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Those of us who are still interested in live theatre must deplore the passing of the Little Theatre & its Club. From the outside, we see merely a ramshackle old Nissen hut & a small brick-built shed alongside, but inside there is still to be found on occasion the light, colour, warmth, vibrancy & excitement associated with any live production, however modest. For more than twenty years the Faringdon Dramatic Society has staged about three plays annually, straight, thrillers, comedies & farces, some better than others, but all acceptable to our loyal audiences. For many years now we have had to subsidise the theatre ourselves by money-making activities far removed from drama. We have spent hundreds of pounds merely to preserve its crumbling fabric & keep it weather proof. On our tiny, pocket-handkerchief stage over 50 colourful sets have been created & expertly mounted by successive stage-management teams, whose only reward has been the satisfaction of a job well done. Elsewhere in the Venture you will see the announcement of our final production in the Little Theatre, but this does not mean that the Society is to disband. We are determined to keep it going in some form or other & to continue to offer Faringdon live drama.