

REDGRAVE & DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB REPORT 2017

We began the year with a healthy balance and had our Annual Review on 18th February. It was agreed to waive subscription fees for current members.

2016 Started well and our first outing in April, was to "Hobson's Choice" with Martin Shaw, 37 members had tickets. This was followed in May with 30 going to see "Guys & Dolls, then in June there was "Lottie's War" but numbers were down and only 21 went to that production. We were hoping to see "The Old Country" in August at Aldeburgh, but the Theatre was really difficult to deal with and in the end we had to cancel. We then went to see "Sister Act" at the Regent in Ipswich in November. Only 20 for that one but it was a big disappointment as the sound was so loud the performance was not enjoyed and the club wrote to the Theatre to complain. Their reply was totally unsatisfactory and we will probably not visit that theatre again unless it is the only choice for something.

In December we had a coach full, 50, for the "Thursford Spectacular" which was followed in February with our final outing for the year, "The Red Shoes" a ballet by Matthew Bourne, and although only 20 attended, it was enjoyed by all.

We need to have a good number for our outings, at least 20/25, or we do not benefit from ticket discounts, and the cost of the coach becomes too expensive for our outings. We have had one small outing so far since our latest revue, but our numbers were very low, only 13, which was really too low to cover the expenses. Unless we improve on the numbers, (we have already cancelled two events this year) we are in danger of very limited performances and sadly the choices at the moment are not very exciting.

Trips coming up are to "Funny Girl", "Dreamboats & Petticoats" and "Beautiful" which we hope will be better supported. If anyone would like to be involved, and help select/suggest performances the club may like, please get in touch.

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