



Frant Pantomime and Dramatic Society Newsletter – October 2008

Welcome

It's nearly pantomime time so get ready for some audience participation! Some details of the panto are included later on in the newsletter.

There's also some news about our annual dinner so read on...

Your Committee

It's a new era for FPDS. At the AGM we handed the reigns over to the new committee as usual but this year we had a bit more movement than usual.

We were sad to see Ann Darby stand down and thank her for all of her work during her time on the committee.

After 31 years as our Treasurer, Roger Bassett has decided to hang up his calculator and has handed the mantle to Clive Moores. We presented Roger with a small gift in recognition of his years of service. I'm still quite surprised at the speed with which Anne and Roger proposed and seconded Clive's nomination for the job!

Val Dormady also stepped down, as Chair, although we are very glad that she will remain on the committee. We presented Val with a vase by way of thanks for her contribution over the years. Jackie Manktelow was voted in as Chair of the new committee.

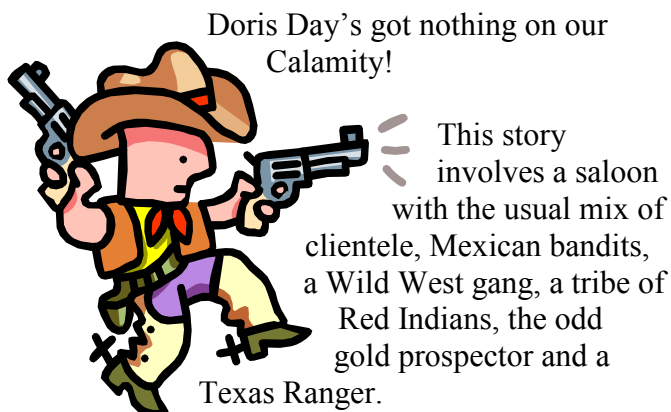
We are all very grateful to Ann, Roger and Val for their past contributions and look forward to seeing them in their new roles as society members and, in Val's case, a committee member.

Val has also asked me to pass on her thanks to the members of the society for her gift.

The Pantomime – 'Calamity Jane'

Yes, you read it correctly, we are performing 'Calamity Jane' the pantomime this year! Rehearsals are well under way and, despite

having a very large cast, Jackie managed to find somebody for all of the roles (although the rear end of the horse may still be required!).



Just like with the pirates, 2 years ago, everybody loves stories about cowboys so there'll be something for young and old alike.

The show is on Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December at 7:45pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 3:00pm. **The tickets will go on sale to members of the society at rehearsals on Thursday 30 October**, before they are on sale to the general public, so please ensure that you drop in to avoid disappointment.

Annual Dinner

We were planning to repeat last year's success and have a meal on the Friday following the performance at The Brown Trout in Lamberhurst **BUT** we have recently discovered that a number of our members are otherwise engaged on that day and The Brown Trout has changed hands and may not live up to last year's meal.

That being so, the committee will need to rethink and, given that any later date will start to encroach on Christmas, it looks as if we will have to shift the evening to January when we are all a little less busy – unless you're all going to take part in the Spring show, of course!