



# Fads Newsletter

**June 2008**

**Greetings to you all.** Sadly Chris Gale has left us to go back to Norfolk and consequently this newsletter is under new management, as they say. No, do not get excited! As no volunteer has yet come forward to take her place it has fallen on the shoulders of the Chairman to produce this chat sheet.

## **News from the A.G.M.**

At the A.G.M. I reported that there will be a change in the arrangements for the regular first Monday of the month play readings after September when Joyce Cooper leaves for foreign places near Manchester. As yet I do not know the details but watch out for further information in the September issue and on the web site. In the meantime play readings will be held on Monday evenings 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September at 30 Sea Lane Gardens, Ferring at 7.30 p.m. as usual.

I am very pleased to welcome to the ranks new members Colin Wyeth and his wife Diana. Colin was elected to the post of Hon. Treasurer at the A.G.M. following the retirement of John Griffiths after many years of successfully guiding the society.

It was agreed that a donation of £150 be made to the British Red Cross and also £250 to the local branch of the Alzheimers Society.

I am pleased to tell you that Alan Fryar was elected to Life Membership of the society in recognition of his support to the society and also running the web site.

The Ellen Ewen rose bowl for the best performance by an actress for the year was awarded to Jo Smith for her performance as Ronnie in "Caramba's Revenge".

The Mabel Shearing-Paine cup for best performance for the year by an actor was awarded to Martin Rumsey for his performance as Spriggs in "Theft".

The Terry Clough cup for best supporting performance for the year was awarded to Yvonne Baker for her performance as Karen Holt in "Something to Hide".

## **Audition for November play**

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" directed by Jo Smith.

Performance dates 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Audition date Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30 p.m. at Ferring Village Hall.

Script reading Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30 p.m. at Ferring Village Hall

First rehearsal Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.30 p.m. at Ferring Village Hall

This dark melodrama tells the tale of Sweeney Todd, the barber with murder on his mind.

The principle characters are as follows: **Sweeney Todd**: 40's, large role. **Mrs Lovett**: 40/50's, large role. **Lupin**: 40's, small role. **Fogg**: 40/50's, small role. **Mark**: 20/30's, medium role.

**Joanna**: 20's, medium role. There are further smaller characters with very few lines. Please come along on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July if you would like to be involved in any capacity.

Please ring me on 01903 773425 if you are interested in this but cannot attend.

## **Forthcoming events.**

The next newsletter will be published in September when I or your new editor will be providing you with your dates for the autumn season but in the meantime I will mention a

little of what is in store. First and foremost to remind you for your diary is Jo Smith's production at the Village Hall in November and I have just previously mentioned the audition evening. A Table Top sale is planned for 4<sup>th</sup> October also in the Village Hall. On 18<sup>th</sup> October a Race Evening will take place at the Rifers which will be run on the same lines that Peter Blanks used to run them. So make the provisional bookings in your diaries now:

<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Audition for November play, 7.30 at Ferring Village Hall
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Play reading, 7.30 at 30 Sea Lane Gardens, Ferring
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Play reading, 7.30 at 30 Sea Lane Gardens, Ferring
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Play reading, 7.30 at 30 Sea Lane Gardens, Ferring
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Table Top sale, 10.00 at Ferring Village Hall
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Race Night, 7.00 at Ferring Rifers
<b>Wed – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Performance of "Sweeney Todd" at Ferring Village Hall

## **Subscriptions**

I understand that there are a few members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions. I hope that this is due to an oversight and not to leaving the society. Every member is important to the continued running of the society with whatever support they can give and I hope that those colleagues who have not renewed yet will get themselves back on the active list. It does not matter if your available time is limited this year, it is important to keep in touch. Subscriptions to Barbara Abbott, 20 Foam Court Way, Ferring. BN12 5RD please.

## **Other societies forthcoming productions.**

Henfield Theatre Company are presenting "The Winters Tale" at the Henfield Hall on 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets £8 from 01273 492204.

Wick Theatre Company are presenting "Not Now Darling" at the Barn Theatre, Southwick on 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets £8 from 01273 597094.

## **That's all for now**

All that remains for me to say at this time is that I look forward to seeing you all at the show and wish you all a good summer. At the time of writing this I have heard that John Franklin is not very well and wish him a speedy recovery.

Derek Bell