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Welcome!

We would like to wish a warm welcome to those of you who are receiving our monthly newsletter for the first time; we are delighted that so many of you signed up to hear about our on-going theatre projects after coming along to see The Thrill of Love.

Reviews by Tavistock Times and NODA are on our [web site](#)

You will see that we have a very busy diary over the coming months, and very much look forward to your continued support in our efforts to bring good quality drama to local communities.



Talking Heads by Alan Bennett

We are delighted to be participating in Tavistock Festival 2018 in its 15th anniversary year, Tavonians members will be reading monologues from the original Talking Heads series.

30th April and 5th May

Bedford Hotel, Gallery 26, Tavistock

7pm for 7.30pm supper

'A Cream Cracker Under the Settee' read by Pam Smith and 'A Lady of Letters' read by Sarah Denne.

Supper will be served between the two monologues.

Tickets: £20 include supper. Advance purchase only from Miller Town & Country (Tavistock office). Concessions available for tables booked for 4 or more persons.

£8 on the door, with supper available from the bar.

1st May

Calstock Arts, The Old Chapel, Calstock

7pm for 7.30pm - drinks available from the bar.

Performances as above.

Tickets: £8 from The Old Chapel, and from Miller Town & Country (Tavistock office) and on the door, subject to availability.

Humble Boy by Charlotte Jones

Following recent reading auditions, the comedy drama Humble Boy was chosen as our autumn production. The show will be staged between 8th and 24th November.

Some roles are yet to be cast; if you were unable to attend on 25th March, or would like to help with the production in any way, please do get in touch by email to secretary@tavonians.org.uk

We are specifically looking to audition a young lady between the ages of 25 and 35, and both male and female actors over 50. If you have never been on stage, want to try touring with us, or wish to return after a break from treading the boards, please do make contact.



In this centenary year of women obtaining the vote, Tavonians are in the planning stages of a production to be taken into schools to highlight the changing attitudes of society towards women over the last 100 years. The show being considered is a comedy drama, involving 4 generations of one family, and is on a number of GCSE syllabi.

It is anticipated that the production will be taken into a minimum of 4 schools, and into the community during December 2018. Pupils and the general public will be invited to attend free of charge, with optional donations made to Tavonians Theatre Company as a charity.

If you would like to get involved with the project, or have any contacts within secondary schools that we can approach to host performances, please do get in touch. Contact: secretary@tavonians.org.uk

Open Auditions

Jeeves & Wooster by The Goodale Brothers

Auditions for our Spring 2019 production will take place on
Sunday, 17th June 2018 at 2pm
Northcott Room, Kingdon House, Pym Street, Tavistock

The cast consists of 3 men:

Bertie Wooster

Jeeves (playing multiple roles)

Steppings (who also plays multiple roles)

An inventive, fast-paced comedy featuring P.G. Wodehouse's iconic double act. Winner of the 2014 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy.

When a country house weekend takes a turn for the worse, Bertie Wooster is unwittingly called on to play matchmaker – reconciling the affections of his host's drippy daughter Madeline Bassett with his newt-fancying acquaintance Gussie Fink-Nottle. If Bertie, ably assisted by the ever-dependable Jeeves, can't pull off the wedding of the season he'll be forced to abandon his cherished bachelor status and marry the ghastly girl himself!

Based on P.G. Wodehouse's delightfully bonkers stories, especially *The Code of the Woosters*, the Goodale Brothers' dramatisation premiered at the Duke of York's Theatre, West End, in November 2013, prior to a UK tour.

AGM

Tavonians Theatre Company AGM will be held on
Wednesday, 9th May 2018 - 7pm
Northcott Room, Kingdon House, Pym Street, Tavistock

All are welcome, but only fully paid up members over the age of 18 years are entitled to vote. Members that have paid their annual subscription will receive the agenda and details of how to obtain supporting paperwork on 10th April.

Details of how to become a fully paid up member may be found [here](#)

Social Events

Playreadings at Kingdon House

Tuesday 12th June (tbc)

Dalliance by Tom Stoppard, adapted from Arthur Schnitzler's "Lorelei"

This play caused a scandal when originally produced in Vienna in 1895. Translated by Tom Stoppard in 1986, it focuses on how the sexual mores of a society are indicative of the whole social fabric. Dalliance is a bitter sweet drama about a young working class girl who falls in love with a military officer. She alone has not learned that love is temporal and trivial, a mere series of dalliances.

Tuesday 25th September (tbc)

A Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

The Glass Menagerie premiered in 1944 and catapulted Williams from obscurity to fame. The play has strong autobiographical elements, featuring characters based on Williams himself, his histrionic mother, and his mentally fragile sister Rose. In writing the play, Williams drew on an earlier short story, as well as a screenplay he had written under the title of *The Gentleman Caller*.

Tuesday 9th October (tbc)

If I Were You by Alan Ayckbourn

This 2006 play is about a married couple who are given the chance to understand each other by discovering, quite literally, what they would do "if I were you".

All readings will be held at 7.30pm.

Free to members: £2 non member donation

Summer Social

Following our very successful Summer Social last year, we are planning another event in late June/early

July which will include read rehearsed monologue/plays and a short quiz together with a light supper. If anyone would like to get involved with the organisation and preparation, or indeed perform at, this event, please contact secretary@tavonians.org.uk



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