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Afternoon Andrew and Anne,

Thank you Nigel for the introduction.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to tell you more about the Theatre's extensive community programme how we are supporting our local rural communities. As Nigel mentioned, we already support a number of young people in Chadlington.

Could I come along to a Parish meeting, or I would be very happy to prepare a letter if that's more appropriate.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Katie

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Good afternoon all,

I'd like to introduce you to each other. Katie is the fundraising manager at Chipping Norton Theatre. Andrew is chair of Chadlington PC and Anne is the PC clerk.

As part of my role as District Councillor, but also as the WODC rep for Chipping Norton Theatre, I'd like to try and bring the parish council and Theatre a little closer together.

The theatre has done excellent work with a number of our Chad community. As a summary, in the last few years they have worked with a number of young people who are resident in Chadlington parish, including –

- 10 children supported through their free school holiday meals and cultural programme
- 7 children attending HAF (Holiday Activity Fund) week long drama opportunities in the summer holidays (making up 15% of the total number of participants)
- 5 children have annual bursaries for youth theatre or YT Open (a supported youth theatre for children with additional needs).

They also continue to run fully funded Mental Health workshops for students in several year groups at Chipping Norton Secondary School who are on the CAMHS waiting list or are referred by their teachers, amongst whom attendees include young people from Chadlington parish.

I know Katie would like an opportunity to address the Parish Council about the great work that the Theatre continues to do, with a view (and let's not beat around the bush here) to potentially seeking a modest contribution from the PC to support and extend that work.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Nigel.

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