

Tribute to Andy Rusbridge.

We drank more than one toast to Andy at the St Ursula players annual dinner in January, after one of Andy's last emails to the club contained the tragic news that the grim reaper was finally within grasping distance of him.

He had fought long and bravely for ten years against 4 bouts of cancer with a positiveness that was enviable.

Andy had been a leading member of the players for over 20 years.

I am delighted that he came to the attention of the BFVS!

He played the reaper in a short film, Into The light, directed by Mike George. It was a tour de force, as have been so many of his performances both on stage, and in films like Uncertain Proof and Mr Welby's Cross.

I possibly felt closer to him than anyone else in either club, after sharing the stage with him in a series of amazing one act play experiences over the years. I even went on holiday with him in 2007.

He was such a talented and hard working actor, but much more than that. He was a great friend to us all in St Ursula's, doing so many and varied things for the club because of his great generosity of heart.

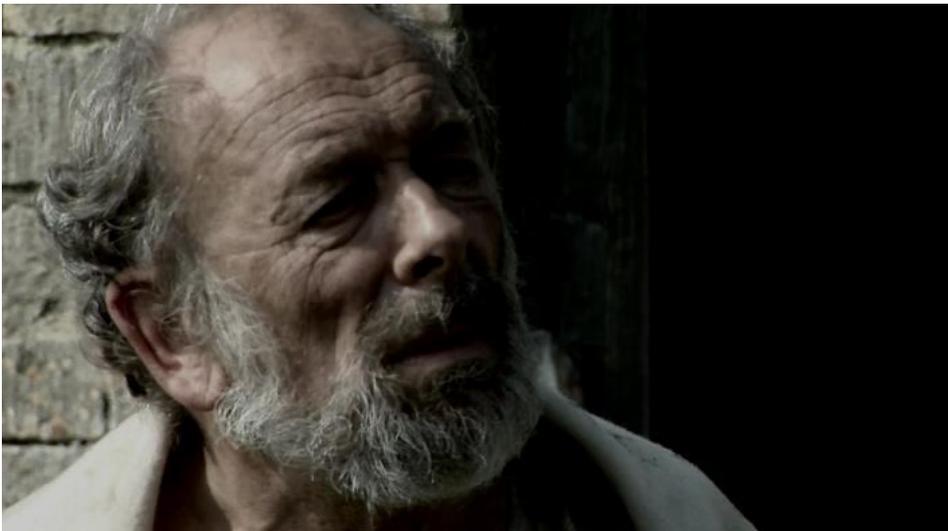
And I know he was very well liked by all in the BFVS who knew him.

His passing leaves a hole the size of a planet.

Tim Smart.

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Graham Egarr writes...



Andy was a brilliant actor on both stage and screen. 'Uncertain Proof' a film made by members of BFVS featured Andy in his greatest film role, a real tour de force.

He also appeared in..

- Bless <https://vimeo.com/258475148>
- Into the Light <https://vimeo.com/88816976>
- Cranes Trains and Heritage <https://vimeo.com/125994783>
- Mr Wellby's Cross <https://vimeo.com/122828565> and
- A short History of Bristol <https://vimeo.com/125171745>