



Newsletter - June 2017

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June will be a busy month for Tavonians, with auditions, a social quiz night for members, friends and guests and a playreading. Something for everyone, and we do hope to see as many of you as possible over the coming weeks.

Firstly, hot off the press - following the recent EGM, Tavonians is to apply for Registered Charity status. This will help us to increase our profile in the community, and secure support and sponsorship from local businesses to ensure that we are able to continue to bring high quality drama productions into Tavistock and the surrounding area.

QUIZ NIGHT - Blacksmith's Arms, Lamerton

Tavonians Summer Social will be held on Thursday, 8th June at the Blacksmith's Arms, Lamerton. We will meet at 7pm to enjoy a fantastic meal, followed by a fun quiz - with Prizes! Advance booking is essential. Please contact secretary@tavonians.org.uk to book and pre-order your meal. Please do invite family and friends to join us for what is sure to be a fun night out!

The Menu from the Blacksmith's Arms follows at the end of this newsletter.

BOOKING & FOOD SELECTION REQUIRED BY
Monday, 5th June.

AUDITIONS:

Sunday, 11th June - 2pm

Tavistock Guide Hall, Canal Road

Auditions are being held for what is set to be a fantastic feast of comedy and costumed spectacle - Wyrd Sisters by Terry Pratchett, adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs.



Terry Pratchett's Discworld series is well known to many; Wyrd Sisters is full of fun and colour with a wicked Duke and Duchess, the ghost of the murdered King, dim soldiers, strolling players, and a land in peril. Who stands between the Kingdom and destruction? Three Pratchett-style witches!

Cast:

Granny Weatherwax (intolerant, self-opinionated, powerful)

Nanny Ogg (down to earth - vulgar)

Magrat Garlick (young, naive, fond of occult jewellery - and bunnies)

King Verence (the late King of Lancre)

Duke Leonal Felmet: Duke of Lancre

Lady Felmet: his wife

Vitoller: an actor manager and strolling player

Mrs Vitoller: his wife

Fool: a fool (obviously!)

Tomjon: son of Verence, and the rightful heir and a thespian

Hwel: a playwright

Several smaller roles which may be combined include a Sergeant, a Demon, the Chancellor, Robbers, Guards, Actors, Peasants.

A large cast - so do come along to audition. If you are unable to attend the audition on 11th June, and are interested in participating in the show, please contact secretary@tavonians.org.uk to let us know.



We are delighted to announce that our
Spring 2018 production will be:

The Thrill of Love

By

Amanda Whittington

"It was obvious when I shot him, that I intended to kill him"

The Thrill of Love dramatises the infamous true story of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain in 1955 after being convicted of shooting her lover, David Blakely, in cold blood. The play seeks to look behind the headlines, into the true life of Ruth, a divorcee with a young child, working in nightclubs - a work hard, play hard movie-star life.

Detective Jack Gale follows her story from the beginning, hoping to piece together the motive behind why she murdered David and, more importantly, who she might be protecting.

On stage at the end of February/beginning of March 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: Auditions will be run concurrently with those for Wyrld Sisters on 11th June, as there will be no break between rehearsing for the two productions.

JUNE PLAYREADING - 29th June 2017

Kindertransport by Diane Samuels

Guide Hall, Tavistock - 7.30pm

The Kindertransport (German for "children's transport") was an organised rescue effort that took place during the nine months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Diane Samuels fantastic play examines the life of one Kindertransport child, during World War II and afterwards. Although fictitious, it is based on many real stories.

With parents in Syria, and other war torn countries sending their children to Europe for a better life, what better time to examine the effects such a lonely journey may have on a child's future, and how talking about their experiences brings one family closer together.

This reading is open to members and those interested in becoming involved with Tavonians; monthly playreadings are not open to the general public.

There will be no playreadings during July and August.

SEPTEMBER PLAYREADING - date and venue tbc

Good Things - a comedy by Liz Lochhead

Liz Lochhead's *Good Things* is a bittersweet romantic comedy about finding love later in life.

The play is set in a charity shop where Susan – newly single and approaching fifty – works as a volunteer. She also has to cope with a father in his second childhood, a daughter in the throes of aggravated adolescence, a blind-date stalker and an ex who, unfortunately, still has the power to wound. So when David comes in to drop off a bag of his late wife's possessions, Susan barely has time to notice him or how he keeps coming back.

QUIZ NIGHT MENU SELECTION:

ORIENTAL PORK (G.F.) - £11.50

Tender pieces of pork slow cooked in an oriental sweet chilli & pineapple sauce

BREADED SCAMPI - £11.25

Whole tail scampi deep fried & served with chips, side salad & tartare sauce.

SMOKEY CHICKEN - £11.95

Breast of chicken pan fried, topped with a smoked cheddar, paprika, chorizo & cider sauce

ALL ABOVE ARE SERVED WITH EITHER CHIPS OR POTATOES OF THE DAY AND FRESH VEGETABLES

CHICKEN KORMA - £10.50

Tender pieces of chicken cooked in a mild creamy coconut & almond curry sauce served with fragrant rice, poppadum & chutney

BEEF LASAGNE - £10.95

Lean minced beef with bacon, onions & tomatoes in a rich sauce, layered with lasagne & topped with mature cheddar cheese. Served with chips or a fresh seasonal salad

HARISSA TURKEY - £10.50

Turkey cooked with harissa spiced peppers, lemon & mint served with pasta

FETA LASAGNE - £10.95

Peas & spinach cooked in a sun blushed tomato sauce, layered with feta cheese & lasagne, served with chips & side salad

Please order from secretary@tavonians.org.uk by Monday, 5th June. Payment to be made directly to Blacksmith's Arms on the night.

Thank you.



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