



Cornwall Drama Association

a service to amateur drama in Cornwall

President: **Simon Williams** Patron: **Robert Duncan**

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Dear Member

Much of the time that I have spent as Chair of the Cornwall Drama Association has been during the particularly strange period of coronavirus, which has seen our world change in so many ways and brought with it difficulties and sadness.

As we all know the world of drama has been particularly hard hit with it being possible to stage very little by way of live productions. It was therefore with heavy hearts that the members of the Committee of the Cornwall Drama Association took the decision last year that it would not be possible to meet in person for a Theatre Day and Festival. However, the world of the performing arts is ever inventive and imaginative and a group of people from our Committee pulled together a wonderful day of online workshops and an evening during which the nominations for the Festival Year 2019/2020 were announced by Ed Rowe. I am very grateful to all of the members of the Committee and our Moderators and Adjudicators who worked so hard to make sure that everything was in place and it went so well.

Much work has been undertaken by newer members of the Committee and we have continued to hold our regular meetings on Zoom. New Committee members are always welcome and bring with them new ideas and ways of doing things. I would encourage more new people to join the Committee and help us to move forward in promoting amateur drama in Cornwall.

It has also been good to see how many of our societies are able to begin putting on productions or working on them again and it is super to see and hear of the ways in which people have been working to overcome restrictions that have had to be followed. Please keep everyone in touch with what your society is up to by publicising events through the Cornwall Drama Association website.

Remember that we also have a Facebook page, which is linked from the website. You can use Facebook to publicise your shows and events linked to them, and you can also use it to make requests for items that other might be able to help you with.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our Zoom AGM and I hope that it will not be too long before I am able to meet with many of you in person again.

With all good wishes

Paula Arthur

Chair of the Cornwall Drama Association