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# Headley Theatre Club



## *THE JOBSWORTH SAGA*

Three sketches for radio

5/6th October 2018

# Drain Damage

by John Owen Smith

Bill Turner .....	Cavan Syrad
Fred Nesbitt .....	Martin Wellen
Mrs Brenda Pressing .....	Kathryn Witts
Geraldine Thackeray .....	Wendy Downs
Rev Simon Best .....	Louis Clist
Moira Tripp .....	Jill Turner
Dan Faucet .....	John Preskett

*The time is early summer, and all the local societies in Binford are busy preparing for their various summer shows. Naturally they only know about their own activities, the needs of others being entirely superfluous. Unfortunately there seems to have been a double booking and, to make matters worse, the drains to the loos are blocked.*

**\*\*\* INTERVAL \*\*\***

— **Main Course will be served during this interval** —

## 'Allo Beenfor'

by John Owen Smith

Bill Turner .....	Cavan Syrad
Fred Nesbitt .....	Martin Wellen
Mrs Brenda Pressing .....	Penny McKay
Geraldine Thackeray .....	Wendy Downs
Rev Simon Best .....	John McGregor
Henry Pennington .....	Rufus Kendall
Madame Frederica Guillotine .....	Mel White

*The town council has decided to twin Binford with a French town of supposedly similar characteristics, and a grand ceremony is planned to welcome the first visitors and dignitaries in the Assembly Rooms. But harmony is disrupted when the French mayor's formidable personal assistant thinks Fred Nesbitt is her long-lost British father.*

\*\*\* INTERVAL \*\*\*

— Dessert will be served during this interval —

## Round the Bard

by John Owen Smith

Bill Turner ..... Cavan Syrad  
Fred Nesbitt ..... Martin Wellen  
Mrs Brenda Pressing ..... Angela Berry  
Geraldine Thackeray ..... Kathryn Witts  
Rev Simon Best ..... Nick Webb  
Hilary Hooker ..... Abby Hibberd  
Joan Forrest ..... Pru Harrold  
Mike Turrett ..... Rufus Kendall

*As part of the local Arts Festival the town council has commissioned a professional director to get local amateurs performing Shakespeare “in the round” on the floor of main hall. Alarm bells start to ring when she orders four tons of paving slabs to be brought in.*

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**Publicity** ..... Janet & Neil Hardinge

Our thanks to the Victoria Players, Fordingbridge, for being the first brave enough to prove that it is possible to run these scripts on the stage.
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## Welcome to Radio Headley

*“We’re not dull and we’re not deadly; Set your dial to Radio Headley!”*

Tonight we present three sketches originally written for radio by Jo Smith.

The episodes revolve around the life of a caretaker at an Assembly Rooms in a local small town, and the diverse characters and situations he meets in the course of doing his job. And of course it’s more than his job’s worth to step outside the bounds of his job description.

A real event in 1984 was the inspiration for these sketches. Members of Headley Theatre Club had volunteered for Stage Management duties at the Alton Arts Festival’s production of *Twelfth Night* in the Assembly Rooms. It was to be performed ‘in the round’ and directed by a professional director – and she asked for 4 tons of paving slabs to cover the floor. We imagined the reaction of the caretaker!

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## Future Dramatic Events by Headley Theatre Club

**The following dates and productions are proposed for 2019**

**Apr 26/27** – ‘Beyond a Joke’ – a comedy

**July 12/13** – ‘Allo ’Allo themed supper evening

**October 4/5 & 11/12** – ‘Trivial Pursuits’ – a comedy

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**Headley Theatre Club welcomes new members**

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