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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT 2014

In my third year as Chairman of the Kenton Theatre I am delighted to report on another successful year in the life of the Kenton Theatre.

During this year we have achieved a record number of patrons using the theatre to enjoy a varied range of programmes performed at the theatre. These shows included ballet, drama, musical performances, evenings 'with' and many more. We hosted the Henley Literary Festival, the Henley Youth Festival, the Drama Festival, the Henley Players and of course HAODS and we are enormously grateful to all of those companies for continuing to use the Kenton theatre and provide the highest quality of entertainment.

For the second year running, through our newly formed Kenton theatre production company we produced our own pantomime, Aladdin, with an attendance of over 3,000 people in 14 near sell-out performances. The increased utilisation of the theatre in both performances and attendances has once again been wonderfully supported by our team of volunteers and without their continued support and constant call to duty the theatre could not undertake these shows and I would like to personally thank each and every one of them.

The Trustees are, of course, sorry to report the loss of the appeal for an illuminated sign but with this appeal we realised, if we hadn't already known, the tremendous feeling of goodwill towards the theatre in Henley and the surrounding area. I am however pleased to report that we are now in conversation with the Henley town council to present a new and exciting plan for illuminating our front of house. Whilst these discussions always take longer than we would like I would hope to have an outline scheme available for approval within the next three months.

The foyer refurbishment will be undertaken in August of this year, we had hoped to have these works completed earlier but we were unable to find enough time within our programme to do this without disrupting the theatre.

My sincerest thanks,

**Edward Simons**  
**Chairman of the Board of Trustees**