



TOADS

The Old Alresford Dramatic Society
Established 1986



Hello from TOADS!

So what is TOADS? The Old Alresford Dramatic Society, formed in 1986 when the village school, shop and Post Office closed. Our aims remain as when we were founded; to keep village life going, to provide a focal point for the people in the Parish of Old Alresford and to give the children of the village something to do. In recent years we have expanded to include members from outside of the Parish and so our membership now includes many people from the surrounding areas. It's a great way to meet new friends and neighbours!

We have two performances each year – a Spring Show in May and a Pantomime in early December, both of which run for several days. The venue is the Christy Hall, Old Alresford and, depending on seating arrangements, we entertain upwards of 50 people at each performance. Our members compile all of our shows, and the pantomimes, while loosely based on traditional ones, have a very local flavour.

We welcome anyone who wishes to be a member. If you are aged over 8 (the youngest we can take for insurance reasons) and would like to tread the boards then we would love to hear from you. Experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm certainly is!

Non acting members are equally welcome, even if you don't want to tread the boards, we still need help with costumes, scenery painting, make-up, music, technical roles such as lighting and sound, bar staff and, of course, stage hands! We also ask that parents of younger performers help by taking a turn in supervising our budding stars on rehearsal evenings and during the shows. We are required to have two licensed chaperones during each of our performances, so volunteers for these roles are particularly appreciated.

All of our members have a great affection for the beautiful village in which we live and try to do the best for it and the people who live in it. We hope we succeed. If you would like to join us, please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and send, or drop it in, to me at the address at the end of the page.

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Annual fees: £6 for single members, £12 for families (at one address).
Please enclose cash or cheque payable to TOADS.

I would be happy to (please tick all that apply): act , sing/dance , sew , play piano/other instrument , backstage crew , operate sound/lighting , become a licensed chaperone , front of house , staff the bar , make-up , make / source props , set design/painting , box office .

Note that TOADS take photos and videos of our performances, which are available for members and may also be used to promote our activities through websites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and our own TOADS site. By participating in our shows (or allowing your children to do so) you are giving us permission to use these officially produced photos and videos for this purpose.

Please reply to: Mark Durrant, Cowley Bank, Basingstoke Road, Old Alresford SO24 9DL