

Faringdon Dramatic Society
presents:



I Thought I Heard A Rustling

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The play is set in the office of a small branch Library in the early 1990's. Examiner turned poet Bill Robson has been appointed writer-in-residence to the library. Senior Librarian Ellen soon realises that Bill is not what he seems but, despite this, she soon comes to enjoy his company and humour. When the library is threatened with demolition they join forces with an earnest local man, Gerald Nutley, to thwart the plan of the local council.

Act 1

Scene 1: The Civic Centre Annexe. Morning
Scene 2: The Library. Morning
Scene 3: The Library. A week later. Morning

Act 2

Scene 1: The Library. A couple of hours later. Afternoon.
Scene 2: The Civic Centre Annexe. Morning.
Scene 3: The Library. A month later. Morning.

There will be an interval of twenty minutes between Acts 1 and 2 when refreshments will be served and the raffle drawn.

Cast in order of appearance:

Bill Robson	Daniel Lander
Ellen Scott	Joan Lee
Councillor Graham	Sandra Keen
Gerald Nutley	Allan Dover
Bernard	Jonathan Keen

Directed by Gary Field
Assistant Director: Jeff Barry

Behind the Scenes:

Producer:	Roger Leitch
Stage Manager:	Jeff Barry
Set Design:	Jeff Barry, Gary Field, Peter Webster
Set Construction:	Jeff Barry, Peter Webster, Jo Webster, Carole Tappenden, Gary Field, Nick Evans, Richard Lock
Costumes:	Jeni Summerfield
Sound :	Scott Gildert
Lights:	Ian Chandler
Props:	Alex Oliver, Fiona Merrick
Prompt:	Lois and Adrian Wells
Posters:	Adrian Wells
Programmes:	Dave Headey
Publicity:	Fiona Merrick
Front Of House Coordinator:	Denise Monk
Front of house team:	Katie Goodwin, Dave Headey, Fiona Merrick, Jeni Summerfield, Alan & Carolyn Taylor, Peter & Jo Webster, Simon & Lynda Wisbey

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- **Faringdon United Church** for rehearsal facilities
- **Faringdon Junior School** for their co-operation
- **The Nut Tree** for box office facilities

The Cast

Daniel Lander (Bill)

A welcome return for Daniel after a couple of years' break. Previous credits include Algernon in **The Importance of being Earnest**, Lloyd Dallas in **Noises Off**, Mortimer Brewster in **Arsenic & Old Lace**, Nico in the award-winning **Albert**, and Lopakhin in **The Cherry Orchard**. Professionally trained, Daniel has worked in the past with Gordon Kaye and Ricky Gervais.



Joan Lee (Ellen)

Joan joined the Dramatic Society in 1987, and after making the mistake of admitting that she could sew, has been on the wardrobe team ever since. She acts as well, and has specialised in animal parts, being in her time a lion, two halves of a horse, a fish and a toad. Recent "human" credits include Martha Brewster in **Arsenic and Old Lace** and Miriam in **Outside Edge**.

Sandra Keen (Councillor Graham)

Sandra has been acting for nine years, starting with a production of **Cinderella**, and has since performed a variety of roles including Lady Sneerwell in Sheridan's **School for Scandal**. This is her fourth appearance for FDS and we also saw her as Rose in **Dancing at Lughnasa**, and Varya in **The Cherry Orchard**.



Allan Dover (Gerald)

Allan trained as an actor alongside Matt Lucas (of Little Britain, whom he remembers as a practical joker!) and has worked in TV and theatre. His first appearance with FDS was as a terrifying Captain Hook in **Peter Panto**. More recently he was seen as Bavour the blacksmith in **Candleford** and in cameos as Hamlet and Heathcliff in **Beauty and the Beast**.

Jonathan Keen (Bernard)

Jonathan is a newcomer to FDS and gamely stepped up to take on the challenge of playing Bernard. Last seen on stage as Jarvis Williams in a Leach Valley Players production of **Sweeney Todd**, almost ten years ago, Jonathan now plans to slip quietly back into retirement.



New Members

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