

Headley Theatre Club



THE JOBSWORTH SAGA

Three sketches for radio

13th April 2024

Sweet Charity

Bill Turner	Martin Wellen
Fred Nesbitt	Neil Hardinge
Mrs Brenda Pressing	Pru Harrold
Gerald Thackeray	Jonathan Neil
Rev Simon Best	Nick Webb
Moira Tripp	Jane Fryer
Needlecraft lady from Stinton	Wendy Downs

The annual Christmas Charity Fair generates less 'good will to all men' than it should when table allocations become mixed up, Father Christmas arrives late from the pub, and someone sets the decorations on fire.

*** INTERVAL ***

— Main Course will be served during this interval —

Brownie Points

Bill Turner	Martin Wellen
Fred Nesbitt	Neil Hardinge
Mrs Brenda Pressing	Pru Harrold
Rev Simon Best	Nick Webb
Moira Tripp	Jane Fryer
Susan Simple	Mel White
A Brownie	Maggie Farnlucher
Another Brownie	Angela Berry

A Brown Owl from a neighbouring town brings two dozen of her little charges to the Assembly Rooms for a week's 'Pack Holiday'. They take over the entire building, to the concern and dismay of one particular regular user..

*** INTERVAL ***

— Dessert will be served during this interval —

'Allo Beenfor'

Bill Turner	Martin Wellen
Fred Nesbitt	Neil Hardinge
Mrs Brenda Pressing	Pru Harrold
Geraldine Thackeray	Karina Farnlucher
Rev Simon Best	Nick Webb
Henry Pennington	Rod Sharp
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.

Acknowledgements

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Kitchen Supervisor	Liz Pennick
Bar Steward	Mike Pennick
Front of House	Tina Wareham
Other helpers	Members & friends of the Club

Radio Headley jingle	Sarah Horne
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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.

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 Binford, 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!

Future Dramatic Events by Headley Theatre Club

The following dates and productions are proposed for 2024

June 21/22 – Murder Mystery evenings

July 20 – we’re hosting ‘**Headfest**’
— an Acoustic & Folk music evening for charity

July 27 – **Summer Barn Dance** with Rough Ditch

October 19 & 26 – a comedy

Headley Theatre Club welcomes new members

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