



## *September Newsletter from the Tavonians*

Dear Tavonians friend

This newsletter is being sent in a new format to make it easier to send our news to all our friends and supporters individually. You are receiving it because you asked to be kept informed of our doings, so I hope you are happy to continue to receive it in this new format. You will see that if you would prefer to be removed from our mailing list you can unsubscribe at any time – though of course we would be pleased if you agreed to continue. Don't forget to visit and LIKE our Facebook page, and check out our website and follow us on twitter.

## *November Production of The Railway Children*

From the book by E Nesbit adapted by Mike Kenny	<b>THE RAILWAY CHILDREN</b>	
	An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books	
<b>Sat 12 Nov</b> Parish Hall	<b>Sourton</b>	
<b>Wed 16 Nov</b> The Wharf	<b>Tavistock</b>	Tavonians Theatre Company
<b>Thur 17 Nov</b> The Wharf	<b>Tavistock</b>	
<b>Sun 20 Nov</b> Town Hall	<b>Callington</b>	<b>08455 196592</b>
<b>Thu 24 Nov</b> Village Hall	<b>Calstock</b>	<b>www.tavonians.org.uk</b>
<b>Sun 27 Nov</b> Charter Hall	<b>Okehampton</b>	

You may remember this moving story from the well known film, and there has recently been a production in London. It tells the tale of three Edwardian children, Bobby, Peter and Phyllis, living in the comfortable suburbs of London. Their lives are shattered when, late one night, their father is arrested on suspicion of espionage. Suddenly impoverished, the children and their mother move to a modest cottage in the Yorkshire countryside close to a railway. New friendships, new adventures, and dangers await the 'Railway Children'. But what has happened to Father; where is he, and will he ever come back?

We now have a strong cast for this production and rehearsals have begun. If you are interested in helping either backstage or front of house in any capacity, you would be very welcome. Get in touch by emailing [secretary@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tavonians.org.uk) or through the website, or phone 0845 516592, or follow us on twitter or Facebook.

## *Spring Production*

We are already making plans for a production in March 2017 and considering several plays. There will be a playreading of potential plays on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October in the café at the Wharf at 7 pm. Bridget Jones can wait for another evening – grab a drink from the bar and come and see what's being planned.

## *Christmas Party*

Remembering what fun we had at last year's Christmas playreading party, this year's will be at 3 Sunway Close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Put it in your diary now and find something interesting or funny to read and bring and share some nibbles and drinks and enjoy a Christmassy playreading together. There may even be a quiz!

## *Other events*

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm at Tavistock Methodist Church (by the bus station) there is a one man show based on the life of writer & broadcaster C S Lewis. It's on a national tour which included the Edinburgh Fringe and is reviewed here:

<http://www.tvbomb.co.uk/review/evening-cs-lewis/>

Tickets are £10, available from BookStop, the church office (weekday mornings), or (+ fee) online as in poster. [www.tmc.me.uk/news/an-evening-with-cs-lewis/](http://www.tmc.me.uk/news/an-evening-with-cs-lewis/)

## *The Tavistock Passion - a community play for Easter*

Celebrity, betrayal, politics, sacrifice and hope: it's no wonder community Passion plays based on the original Easter story are enjoying a revival in Britain. A new one is planned for Tavistock town centre on the morning of Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April) 2017. Kit Harbottle and Alison Wright are on the planning group, which is led by Steve Martin. Plans to date include a site specific script by David Stranks, and new music by Andrew Wilson. Anyone interested in taking part – on or off “stage” – is invited to an open meeting at the Parish Centre (Plymouth Road, next to Bedford Hotel). It's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm to 5pm.

Current plans are for an acting cast of about 30 plus singers and musicians. Key speaking roles obviously include Jesus, Judas and Mary. Plenty of support roles including sound, photography, marshalling, making things.....

It's under the auspices of St Eustachius' Church and open to people of any faith or none to take part. Do come and find out more, or express interest if you can't get there on 9<sup>th</sup>. Production email for queries is [Tavistockpp@gmail.com](mailto:Tavistockpp@gmail.com), or have a chat to Kit or Alison. Also watch [www.tavistockparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.tavistockparishchurch.org.uk) for more detail nearer the time.

That's the Tavonians news for the moment – don't forget to check out our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, or check out our website for the latest news; to book tickets for The Railway Children or for full details of local booking outlets.