

# Minutes of Faringdon Dramatic Society

## Annual General Meeting 6th May 2008

### **Members Present:**

Karen Whiffen, Carolyn Taylor, Alan Taylor, Austen Roberts, Katie Goodwin, Fiona Merrick, Gary Field, Debbie Lock, John Taylor, Sandra Keen, Peter Webster, Carole Tappenden, , Joan Lee, Jeff Barry, Roger Leitch, Tim Evans, Mary Mountford-Lister, Katie Dyet, Nick Evans.

**Apologies:** Jeni Summerfield, Richard Lock, Ann Taylor, Dave Heady, Jill Headey, Verity Roberts, Jo Webster, Ian Lee, Paul Mountford-Lister.

### **Previous minutes of AGM:**

The minutes from last year were accepted and signed as a true record.

### **Matters arising:**

We no longer need a local store for scenery, as we will soon be renting a large farm building in Gainfield to store/build scenery. The rental will start after "Outside Edge"

### **Election of officers:**

As most members were willing to stand again in their current positions, and no-one had any objections to their doing so, it was agreed unanimously that those willing to do so, should stay on the committee. Consequently, it was necessary to elect only two new members to the Committee.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Proposed Member</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
New Committee Member	Jeni Summerfield	Debbie Lock	John Taylor
New Committee Member	Austen Roberts	Debbie Lock	Peter Webster
Other Committee members to stay on in their current positions			
Chair	Gary Field		
Secretary	Karen Whiffen		
Treasurer	Carolyn Taylor		
Membership Secretary	Sandra Keen		
Committee Member	Peter Webster		
Committee member	Katie Dyet		

The above were elected to form the committee for the following year. Thanks were offered to Fiona merrick and Tim Evans for their valuable input over the last 12 months.

### **Chair's Report:**

Gary Field's report reflected a busy and successful year with the following highlights: the facial hair in "Earnest"; the barbecue, complete with Canadian visitors; the Garrison Little Theatre's production of "Lend Me A Tenor"; the annual Christmas meal; and the modern Tinkerbell in "Peter Panto".

Copies will be made available for anyone who wishes to see the report in full.

Peter Webster offered a vote of thanks to Debbie Lock and Carolyn Taylor for their work in obtaining the Costume Store.

**Treasurer's report:** Carolyn Taylor presented a report showing a profit over the last 12 months (Current account - £4779.19; Deposit account - £8678.12; Cash Book £4464.06).

Thanks were offered to Gary Bates for auditing the accounts. Copies will be made available for anyone who wishes to see the full report.

Peter Webster proposed the acceptance of the Treasurers report – this was seconded by John Taylor

### **Membership report:**

Membership stays about the same as last year, but the active membership has dropped. It was agreed that subscriptions would remain the same for the following year.

### **Future Productions:**

- **Festivals:** We will not be entering the Festivals this year, as so many people (and their partners) are involved in the Canadian Exchange, so are not available. Those not involved in Outside Edge had the opportunity to audition for a short version of "Hamlet", but there was not enough interest.
- **Outside Edge:** We need a large audience for this, and it has been well advertised, both with posters and photos in *The Folly*. Tickets are available in the Nut tree, but not many have been sold as yet.
- **Autumn Production:** Debbie Lock will direct, has looked at two plays, and has opted for "Candleford" (to be performed in the round). Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary production was "L:arkrise", so it seems fitting to do "Candleford" in our 60<sup>th</sup> year. There are lots of parts, and we especially need young men - Karen to let Debbie have the Pantomime contact list from last year. Harriet Williams has agreed to co-ordinate the band. The alternative play was "Ten Times table". This would have been a reprise of our 100<sup>th</sup> production, but is in many ways very similar to "Outside Edge"
- **Panto 2009:** Carolyn has been writing a pantomime ("Beauty and the Beast", which is as yet unfinished, but should be ready in time. She would however prefer not to direct both the pantomime and "Outside Edge". Two directors would be needed for the panto – Peter to advertise via the Newsletter.
- **May 2009:** Gary to direct (with assistance, if possible) "I Thought I Heard A Rustling"

### **AOB:**

Membership List – The Data Protection Law states that full contact lists may no longer be sent to individuals electronically. Hard copies will be posted out to all members on request. The membership form will be changed to ask members for permission to pass on their names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Polo Shirts – Fiona Merrick will take in the cheque and collect the Polo shirts. These will then be passed to Karen for distribution.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – celebrations will include a large-scale production ("Candleford") and a special Christmas meal in the Corn Exchange. Sharon Gerry has offered to organise a meal – the Committee will choose the date, and make arrangements.

Long Service Badges – no news as yet.

BBQ – Peter offered his garden for sometime in early September.

Recruitment Drive – we decided to host a stall with flyers and photos at the Arts Festival to help advertise the "Candleford" auditions and to possibly encourage new members to join us.

### **Date of next Annual General Meeting:**

TBC

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Karen Whiffen  
Secretary, Faringdon Dramatic Society  
6th May 2008