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**Tavonians Theatre Company on tour in March**



A poignant, humorous and ultimately optimistic love story based on the life of C.S. Lewis and the poet Joy Davidman

**Shadowlands**  
By William Nicholson

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| <b>Sourton</b><br>Village Hall       | Sun 12th<br>3.00               |
| <b>Tavistock</b><br>The Wharf        | Tue 14th to<br>Thu 16th 7.30   |
| <b>Callington</b><br>PrimRaf Theatre | Sat 18th 7.30<br>Sun 19th 3.00 |
| <b>Meavy</b><br>Parish Hall          | Thu 23rd<br>7.30               |
| <b>Okehampton</b><br>Charter Hall    | Sun 26th<br>3.00               |

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*This amateur production of Shadowlands is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd*

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Rehearsals have been progressing at a pace, and it is now less than 2 weeks until opening night. Have you got your tickets yet? Don't forget, members get 25% discount on 4 tickets - a great benefit for anyone who wishes to get involved with Tavonians. All member discounts tickets must be booked via the website.

Tour tickets are available online from <http://tavonians.org.uk/ticketbooking.htm>  
or in person from ticket outlets local to the relevant venues:

Sourton - Bridestowe Riverside Stores & PO

Callington - Kivells Estate Agents, Fore Street, Callington

Meavy - Royal Oak, Meavy

Okehampton - Donalds Menswear, Fore Street, Okehampton

Tickets for The Wharf performances are available from their Box Office.

All Tickets are £10.

## PRE-SHOW DINNER

The Royal Oak, Meavy are open from 6pm to serve meals on Thursday 23rd March. Why not make a night of it and enjoy a fantastic meal at this lovely rural pub before popping across the road to see Shadowlands?

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## SHADOWLANDS - IN REHEARSAL



Lewis, a distinguished academic at Oxford University, is comfortable in his life, secure in his beliefs about God and His plan for the world. Then the unexpected happens; he falls in love.

Originally a TV drama, hailed as one of the most extraordinary love stories of our time, Shadowlands was adapted for the stage and film, winning many awards.

There will be a Charity Performance on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support on 14th March at The Wharf. Collections for Macmillan will be made at every performance.



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## PLAYREADINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 7th April - 7.30pm. Tavistock Guide Hall

Playreading: The Time of My Life by Alan Ayckbourn

Gerry Stratton has organized a small family dinner with his sons at his favourite restaurant to celebrate his wife's birthday. During the course of one evening we discover rocky marriages, recession hit businesses, and a number of family skeletons that should never have been let out of the closet. Moving backwards and forwards in time, this play has been described by The Times as "... funny, very funny, and not at all funny: quintessentially Ayckbourn."

This play is one of 3 being considered for production in November 2017. If you are interested in treading the boards and want to come and see what the play is all about, please do come along. Or if you just want to read a fun play, we would love to see you. The more the merrier!

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Thursday, 18th May - 7.30pm - Tavistock Guide Hall

Playreading: Kindertransport by Diane Samuels

The story of one child, who experienced the Kindertransport in 1938, and her adoption by a kindly English lady. A very relevant play for today when parents are sending their children to Europe in the hope of a better life.

This play is under consideration for production in 2018.

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Thursday, 29th June - 7.30pm

Playreading - The Thrill of Love OR The Glass Menagerie

We will be reading another of the plays being considered for November 2017 or 2018.

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*Please note: Tavonians private playreadings are available to current, past and potential members to attend, and for copyright reasons are not open to the general public.*

## **QUIZ NIGHT - Thursday, 8th June 2017**

The Blacksmiths Arms, Lamerton

Food available from 7pm; Quiz starts at 8.30pm

A new social event for Tavonians that we hope will become a regular date in the calendar. A great opportunity to get together for a social event, meeting existing, new and potential members and their partners.

The quiz will be based on many different categories, not just theatrical!

A selected menu will be available by pre-order, and payment is due to the Blacksmiths Arms. Quiz attendance is free of charge; you may enter either as an individual (to be made into a team on the night) or in teams of 3-4 people.

Please contact [secretary@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tavonians.org.uk) to secure your place for the quiz, and to obtain a menu for pre-selection of your meal.

## To join or not to join, that is the question

Following the recent AGM I am now back on the committee after a gap of a couple of years, and I've offered to take on the role of Membership Secretary. There are many advantages to membership and I hope I can encourage more people who are supporters of the Tavonians to become members.

The main advantage is that all members are entitled to buy up to four tickets for productions at a discount of 25%. If you buy four tickets for each of two productions, and if the tickets are priced at the current cost of £10, you could save £20, for a membership that will cost you just £15, or as little as £7.50 for an additional family member or student.

As well as the ticket discounts, members may have advantages at playreadings, workshops and social events. At the moment there is no charge made for playreadings, but it has sometimes been that they are only free for members, with a small charge made to non-members. And the same has applied to workshops which are arranged from time to time.

Anyone who is involved in a production must be a member to comply with our insurance cover, but I hope others will want to be a member either to benefit from the discounts, or simply for the feeling of belonging to a great group. There is information on the membership page on the website at <http://tavonians.org.uk/> and you can pay a subscription by cash or cheque to the Treasurer, to me, or any member of the committee, or you can pay by PayPal to [payment@tavonians.org.uk](mailto:payment@tavonians.org.uk).

If you are not a member currently, please think about the advantages and I hope you will want to join.

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*Ali Fife Cook*

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## **FUTURE PRODUCTIONS**

Planning is underway for the Autumn 2017 production which is scheduled to run during the first 2 weeks of November. Plans are also being made for 2 shows in 2018; a number of the plays under consideration have been put forward for playreadings in the coming months. We do hope that you will be able to come along to get an advance look at our selections.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way, whether treading the boards or backstage, we are always looking for new members. Staging 2 productions a year is a challenging task, and (as my grandmother used to say) 'many hands make light work'. No experience is necessary as there are always experienced people on hand to work alongside in getting a production off the ground.

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### **News from the AGM**

#### **Your New Committee:**

Following the elections at the recent AGM, your new committee are:

Peter Griffith (Chairman)

Stuart Waterworth (Vice Chairman)

Paul ffitch (Treasurer)

Dianne ffitch (Secretary)

Ali Fife Cook (Membership Secretary)

Barbara Howland

Alison Wright and Rosy Griffith, who stepped down from the committee at the AGM, were gratefully thanked for all their hard work on behalf of the society. Peter Griffith also thanked members who had helped with the staging of productions during 2016.

#### **Amendments to the constitution**

Some minor changes were agreed to the constitution, the new copy of which is on the web site.

## WHAT'S ON - OTHER SOCIETIES

30th March - 7.30pm Callington College

Flo, Will and Joe (variously from Tavonians past productions of My Boy Jack and The Railway Children) are appearing in an evening of selected scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream and Measure for Measure at Callington College (in the main hall) on 30th March. Admission is free, so please come along and support our younger members in an exciting Shakespearean evening.

14th April - 11am The Tavistock Passion

A promenade performance of the Easter story in Tavistock town centre.



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