

Report from Warehouse Theatre (IES) and Dementia Action Alliance

Warehouse Theatre (IES)

Rehearsals are in full swing for the youth theatre's production of The Lion Witch and Wardrobe in March and the next IES production will be the not to be missed Murder on the Nile. Indeed the programme committee are already looking at dates for next year having successfully completed a full and varied itinerary for the remainder of this year.

Of particular note at the recent meeting though was the disappointment at being unable to obtain permission from this council to advertise on the Rec with no particular reason forthcoming. I see from the draft minutes that items discussed during consideration of this request were developing a policy for advertising on council property and whether or not to charge for this. Personally I would not be in favour of charging the theatre as it is a charity and would rather defeat the object. Other sites are currently under investigation and it is hoped these will be successful.

Dementia Action Alliance

Unfortunately the group is struggling to recruit members and to this end a press release has been organised to be published in the Chard and Ilminster giving information on what the aim of the Alliance is.

At the last meeting we were lucky enough to welcome on board Tesco's community champion and plans are in hand for an easter egg raffle outside Tesco in March with members on hand to explain more about its aim. All Tesco staff will undergo dementia training and the forget me not emblem will be displayed at certain tills enabling people to use these checkouts without feeling harassed.

It is a credit to Ilminster that despite its small numbers their drive to become a dementia aware town has been acknowledged and welcomed by The Alzheimer's Society.

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