



FADS Newsletter – September 2019

Greetings all and welcome to our latest Newsletter.

Murder Mystery Evenings.

As a substitute for our June production we organised a Murder Mystery Suppers over two evenings. I am delighted to report that we had a full house for both performances and it was very successful. We have already had requests for similar events.

The next Play Reading Group meets on Monday 23rd September. If you are interested in joining us please contact me to establish numbers and to let you know the venue address. Tel. 01903245343 or email me on roellistoon2770@gmail.com

The Village Annual Fair on July 20th. We are delighted to report that we had a very good response to our FADS stall with the 'Vicar of Dibley and Alice' in attendance. Don't forget to book early for **The November Production of 'The Vicar of Dibley'** as tickets will go very quickly for this performance.

A request for New Directors

FADS has a directing vacancy for November 2020 to 2021 and would like to invite potential applicants to put their names forward and also suggestions for particular plays they would like to direct. Experience is obviously an advantage but we would also like to hear from those of you who would like to add another string to their bow. If you find first-time directing too daunting a task we can arrange for you to sit in initially as "assistant director" or "assistant Stage Manager" with one of our more experienced members. If you are interested please contact Graham Batchelor on:-

01903-523757

07713-501212

Or email on grabatch1@gmail.com

Prop store clearance

We are carrying out a prop store clearance on Sunday the 29th September and the 6th of October. If you are able to help us please contact Graham Batchelor – contact details as above.

MEMORIES

In the last month, FADS have sadly lost two long standing members.

Roy Holder had been with us for 60 years, firstly joining in 1959. During his time with us he was involved mostly on lighting, although he was persuaded to tread the boards when he appeared in "Becket" - a sight not to be missed! For his invaluable service to FADS he was made a life member in 1991 and then became President until last year, when he retired owing to ill health. He also represented FADS on the Village Hall Committee for many years, providing them with advice on anything concerning the stage or electrical.

We were so shocked to hear of the sudden death of John Franklin, who had been with us for many years. During this time he provided invaluable help with set construction and took great pride in his work until his health caused him to give this up but until quite recently he still used to help "out front" at our productions. He had also served on the Village Hall Committee and was still the President of Ferring Horticultural Society, presenting the awards only recently in the middle of July at their Summer Flower Show.

They will both be sadly missed and our condolences go out to Roy's wife Liz and family and to John's wife Margaret and family.

Kind regards.

Elizabeth