

The Reverend Pat Lury

The death of Pat Lury in August this year sadly breaks another link with the early days of the Guild

It was Pat who, taking over from the Rev Peter Birkett, kept the Guild in existence. We do not have records of those very early days of the Guild but there were certainly several productions before 1952, not all of them in the village hall which in those days was our usual venue. One production, *The Zeal Of Thy House*, was certainly in the vicarage garden.

Pat was involved with nearly all the plays in the village hall but it was Pat who was the moving spirit and chief instigator in the building of the Church Barn. Much voluntary labour was involved but Pat was an inspiration to all of us; you could not refuse to help when you knew that Pat would be working harder than anyone else. Without his determination and vision the Barn would never have been built.

Pat continued as an active chairman of the Guild for many years until he moved to become the Vicar of All Saints, Maidstone. On his departure he was appointed our first honorary life member, a measure of the regard in which we held him.

His ashes lie in Little Chart churchyard, near those of Myra, his wife. His life was active and inspirational and he will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

REST IN PEACE.