

# Showcase Chairman's Report, July 2018

Bill Michell, Chairman

Hello, everyone.

I'd like to start my report for 2018 with a few Thank You's.

First, thank you to my committee this past year, without whom nothing would have been organised. These people give up their time and work hard to make sure the company can keep going. Thank you all.

Next, thanks to all our members, both new and not-so-new. To our old established members for sticking with us through thick and thin, and to our new joiners who have helped to keep Showcase alive.

Thank you to all our supporters, who keep coming back to our concerts; without you, it wouldn't be worth our while performing. A special thank you to our President Angela and her sister Margaret, who have long been great supporters of ours.

Thank you to The Church of the most Sacred Heart for allowing us to use their hall as both a rehearsal and a performance venue, and for allowing us to perform at some of your events.

Thanks to those of you who helped us backstage or front of house at our performances this year. The roles aren't glamorous but are really essential to making a show happen.

Finally, thank you to Sue, Tom and Errol. Without you, our performances simply wouldn't have been good enough to go ahead. Thank you so much for giving us so much of your time.

Without all of you, Showcase would have been unable to fulfil its aim of fostering and promoting Performing Arts within the Community.

Indeed, a year ago, we all thought that Showcase was coming to an end. Our Christmas show was going to be our last, and we were going out with a bang, rather than a whimper.

However, we had such a great time during rehearsals, and got such a great reception from our audience, that none of us were prepared to walk away and wind things up; I for one found myself sitting at home on a Friday night thinking that I ought to be out doing something!

We did take a short break at the beginning of 2018, and Maria organised some social meals together to help us stay in touch – but we all missed Showcase so much that we decided to stay together and put together a show to celebrate the Royal Wedding in May.

Rehearsals for the show were fun, and benefitted from the extra focus that the shorter rehearsal time forced us to have, and the show was a great success, with great feedback from those in the audience who attended; the only negative feedback I heard was that the band could overpower the voices for people sitting in certain parts of the hall – something that we will bear in mind for our next show.

For indeed, there will be a next show; Showcase will continue and we hope to do a show in November to commemorate the end of the First World War. I hope you will all be able to make it. More details to follow shortly.

Thanks once more to everyone who has contributed to the ongoing success of Showcase.

Bill Michell – Chairman