

Sadly CAODS lost a very valuable member back in the summer of 2021. Mandy Parsall had been performing with CAODS for many years and took many a principal role as well as an enthusiastic member of the ensemble. Her personality will remain a memory in all our hearts.

Frank Parsall her husband who wholeheartedly supports the Society, contacted us after her funeral and said that it had been a wish of Mandy's to purchase something for the Society to remember her by.

After discussions with Frank the decision was made to purchase a lectern for CAODS use and to have it engraved with suitable wording in memory of Marilyn - known to us as Mandy.

This lectern commissioned by us but paid for by Frank, has been unveiled at our AGM this year and the picture above will show members who could not attend our AGM what it looks like.

Frank has sent us this message to convey his feelings.

"My first and lasting impressions of what you have produced was beyond my expectations.

I know speaking for Marilyn she would be touched and very humbled. I hope that the lectern in its way will contribute to CAODS second hundred years in Marilyn's memory.

Again thank you and the committee for what you have done for me and MANDY.

Always,

Frank"

CAODS have thanked Frank for the donation of the lectern, and we are sure it will be used for many years to come.