



EAST LANE
THEATRE

East Lane Theatre Club CIO Annual Report

For the Year ending 31st May 2022

Background:

East Lane Dramatic Society was established in 1936, performing in a local school and church hall. They leased some land and a tennis pavilion from Brent Council and developed their own premises to include a 75-seat theatre in 1989. Further developments provided new toilet facilities, costume and set storage. In due course, East Lane Dramatic Society became East Lane Theatre Club.

East Lane Theatre Club (ELTC) became a Charity in April 2019 and has continued to provide open membership to the people of Brent and surrounding areas to stimulate an interest in the theatre and to encourage and instruct members in all facets of dramatic art with a view to presenting productions to the public, or audiences restricted to Club members.

Trustees elected at ELTC AGM Sep 2021

Daniel Popkin, Jennifer Loomes-Vrdoljak, Desmond Gaynor, Mary McClennon, Linda Hampson, Barry Serjent.

Officers:

Chairman:	Daniel Popkin
Secretary:	Desmond Gaynor
Treasurer:	Jenny Loomes

Productions: 2

Performances: 12

Seat Prices: £14

Membership fees: £30

Bar: Club Premises Licence

Charity Reg.No.: 1183134

Summary of the year From 31st May 2021 to 31st May 2022

Yet another extra-ordinary year; Covid restrictions stopped all the theatre's activities and face to face meetings. All business has been conducted online until mid August 2021.

The Club members stayed in contact with regular Zoom meetings, from simple chats to quiz nights and play readings.

Once restrictions were being lifted and the onus was being moved onto individuals to self-report if they were unwell. To ensure we could safely open up the theatre again, the trustees put in place many new practices for covid safety. The trustees also decided to limit the season to two shows this season to avoid overloading the members and to avoid expensive costs if Covid became a more serious problem again.

The Christmas double bill, comprising two coarse acting plays, **Pride at Southanger Park** and **Cinderella** by Michael Green. From extensive leafletting and advertising, we managed to attract three new members, and with such a large cast it was incredible that we only had a couple of absences due to covid illness.



What did become apparent was that we had lost a fair number of our audience over the 2 dark years with attendance being only 65% attendance and as we decided to only put on the show for 6 performances overall we made a small loss.

Our second production **Blithe Spirit** by Noel Coward, brought two previous members back to our stage and also one new member. The play over the six nights managed a respectable 81% attendance and delivered a small profit.



To help minimise some costs Scenesetter, our newsletter, stayed online and kept us all up to date with jokes and anecdotes. The trustees would like to thank everyone who contributed to the zoom evenings and to Scenesetter; it has really helped to maintain the Club spirit.

A large amount of time and money has been spent improving the theatre and café area, with a covered accessible entrance now completed, and the emergency lighting updated.

The Lease for the original building and land has now expired and we are negotiating with Brent Council over the renewal. It is expected that this will take many months due to the backlog of work the Council has.

Like everyone else, there are many rising costs that affect the Club, but we have managed to maintain the ticket price the same as the previous year.

Conclusion

Having due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance, the trustees are confident that East Lane Theatre Club is being managed efficiently but owing to the Covid restrictions our operations were significantly curtailed, but we have still managed to return to a profitable status this year.

Daniel Popkin

Chairman

East Lane Theatre Club

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		PROFIT & LOSS EXENDITURE 31.05.2022			
		2022	2021		
Post stationery & Scenesetter		414	0		
Rent ins elec phone BB water PPL					
Brent licence		6690	5124		
sundries, flowers, photos		118	32		
cleaning		81	0		
maintenance		780	363		
Donations & subs		105	605		
Barnet festival(prepaid last year)		80			
bank charges		114	72		
Advertising		59	0		
Covid		2466	182		
write off PPL creditor			-292		
Total expenditure		10907	6086		
Depreciation					
Original building & Sid Lee	1667		2070		
Contents	311		345		
stage lighting	348		386		
fixtures and fittings	879		1035		
total depreciation		3205	3836		
Total outgoings		14112	9922		

BALANCE SHEET 31.05.2022				
		2022	2021	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank	HSBCCurrent Account	22251	27710	
	HSBC Money Manager	21097	21095	
	Unity Trust Custom Account (current)	8555	7880	
cash in hand		175	175	
Total cash assets		52078	56860	
bar stock		578	382	
Prepayments				
	Little Theatre Guild	18	18	
	buildings and contents June-Sept 2022	813	814	
	1st Night ins June, July, Aug, Sept 2022	114	114	
	Rent June - Sept 2022	600	500	
	Barnet & district drama festival		80	
	Total prepayments	1545	1526	
Debtors				
	Castle Water	0	119	
	Total debtors	0	119	
Expenditure on future shows and functions				
	What the Butler Saw scripts	115	115	
	Mrs Baskin scripts		140	
	Murder Mystery scripts and licence	150	150	
	Small Mercies	432		
	Total future expenditure	697	405	
Total Cash, prepaid, debtors & future expenditure		54898	59292	
Payments received in advance				
	Small Mercies tickets & reh fees	1535		
Total cash etc. less payments received in advance		53363		
FIXED ASSETS				
Original building & Sid Lee				
Balance B/F 31.05.21		8333		
Additions		11257		
		19590		
less depreciation at 20% 31.05.22		1667	17923	8333
Contents				
Balance B/F 31.05.21		3110		
new additions		719		
		3829		
less depreciation at 10% 31.05.22		311	3518	3110
Stage Lighting				
Balance B/F 31.05.21		3476		
Additions		0		
		3476		
less depreciation at 10% 31.05.22		348	3128	3476
Fixtures & Fittings				
Balance B/F 31.05.21		5861		
new additions		397		
		6258		
less depreciation at 15% 31.05.22		879	5379	5861
Total fixed Assets		29948	20780	
TOTAL ASSETS at 31.05.22		83311	80072	
Creditors				
	Brent premises licence Jan-May 2022	75	75	
Total creditors		75	75	
Assets less creditors		83236	79997	
Capital Account 31.05.21		79997	88582	
Assets less last year's capital account		3239	-8585	
Profit/loss on profit and loss account		3239		
Profit/loss on balance sheet		3239		
difference		0		