

Village Players' Information (VPI)

July/August 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 26th JUNE 2014

This is a résumé of the AGM. The full Minutes are attached to this document for you to peruse.

There were 20 members present at the meeting, which was somewhat higher than the previous year. Still that represented only 30% of the 66 registered members of the Society. A further 11 members had sent their apologies for absence, of which 7 had submitted proxies for voting. So a quorum for voting was easily met.

Reports were read out from the Chairman; the Treasurer; the Administrative Director and the Events Coordinator. Full transcripts of these reports can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

The audited accounts showed that, after allowance for invoices received after the 31st May 2014; the Society had had an essentially break-even year showing a very small surplus of CHF 104. However, as the Treasurer had pointed out, there had been some residual payments made for the Chalet-à-Gobet clubhouse totalling CHF 2'113. The total assets of the Society, again taking into account the late received invoices, were CHF 22'773-3'264 = CHF 19'509.

As the previous auditor - Colin Gamage - is now the Secretary, the Society needed a replacement. John Middleton was confirmed as the auditor for the Season 2014/2015.

Two motions had been submitted for voting at this AGM both of which, if adopted, would require changes to be made to the Society's Constitution.

Motion 1. Submitted by the Committee was something of a formality being to change the Society's domicile from Chalet-à-Gobet to Lausanne.

Motion 2. Submitted by Chris Hemmens was to introduce the possibility of a category of short-term membership for defined three month periods. The purpose of the short-term membership is to allow non-members to participate in Village Players' productions and be covered by the Society's insurance policy.

After debate, both these motions were accepted unanimously. If you would like to receive a copy of the revised Constitution, please contact the Secretary at gamage@bluewin.ch.

Of the members of the 2013/2014 Committee, eight had expressed the willingness to stand for re-election. That left two posts to be filled, namely Production Coordinator and Business Manager. Victoria Baumgartner had expressed an interest in taking on the role of Production Coordinator.

Acceptance of the 8 incumbents plus the possibility of Victoria Baumgartner was voted unanimously.

NOTE: since the AGM, Victoria Baumgartner has agreed to be Production Coordinator and Geoffrey Peek has volunteered to take the post of Business Manager.

Discussion under Any Other Business mostly concerned the Society's publicity and choice of productions in order to improve audience numbers.

Colin Gamage.

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 18TH

An "AS YOU LIKE IT" evening

Our evening of sketches, poems, songs etc. chosen by you, our members, was a huge success last year. So, we are having another one! If you would like to participate in this fun, informal Clubnight by performing yourself, please let me know by email as soon as possible as our programme is filling up quickly! Please contact Barbara Balbo at: barbara.balbo@yahoo.com

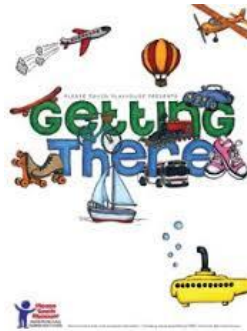
OCTOBER 16TH

GETTING THERE

An evening of sketches, prose, poetry and song devised for your entertainment by Gill Briginshaw and Mike Scott.

Expect the unexpected.

Much has been gleaned from the following writers: Peter Avengo-Jones, John Banville, John Betjeman, Peter Black, Sydney Carter, Wendy Cope, Jerry Favinotti, Kenneth Fearing, Helen Grimaud, Boris Johnson, Rachel Joyce, The Press, Philip Larkin, Laurie Lee, Tony Ludt, Anthony Payne, Mike Scott, Jake Thackray, John Updike.



And will be performed by Barbara, Béibhinn, Colin, Dot, Gwen, John & Sylvia, James, Mike, Pam, plus the Gill Briginshaw trio.

NOVEMBER 13, TH

PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENT

To be confirmed.

AUTUMN PRODUCTION

DECEMBER 18-21ST

WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

BE PROUD TO SAY,

“I BELONG TO THE VILLAGE PLAYERS”!

“ANOTHER FIRST FOR MY CLUB.”

**“A HOBBIT WILL BE VISITING THE VILLAGE PLAYERS
THIS CHRISTMAS”**

Go out into the world and tell your friends, neighbours, enemies,
(and even your children)

“THIS CHRISTMAS I WILL SEE A HOBBIT”

Watch this space in your next VPI

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Hello everyone. To be a member of The Village Players is to outwardly promote English-speaking theatre in Lausanne and your continued support is a wonderful way to ensure that we can keep going not only as a society, but also as an outlet for English-language art and culture in this region. For that we are truly grateful and we look forward to making this year truly special for The Village Players and our membership.

If you wish to receive a bulletin de versement in order to make your payment, please email Chris at chris.hemmens@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively you can pay directly into our bank account using the details found at the top of this newsletter.

Membership remains at 85 Francs for those 26-and-over, and at 50 Francs for those 25-and-under. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you in the new season.

Have a lovely summer. Chris.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's a pity not more VPs were at Pathé Flon on 12 June for the live transmission of the Nation Theatre production of Alan Ayckbourn's 'A Small 'Family Business'.

First of all it was a extremely good performance.

Secondly, there was a real sensation of being in a live theatre.

Thirdly, I wonder how long Pathé Flon will continue offering this live theatre opportunity if it is not supported.

Trevor Johnson

NB. From the editor: Next show on July 20th - Monty Python live (see below)

EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN (& ELSEWHERE)

GEDS : www.geds.ch

26 July Barn BBQ, Nyon

GAOS : www.gaos.ch

10 August BBQ for members and friends only

24 August Once Upon a Time read-through

29-31 August Hairspray, Theatre de Morges, Nyon

Cinema Pathé Flon, Lausanne – <http://www.pathe.ch/fr/evenements/montypython>

Broadcast live from London

20 July Monty Python Live

SOME EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT

THIS MONTH'S JOKE!

A horse walked into a bar. Several people got up and left as they spotted the potential danger in the situation.

CHRIS'S PUZZLE

There are four houses in a row. They are made from these materials: straw, wood, brick and glass.

Mrs Featherstone's house is somewhere to the left of the wooden one and the third one along is brick. Mrs Bray owns a straw house and Mr Grossman does not live at either end, but lives somewhere to the right of the glass house. Mr Yarrow lives in the fourth house, whilst the first house is not made from straw.

Who lives where, and what is their house made from? Solution below.

Answer below.

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VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW FOR EASY REFERENCE

ADVERTISEMENT

This September, international watercolour artist and instructor Carol Fynn will be returning to Lausanne, Switzerland. Whether you are an accomplished watercolour painter or a complete beginner, we invite you to sign up for one or both of the two watercolour painting classes that Carol will offer at the home of Village Players member Jack Pogany. Each class requires two days of painting from 9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM. In the first class on Saturday & Sunday, September 6 & 7, we will paint a bucolic French village. In the second class on Monday & Tuesday, September 8 & 9, we will paint bright poppies. Both paintings are shown below.

Carol's style is highly directive, so you will not only master a variety of specific techniques in a short time, you will also leave with a beautiful, ready-to-frame painting. As a guarantee to you, Carol is always happy to buy your painting for CHF 100 if you are not delighted with the results.

The cost of a two-day class, with lunches, is CHF 300. Carol can provide all the materials for your use for an additional fee of CHF 50, or you are welcome to bring your own.

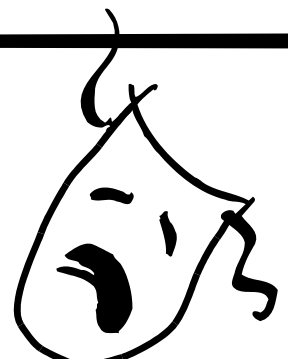
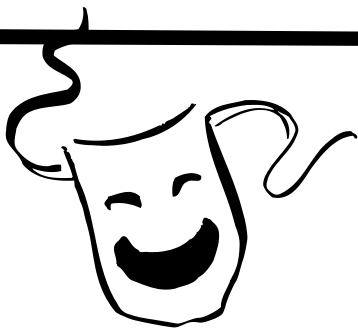
Jack Pogany will again offer the space for the classes in his home and he will provide a lovely, light lunch. Contact Jack by email (jpogany@citycable.ch) or by phone (021-312.76.11) to see if space is available or to ask questions. If you wish to confirm a reservation, Jack will instruct you how to make a deposit of CHF 100. Since only a few students can be accepted in a class, these two small classes will fill quickly.

-- Life is art, and art is life. Keep your brushes wet! --



Solution to Chris' puzzle above:

1	2	3	4
Featherstone	Bray	Grossman	Yarrow
Glass	Straw	Brick	Wood



THE VILLAGE ENGLISH-SPEAKING **PLAYERS** THEATRE LAUSANNE

EVENTS CALENDAR

Preview of our next VP events to be held at the
Centre Pluriculturel d'Ouchy, Beau-Rivage 2, 1006 Lausanne
www.villageplayers.ch

CLUBNIGHT* - An "AS YOU LIKE IT" evening
A selection of songs, prose and drama, chosen and performed by members.
If you would like to contribute to this evening's entertainment
please contact Barbara Balbo at Barbara.balbo@yahoo.com

Thursday September 18th - bar opens 19:30 – Entry is free of charge

CLUBNIGHT* – GETTING THERE
Mike Scott presents a collection of sketches, readings, poems, songs around the theme
"Getting There".

Thursday October 16th – bar opens 19:30 – Entry is free of charge

CLUBNIGHT* - Pre-Christmas Event!
More details soon
Thursday November 13th – bar opens 19:30 – Entry is free of charge

AUTUMN PRODUCTION – December 18 – 21st**
Tolkien's epic tale –The Hobbit - brought to life, in the Village Players' own adaptation of the
magical story! Tell your friends, families, neighbours. Come & see what the VPs can do!

CLUBNIGHT* - A PLAYREADING
More details soon
Thursday January 15th – bar opens 19:30 – Entry is free of charge

For more information on the **Production: contact Victoria Baumgartner 079 531 94 18

*For more information on the **Clubnights**: contact Barbara Balbo 021 711 13 79 or 079 321 15 25
or visit the Club Website: www.villageplayers.ch