

Prestbury Youth Group Pantomime Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date

26th March 2026

Venue

Legh Arms, Prestbury

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and supporters to the Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the 2026 production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Director's Report

The directors reflected on the success of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, highlighting the commitment, creativity and enthusiasm shown by the cast, production team, volunteers and supporters.

Particular thanks were extended to all those involved in directing, music, choreography, costumes, set construction, props, hair and makeup, front of house, technical production and chaperoning.

The Association was pleased to deliver a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted performance as part of its ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion. The committee also agreed to explore further opportunities to make future productions more accessible, including consideration of a relaxed performance.

Membership and Participation

The committee was delighted to welcome a number of new members during the year and thanked all young performers and their families for their continued support.

The Association remains committed to encouraging participation from across the local community and maintaining strong links with local schools and youth groups.

Production Review

The 2026 production was considered a success both artistically and organisationally. The committee recognised the positive contribution of the cast and volunteers and noted the importance of maintaining a welcoming, supportive and inclusive environment for all members.

Planning has already commenced for the 2027 production:

2027 Production

Babes in the Wood

An original script is currently in development and further details will be announced in due course.

Committee and Volunteer Updates

The committee thanked several volunteers who are stepping back from their current roles after many years of dedicated service.

The Association will be recruiting volunteers for a number of positions ahead of the next production, including Front of House and Chaperoning support roles.

Anyone interested in becoming involved is encouraged to contact the committee.

Technical and Production Planning

The committee discussed succession planning for several production and technical roles and is actively seeking additional volunteers to support future productions.

Work will continue during the coming year to:

- Improve backstage procedures and communications.
- Enhance accessibility arrangements.
- Review storage and costume organisation.
- Maintain and develop technical and production resources.

- Strengthen partnerships with other local theatre organisations.
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Marketing and Audience Development

The committee reviewed marketing activities and agreed to continue developing its digital presence through social media and the Association website.

Future priorities include:

- Increasing awareness of productions within the wider community.
 - Expanding accessibility initiatives.
 - Encouraging new audiences to attend performances.
 - Strengthening relationships with former members, patrons and supporters.
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Fundraising and Community Engagement

The committee thanked all sponsors, donors, patrons and supporters whose contributions help make productions possible.

Fundraising and community engagement will remain an important focus during the coming year, including participation in local events and continued promotion of community support initiatives.

Election of Officers

The following appointments were confirmed:

- **Chair:** Emma Pickup
- **Treasurer:** Phil Tromans

The remaining committee members will continue in their existing roles.

Priorities for 2026/27

The committee agreed the following priorities for the year ahead:

- Deliver the 2027 production of *Babes in the Wood*.
- Recruit volunteers for key production and committee roles.

- Continue to develop accessibility and inclusion initiatives.
 - Improve storage, costume management and production resources.
 - Review opportunities for additional fundraising and community partnerships.
 - Explore future organisational development opportunities.
 - Continue growing participation and audience engagement.
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Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held before the Prestbury Summer Street Party.

Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all members, volunteers, families, sponsors and supporters for their continued commitment to the Association and looked forward to another successful year.