

**Lockerbie Drama Club - SCN: SCO15957**

**President's Report 2019-20**

**(NB – As our AGM did not take place in August 2020 owing to the Corona Virus restrictions, this report is being submitted now with our accounts. LGN 28.1.21)**

This year began normally with our production of Over My Dead Body by Derek Benfield in the last week of November. Audiences were good and the performance of the play was well received. This comedy portrayed a widower who wished to live the remainder of his life alone in peace. His late wife's forward planning attempted to thwart this leading to many unexpected and comedic moments. Despite audience enjoyment, it has been noted that it may be time to steer away from morbid themes in future as our last two plays have featured bereavement.

Sadly, in the midst of life we are in death and nothing has highlighted this more than the Corona Virus Pandemic of 2020. Global events took over in the early months of the year and, due to the Club's demographic, we suspended Club activities in February prior to the national lockdown in March.

At the end of 2019 we had a representative from the Theatre Royal in Dumfries visit our theatre to assess our lighting with a view to updating our system. We also have had our heating system assessed by a local electrician to enable us to upgrade our heaters with more cost effective ones.

Our theatre was to be a location for The Spring Fling in May and we would have been hosting an exhibition of Bella Green's work but that was obviously cancelled.

In June we received a donation of £10000 from the local Council for Covid measures to help with the running costs of the theatre during closure.

It is hoped the situation improves in the coming months and Lockerbie Little Theatre can be operational again soon.

Lilias Nichol, President

28th August 2020