***Arts Dream Selsey By Chris Butler--(Director Arts Dream Selsey )2015***

Arts Dream Selsey (ADS) was founded in October 2012, as a voluntary arts organization and is now a Charitable Company and aspires to promote, maintain improve and advance education and appreciation of the arts in all its forms among the people of Selsey and district community.

So what have we done this year

In- terms of regular activity;

* We’ve run the Selsey Community Choir
* This year we stared swing jive classes and had 2 terms of that and 40 people attended those classes
* We have run a series of art classes and demonstrations and over 100 people have attended those classes.
* One of our great success this year has been the ‘Revolutionaires’ swing jive concert was a great success attended by 200 people. The ‘Revs’ was an outstanding audience development project as people came to see the band from for example Southampton, Brighton, Worthing and Guildford. Lots of them had never heard of Selsey but loved the Academy as the venue for the event and can’t wait for us to do it again!
* Again we have been committed to our own theatrical production work and in May we offered something new and different to the Selsey Community more of a smale scale production based on Laural and Hardy and 500 people attended that
* This year Arts Dream has achieved funding from Santander,West Sussex Community Fund, and the Big Lottery Fund, and in turn we have supported The Academy Rock Challenge and Belinda’s Sing Your Heart out Project.
* We have continued to advocate for Performance Space in Selsey and crucially have revitalised the Pavilion for future use as a community venue. We are also supporting the Academy for more community facilities that will enhance the Main Hall in amore user friendly performance space with new seating

In 2016 Arts Dream had over 7000 users, with participants, audiences for live events and on line, and not forgetting our Patrick More Exhibition in the Selsey Cricket Club , and the Selsey 57 Website that is still on going

We have a huge summer ahead

During July and August we have our Summer Skills project funded by the Big Lottery Fund and there are a number of small scale performances and a children’s show linked to that. Then in August we have our annual Art Exhibition in collaboration with the Camera Club

 In September we are taking our critically acclaimed production of Tonight at the Pavilion Charlie Chaplin up to the Cinema Museum in London for 15 performances. Great for all our local performers as they are to be paid as professional artists! A great coo for Selsey to be transferring to London! and Gillian’s play is currently being published by Frenches. That project is funded to the tune of 33 thousand.

In terms of our governance this year we have three new directors, Belind, Becki and Gillian. They have always been on the committee but now are directors of the charity. I remain the Executive Director, so I hope you are all ok with that. Financially Arts Dream is very healthy with an annual turn over of around 35k, and I would like to thank the committee for all their help this year

We still need more people to help us.