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Community trust gets behind mystery plays

Memorial group donates £10,000 to 2013 production

A CHESTER law firm has put its trust in the Chester Mystery Play.

Trustees of the Teresa Briggs Trust, which is administered by Chester law firm Hill Dickinson, has granted £10,000 for the 2013 production of the medieval plays at Chester Cathedral.

Trustee and partner at Hill Dickinson Simon Parrington presented Chester Mystery Plays chairman Jo Sykes with a cheque at the annual general meeting of the mystery plays board on Thursday, June 28.

Jo Sykes said: "We are absolutely delighted with this donation and would like to thank the trustees for their support of the Chester Mystery Plays.

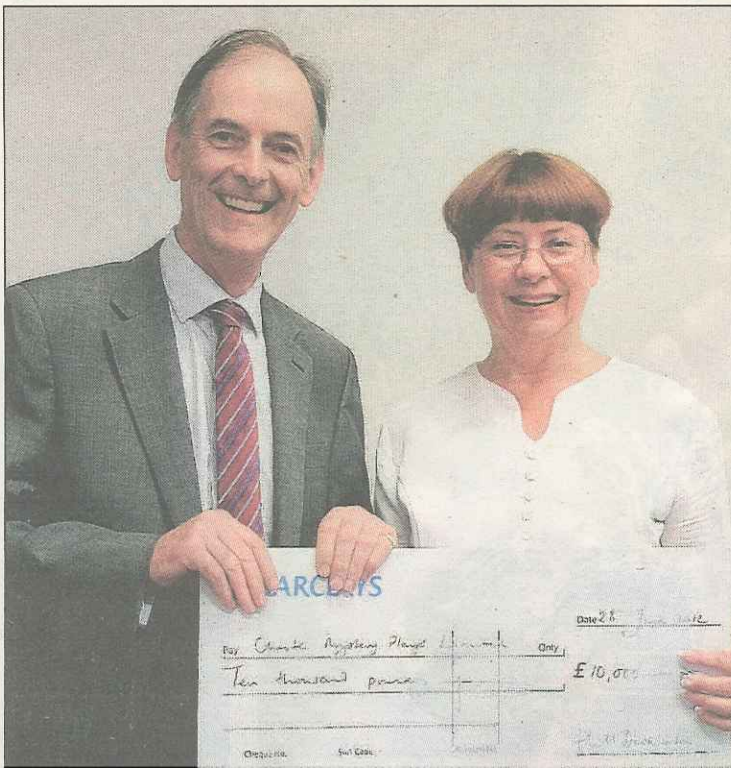
"We rely on donations such as this to ensure that the plays are produced to the highest standard and are looking forward to next year's cycle with great excitement."

"Teresa was a lovely lady who lived and breathed Chester. She left a legacy to support charitable organisations that make a positive contribution to Chester and its communities. I can't think of a better recipient - Teresa would have wanted to see the Mystery Plays continue to grow and thrive."

The Chester Mystery Plays were written in the 14th century by monks of the Abbey of St Werburgh (now Chester Cathedral). A Papal ban during the 16th century meant that mystery plays were no longer allowed to be performed and Chester was the last town to concede in 1578.

The modern Chester Mystery Plays were revived in 1951 for the Festival of Britain and have been performed roughly every five years since then.

■ The 2013 production will be in the nave of Chester Cathedral from June 26-July 13. Tickets are available from www.chestermysteryplays.com



BENEFACTO
Teresa Briggs trustee and Hill Dickinson partner Simon Parrington presents Chester Mystery Plays Board chairman Jo Sykes with cheque for £10,000 to support the 2013 production.