

Minutes for FADS AGM held on Wednesday 1st April 2026

Apologies

Apologies received from: Nigel Bubloz

Minutes of last AGM

Approved

Matters arising

None

Report from the Chair

Welcome to the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

2025 was a momentous year for the society. After extensive consultations and an Extraordinary General Meeting, we saw the end of an era with the sale of our Prop/Costume store in Sea Lane, Ferring. The monies raised have been used to rebuild and extend the scenery store at the rear of the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee has agreed that FADS has tenure of the land and connected facilities whilst we are actively hiring the hall for both rehearsals and productions for a one-off charge of £5,000. Hopefully this stipulation will not cause us a problem as we have been using the hall for this purpose since 1931. Thank you to Simon Cornish and the Trustees of the Village Hall. Thank you also to the Local District Council for the grant of £1,000 towards the cost of setting up the interior of the stores. A huge thank you to Nigel Bubloz and his team that were set up to oversee the project. This was no mean feat. Following the sale of the Sea Lane property there is a potential for FADS to incur a CGT liability. This has been estimated at £24,000. To celebrate the success of this project an official opening ceremony has been arranged for the 9th May this year.

2025/6 has been a very successful one in terms of performances. Once again, we have produced three very different plays starting with The Mirror Cracked in March directed by Veronica Cringle, followed by Boeing Boeing, directed by our new director Niall Conlan and finally Nell Gwynn directed by Simon Weston. The sheer diversity of these plays says a lot about the acting and production talent in our fabulous society.

2026/7 is no less diverse, we intend once again to produce three very different plays starting with the June play - Abigail's Party directed by Roy Stevens, November will see the production of Ladies Day directed by Yasmin Nixon and our March play will be Five Blue Haired Ladies Sitting on a Green Park Bench directed by Veronica Cringle.

In addition to our own productions FADS has an active social scene facilitated by our WhatsApp Group Fabulous FADs Friends. We have had a number of outings to see other armature productions performed by other local societies in addition to arranging pub nights and play readings. Thank you to Roy Stevens for instigating the majority of the visits to other societies and to Kay Hannah who administers the group and is responsible for the boozy nights out.

Once again thank you for your attendance this evening.

Financial Report

Copy of the Audited accounts distributed. Total surplus for the year was £3,284. John was pleased to announce that each show this year made a surplus with a total of £5,687 from all three shows. This compared to £6,019 from the previous year.

This year saw the sale complete of the storage buildings in Sea Lane giving FADS a surplus of £56,000 [after allowing for a potential CGT liability of £24,000] The sum of £80,000 had been placed on deposit with the Hampshire Trust Bank which has funded the building of the new storage units on land at the rear of the Village Hall. Following the completion of the building work there is currently a balance of £36,000 on deposit, £24,000 of which is reserved for the potential CGT liability. The new store has been valued at £75,000.

Accounts adopted – proposed by Veronica Cringle and seconded by Roy Stevens.

A donation of £300 has been previously agreed by the committee as a donation to the charity chosen by Colin Hawes as a thank you for preparing and auditing the accounts. The meeting agreed to Colin continuing as appointed auditor.

Election of Officers:

Main officers standing to continue by a unanimous vote:

Chairman – Veronica Cringle

Hon Secretary – Roy Stevens

Treasurer - John Croot

Election of committee

As is customary the whole committee stood down except for our president, Pat Attree.

Those agreeing to re-election to the committee are: Elizabeth Toon [committee], Simon Weston (Publicity & Artistic Com), Judith Mason-Griffiths [committee], Nigel Bubloz [Technical Manager], Carole Holliday [Social Media], Steve Baker [Membership Secretary], Andrea Leisk [Box Office] Niall Conlan [committee] Martin Oakley [Set design]

New Committee Member elected: Liz Nash– proposed by Veronica Cringle, seconded by Roy Stevens.

A.O.B.

Susan Curtis has agreed to edit future newsletters.

Date of next AGM was agreed as Wednesday 7th April 2027

Meeting Closed 7.50 pm