



# Happy New Year!

**New Year  
New Look  
New Charity!**

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

As we enter 2018, we are delighted to announce that we have succeeded in our aim of becoming a registered charity. Thank you to everyone who came along to the members meeting in December. Becoming a charity will help us to secure funding and save money to ensure the continued success of the company.

Along with our new charitable status, we have adopted a new modern style logo and new website which is now online, and will continue to be developed over the next few weeks. Thank you to Ali Fife Cook who has put many hours into developing this new branding.

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## **TALKING HEADS by Alan Bennett OPEN AUDITIONS**

**Sunday 14th January at 2pm, Kingdon House**

Taken from the series written by Alan Bennett for BBC television in the 1980s & 1990s, two dramatic monologues will be performed as rehearsed readings during Theatre Dinners in the Bedford Hotel as part of the Tavistock Festival, in early May.

Auditions will be held on Sunday 14th January at 2pm, in the Northcott Room, Kingdon House, Pym Street, Tavistock.  
Director: Stuart Waterworth

If you are unable to attend the auditions on this date, but would like to be considered for a role, please contact [secretary@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tavonians.org.uk) in order that your details may be passed to the director.

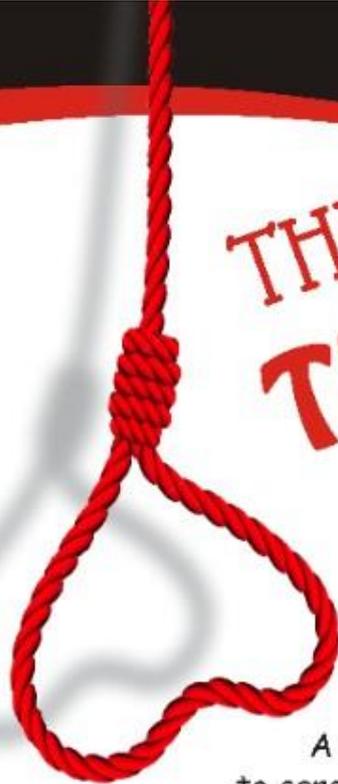
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# THE THRILL OF LOVE



A divorcee with a young child to care for, Ruth Ellis works in nightclubs where there is more than a drink on offer. The girls work hard, play hard, and dream of a movie star life. She meets the wealthy, womanising David Blakely, a racing driver with whom she becomes obsessed. Fame comes - but not in the way she imagines.



#### TAVONIANS ON TOUR:

Fri 23rd Feb	Mary Tavy, Coronation Hall
Sat 24th Feb	Upton Cross, Sterts Studio
Wed 28th Feb	Launceston, Town Hall
Fri 2nd Mar	Callington, PrimRaf Theatre
Sat 3rd Mar	Tavistock, Town Hall
Thur 8th Mar	Meavy, Parish Hall
Fri 9th Mar	Holsworthy, HATS Theatre
Sat 10th Mar	Okehampton, Charter Hall

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Why does their relationship end in murder? Why does she plead not guilty but

offer no defence? Why does she show no remorse? And who is she trying to protect?

***The Thrill of Love*** dramatises the true story of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain, and takes a fresh look at the woman behind the headlines.

**Tickets on sale from local outlets and online from mid January.**

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## Is 2018 a year to stage 3 shows?

We are delighted that we have an active membership, which has almost doubled in the last 2 years. We appreciate that both new and not so new members need opportunities to participate in our productions.



With this in mind, we are looking at the possibility of inserting a third show into our 2018 programme - a mid-November slot which has a slightly larger cast, with opportunities for both actors who wish to embrace a large role, or alternatively participate in a smaller, but nonetheless vital, acting role on stage.

84 Charing Cross Road is being considered, with its cast of a leading actor, leading actress, and a number of smaller supporting roles ideal for anyone wishing to tread the boards for the first time, younger actors, or anyone returning to the stage after 'resting'. Alternatively, if you would like to be considered for a backstage role, please come along to make yourself known to the director, Stuart Waterworth.

Auditions to gauge interest in this production will be held on:

Sunday 25th March at 2pm

Kingdon House, Pym St, Tavistock PL19 0AW

If you are unable to attend on 25th March, but wish to audition for this show, please email [secretary@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tavonians.org.uk)

*Auditions for Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense by The Goodale Brothers from P G Wodehouse will now be held in June, with a production date of Feb/March 2019.*

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## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subs for 2018 are now due, and we hope you will show your commitment to Tavonians by renewing your membership promptly, or by joining if you haven't been a member during the past year.

A Membership Form is available from the Membership page on our website, [www.tavonians.org.uk](http://www.tavonians.org.uk). If you are renewing please either use the form or at least make sure you let us have your name and contact details via email or post.

There are some great advantages to being a member of Tavonians, and the benefits include:

- 25% discount on up to four tickets for most productions;
- Free entry to most workshops and to playreadings;
- Entitlement to vote at the AGM and have a say in how the Company is managed;
- Being involved in a production is only available to members.

### **Membership Rates:**

Full membership - £20.

Youth membership (under 25) - £10.

Additional members of the same household - £10 each.

Payment may be made in the following ways:

1. Online bank transfer - to Tavonians Theatre Company, TSB Bank Tavistock, sort code 30-98-46, acc. no. 00769538. (Please use your name/s as the payment reference)
2. Credit card or PayPal - go to [www.paypal.co.uk](http://www.paypal.co.uk), click on 'Send Money', then 'Pay for Goods or Services'. The recipient's email address is [payment@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:payment@tavonians.org.uk). Please add your name/s in the optional remarks box.
3. Cheque - made payable to 'Tavonians Theatre Company', posted to The

**Membership Secretary, The Stannary, Mary Tavy, Tavistock, PL19 9QB.  
Please send a membership form or a note of your name/s, and contact  
details with your cheque.**

**We look forward to welcoming you as a member of Tavonians for 2018.**

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

A number of playreadings are scheduled over the next few months. We do hope that you will be able to come along and meet other members at these regular events.

The following readings will be held at 7.30pm at Kings Church, Pixon Lane, Tavistock (upstairs room).

Wed 17 Jan

The Vicar of Dibley by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter

Wed 21 Feb

84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff (*adapted for the stage by James Roose Evans - proposed production for November 2018*)

Wed 18 Apr

Life and Beth by Alan Ayckbourn

Wed 16 May

My Mother Said I Never Should by Charlotte Keatley

*Tavonians playreadings are open to anyone wishing to attend who is a member of the company, or who may be interested in joining the society and auditioning for a future production. These are free events to current members; a small charge may be levied to non-members.*



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