

Village Players' Information (VPI)

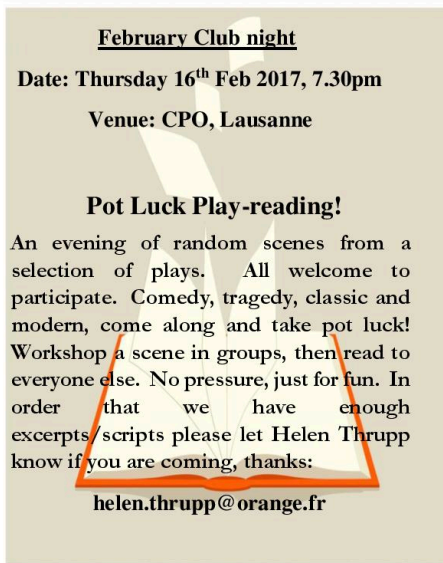
January 2017

FUTURE CLUBNIGHTS & EVENTS: **N.B. CLUBNIGHTS START AT 19H30**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH – PLAYREADING
"DINNER FOR ONE" – organised by Daniel Gardini

Followed by a surprise.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – "POT LUCK" PLAYREADING
organised by Helen Thrupp



February Club night
Date: Thursday 16th Feb 2017, 7.30pm
Venue: CPO, Lausanne

Pot Luck Play-reading!
An evening of random scenes from a selection of plays. All welcome to participate. Comedy, tragedy, classic and modern, come along and take pot luck! Workshop a scene in groups, then read to everyone else. No pressure, just for fun. In order that we have enough excerpts/scripts please let Helen Thrupp know if you are coming, thanks:
helen.thrupp@orange.fr

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH – PLAYREADING

PLAYREADING: "ART" written by Yasmina Reza. Organised by Christa Baan

Serge has bought a modern painting for a huge sum of money. Marc hates it and cannot believe that a friend of his could possibly want such a work. Yvan attempts to placate both sides.

If you would like to be one of these 3 friends (age 40 - 50) in this witty comedy, contact Christa at baan@bluewin.ch.

SPRING PRODUCTION

MAY 18-21, 2017 – SHAKESPEARE'S "TWELFTH NIGHT"

Directed by Ian Griffiths. At the CPO, Lausanne.

More information to follow. If you would like to participate in this production, either on or off stage, please contact Ian Griffiths at ian.m.griffiths@gmail.com.

FROM THE AUDIENCE:

XMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 17TH

A great turnout as well as a group of surprise guests in the shape of a class of IB students from Ecole Lemania and a few new faces who are interested in joining the VPs. The Three Broads aka Carolyn Magnini, Gill Briggins and Helen Thrupp entertained the crowd with their beautiful harmonious singing in between the crowd's raucous carols. Thanks to Mary, Barbara and all the other helpers who made the room look festive welcoming and to everyone who brought food to share, music, your voices and good cheer.

Happy New Year to one and all! – Susan Morris



THE FUTURE OF THE CPO

Since I last reported in the April 2016 VPI there has been a great deal of work going on "behind the scenes" regarding this subject.

The latest news is that on 8th December 2016 the CPO had received a letter from the Ville de Lausanne stating that the Municipalité have agreed to grant an extension of the right of usage of the land (droit de superficie) for a period of **three years**. All current conditions of the right of usage will remain unchanged until **5th December 2020**.

The letter also states that this extension period should permit feasibility studies to be made regarding the total use of the plot 5545 i.e. renovation of the CPO, renovation of the church, school construction etc. This extension will require a legal change to the "droit de superficie" and the Ville de Lausanne will cover the legal costs involved.

On the 19th December 2016, Timothée Deblock, Président Association CPO and **Véronique Biollay-Kennedy**, **Directrice CPO** had a meeting to discuss the details of the extension of the "droit de superficie" with:

- M. David Payot, Conseiller municipal, Directeur de l'enfance, jeunesse et quartiers and:
- Mme. Estelle Papaux, Cheffe de Service de la jeunesse et des loisirs.

At the time of going to press of this VPI, the results of this meeting are not known to me but I will be able to keep you up to date with the progress by participation on the CPO Comité.
Colin Gamage.

SPECIAL FEATURE

In 2017, the VPI will include a few phrases on acting, audiences and play productions gathered by Mike Scott. Here are the first:

"The prerequisite of the very best acting is the ability to listen. I'm never shy on stage, always off it. The theatre is a different world"
Maggie Smith.

"You have to be desperately unhappy before you can play comedy, so that nothing can frighten you anymore. And you can't do tragedy before you know absolute happiness, because having known that, you are safe" - Edith Evans

NEWS FROM TREVOR JOHNSON

Dear Friends

Greetings from England.

Yes, England. After 36 years, I returned to my birthplace. I left Switzerland on 15 October.

Everything happened so quickly, unfortunately there wasn't time to say goodbye properly:

- we decided in March to move back
- unbelievably we sold our house in Villars Ste Croix by the end of May
- agreed date for moving out was 14 October
- we came to Bath for three days to find an apartment for 6 months, and, again unbelievably, found a 'perfect' house

As you can imagine, selling one house, buying another, packing up and moving involved a lot of mental and physical work. We'd been in the house in Villars Ste Croix for 31 years. so we'd accumulated more than a few items! That was the hardest part of moving - deciding what we could take and what had to be left behind. The Salvation Army did very well out of the move, and I got a loyalty card from the Dèchettri.

We are living in Bathford, a beautiful, small (1700 people) village 3 miles east of Bath. There's a really strong community spirit with numerous local activities, including a drama group! The village shop, just across the lane, and run by the community, is the focal point. We've been made to feel very welcome.

So, the start of a new life for me.

I wish you health and happiness.

Trevor Johnson
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EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN

GAOS www.gaos.ch

No event in January

GEDS www.geds.ch

10 Jan Playreading: Six Characters looking for an Author by Luigi Pirandello

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**VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW
FOR EASY REFERENCE**

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Preview of our next VP events to be held at the
Centre Pluriculturel d'Ouchy (CPO), Beau-Rivage 2, 1006 Lausanne
at 7.30pm – doors and bar open at 7.00pm
(**Playreadings** will take place in the theatre, not the bar area)
www.villageplayers.ch

CLUBNIGHT*: SHORT PLAYREADING

January 26th - 19:30. Entrance free.

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*For more information on the **Clubnights**: contact Mary Couper - coupermar@gmail.com
or visit the Club Website: www.villageplayers.ch