

Faringdon Folly

Down in the woodshed at Cold Comfort Farm

COLD Comfort Farm comes to Faringdon in June. The well-known comedy, written by Paul Doust from the novel by Sheila Gibbons, is being reprised by Faringdon Dramatic Society at Faringdon Junior School over three nights from Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 June.

The play, a period piece set in the 1930s, with its heroine orphan Flora Poste, played by Verity Roberts, who goes to live with her eccentric relatives in deepest Sussex, the Starkadders at Cold Comfort Farm. Here she finds the insane grandmother Ada Doom (Carolyn Taylor) renowned for her 'Saw something narsty in the woodshed' line, who likes to keep her family close. Flora does her best to alter her surroundings and encourage those around her on to greater things, with some success.

FDS have on this occasion attracted actors to the cast of 20 from both Lechlade and Oxford. The production is directed by Jo Webster, who has acted and directed in many FDS productions over the years and did in fact act in the previous production of Cold Comfort Farm back in 1994, as did three other members of the cast.

Tickets at £7 and £5 are available from The Nut Tree in Faringdon or via the FDS website at www.faringdondramatic.org.uk

Cold funny farm

DIRECTOR Jo Webster and Faringdon Dramatic Society once again pulled out all the stops to deliver a comic and - entertaining production of Cold Comfort Farm. A great antidote to the cold reality of the harsh budget of the same week.

Standout characters were for me the loopy Ada Doom, Carolyn Taylor, pictured below, lead character Flora Paste (Verity Roberts), the dancing and singing Adam Lambsbreath played by Dave Headey and the chorus of both Starkadders and Quivering Brethren. The way they weaved about and pointed will be with me for a long time. Good to see new people joining the society too. As ever compliments to the entire ensemble and behind the scenes for a really good night's - entertainment. 0. Welles