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ONLY YOUNG ONCE? NOT SO SAYS VIRGINIA

At a champagne reception to celebrate her performance in delivering the Virginia Monologues to a very well attended Minerva theatre, Virginia Ironside generously signed copies of her latest book 'Virginia Monologues - Why growing old is great', with profits donated to Children on the Edge. Children on the Edge, the Chichester based international children's charity set up by Anita Roddick, had been donated a performance by Virginia as a gift by local resident and supporter Patricia Kerr, and what a gift it turned out to be!

With barely a glance at her A4 pad, her only Alzheimer relieving prop, Virginia entranced the audience with a masterclass in oratorical brilliance. With a wave of her hand, she immediately informed the youngsters in the room that she could offer them nothing, and with that reassuringly beautiful smile that is her trademark, she proceeded to take us on a journey through the delights, perils and inconveniences of getting old.

Memorable lines just kept coming ('Worthing -Miami without the gangsters'....) and all was woven into a delicately quilted tapestry of empathetic and shrewd insights into how we should gracefully accept our imminent lot in life.

Her stimulating performance was appreciated hugely by the citizens of Chichester and beyond who braved snow and icy conditions to attend.

The event raised over £4,000 for Children on the Edge, who exist to bring life, colour and fun to some of the most vulnerable children across the world. The charity supports 15 projects across 10 different countries, including Learning Centres for 300 working children in Bangladesh and an innovative sports programme engaging, educating and providing crucial nutrition for 400 children living in the slums of Port au Prince.

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