most cases, I try and get 10 performers to handle the close up side. If it helps, remember we conduct an hour of close up as the first part of the evening and so those people are free to go at around 8.30pm. You just need an 8 minute act repeated 4 times.

I would also like to thank those people who help out at our shows, who aren’t performers, but help the evenings to run smoothly with table organisation and timing etc. – such as our Dream Team and Andy our stage manager - it’s all greatly appreciated, and I hope the support from everyone continues next year.

Once again, thank you to everyone who supports our shows.

Richard Graham 2020 - Show secretary

**AGM April 3rd 2022**

Just 3 shows to report on in this financial year – the Women’s Institute on Canvey last November and 2 school PTA shows this year – at Wentworth Primary school in Maldon and Stambridge primary school. The Wentworth school was at the third attempt as Covid restrictions fluctuated. Again, each of these were repeat events.

I should like to get more shows primarily for adults. If anyone is a member of a U3A and they have a social events organiser, perhaps they could put me in touch. Remember, we charge just £200 for our shows which brings the club a good income.

Other then that, the sentiments from the previous report remain as always. Without those members willing to help out at our club shows, the shows simply would not happen.

Richard Graham

3rd April 2022