

## Village Players' Information (VPI)

January 2016

*Wishing You All  
Good Health and Happiness in 2016*



### VP Christmas party

A fun time of singing favourite carols and enjoying the festive offerings was had by all. Thanks again to Hanadi and Sara for organizing the food, drinks and general smooth running of the evening and to Gwen for the musical programme and keeping the songs flowing! Thanks also to Gordon Nicholson for his piano accompaniment throughout the evening. We were pleased to welcome some members of the International Club of Lausanne and a few new faces. Here are some photo reminders.





## **FUTURE CLUBNIGHTS & EVENTS:**

### **JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE**

#### **An evening of STORYTELLING – arranged by John Middleton**

A series of short stories read by a group of VPs, ranging across several countries: Roman, Greek, Indian, European writers from BC through to the 20th century, each lasting from 3 to 10 minutes. This is the programme. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Title	Author	Country	Active	Reader
The Dumb Wife	Rabelais	France	16th ad	Daniel
Four friends	La Fontaine	France	1695	Pam
Roast meat seller	Rabelais	France	1553	Colin
Ass in lions skins	Suomy Nona	India	380 bc	Heather
The sick wife	Gellert	Germany	1740	Christa
Ghost	Laurie Lee	England	20th ad	Mike
The White Trout	Sam Lover	Ireland	1868	Gwen
The Selfish Giant	Oscar Wilde	Irish	1890	Barbara
The Jackal	Suomy Nona	India	15th ad	Geoffrey
The Matron of Ephesus	Petronius	Rome	66th ad	Pam
Grendel's Raid	Suomy Nona	Anglo Saxon	780 ad	John Mid
The Bell of Atri	Suomy Nona	Italy	4th ad	Heather
King Rhampsinitis	Heroditus	Greece	450 bc	John Mc

### **FEBURARY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE**

#### **KARAOKE evening – arranged by Daniel Gardini**

Come and have some singing fun. Following last year's successful and entertaining evening, we're doing it again!

Karaoke is a form of interactive entertainment in which you can sing along with recorded music using a microphone. The music is typically a well-known popular song minus the lead vocal. Lyrics will be displayed on a video screen to guide the singer.

## **MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE**

### **A PLAYREADING – “Amphitryon” by Heinrich v. Kleist arranged by Christa Baan**

Since antiquity many plays have explored this famous episode of Greek mythology. But Kleist's version remains the best combination of comic scenes with profound questioning of identity.

Amphitryon is a comedy of confusions that takes place in Thebes, ancient Greece. While Amphitryon is fighting a victorious battle, Jupiter appearing as Amphitryon, visits the latter's wife Alkmene. The servant, too, finds himself deprived of his identity by Mercury. Written 200 years ago, the play has lost none of its appeal.

We are still looking for 2 male actors for the March playreading. It will involve 1 read-through in February and 2 rehearsals first half of March. Please contact Christa at: baan@bluewin.ch.

## **APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE**

### **MR PING AND THE SQUEAKY CLEAN TIE PIN – arranged by Mike Scott**

Entertainments, like Mr. Ping, offer the chance for volunteer readers to

- explore their natural voices in front of a friendly public.
- create and bring to life other voices and personalities.

Whatever the theme, the approach is theatrical.

Want to join a celebration of the eccentric and unusual? Texts, poems, sketches enhanced by songs from “The Three Broads”. Contact Mike Scott in Prilly on 021 647 5400.

## **SPRING PRODUCTION- MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

The production of **BLACKADDER II**, directed by Daniel Gardini and Julia Krämer, is going ahead as planned at the above dates. The cast list is as follows:

Lord Blackadder: Chris Hemmens  
Lord Percy: David Nuñez  
Baldrick: John Holms  
Queenie: Alexis Munier  
Lord Melchett: Colin Gamage  
Nursie: Heather Gavin  
Kate/Bob: Léna Bouille  
Lady Whiteadder: Sara Barmada

Lord Whiteadder: John Middleton  
Wisewoman: Catherine FitzSimons  
Young Crone: Julia Krämer  
Kate's father/ Monk: John McKillop  
Lord Flashheart/ Aurélien Barakat  
Dr Leech /Arthur : Daniel Gardini  
Simon Partridge: Claudine Backes  
Messenger/ Geoffrey Piddle: Susan Kamal

If you would like to help out as Stage Manager or part of the crew, please contact Daniel at: Gardini.dan@gmail.com.

### **ACTING LESSONS**

James Spencer, a professional actor (and member of The Village Players) is offering Basic Acting lessons. More details can be

found on his website and Village Players members get a discount.

<http://www.voicecoach-ch.squarespace.com>.

### **NEW WEB SITE**

If you go to [www.villageplayers.ch](http://www.villageplayers.ch) you'll see that our website has been updated and has a more modern look. It should be in perfect working order by the end of this month.

## FEATS 2016/FRINGE

Would any of the members be interested in taking a short play to the FEATS FRINGE from 6 to 8 May in Brussels. "FEATS organisers are offering amateur theatrical groups the opportunity to participate in the festival with short performances, musical entries, workshops, or whatever creative contribution your group might like to make."

As the dates coincide more or less with our Spring Production of Blackadder, none of the cast members will be available but if anyone is interested in doing something, please contact Heather Gavin at [heather8@bluewin.ch](mailto:heather8@bluewin.ch)

## EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN

**GEDS** [www.geds.ch](http://www.geds.ch)

12 Jan Playreading: An Evening of Short Plays

**GAOS** [www.gaos.ch](http://www.gaos.ch)

No events in January

**ICL** [www.icl-club.ch](http://www.icl-club.ch)

17 Jan Wine tasting in Nyon

## VILLAGE PLAYERS COMMITTEE

We are delighted to announce that Chris Hemmens has offered to become Acting Chairman as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. This position will then be ratified by a vote at the AGM in June, as per the Village Players' statutes.

The position of Business Manager is still vacant. If you would like to take on this job, please contact Susan Morris, Colin Gamage or Derek Betson.

Chairman	Position vacant		
Membership	Dorothy Brooks	078 624 66 35	<a href="mailto:dot.brooks@hotmail.com">dot.brooks@hotmail.com</a>
Administrative Director	Susan Morris	021 964 52 05	<a href="mailto:susanmorris22@hotmail.com">susanmorris22@hotmail.com</a>
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Secretary	Colin Gamage	021 701 31 58	<a href="mailto:gamage@bluewin.ch">gamage@bluewin.ch</a>
Business Manager	Position vacant		
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\* Deadline for articles to be submitted to VPI editor: 25<sup>th</sup> of each month

**VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW  
FOR EASY REFERENCE**

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Preview of our next VP events to be held at the  
**Centre Pluriculturel d'Ouchy**, Beau-Rivage 2, 1006 Lausanne  
at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm  
(**Playreadings** will take place in the theatre, not the bar area)  
[www.villageplayers.ch](http://www.villageplayers.ch)

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at the CPO, Lausanne  
**May 12, 13, 14, at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm.**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm – doors and bar open at 4.30pm.**  
**Reservations via web site as of April.**

\*\*For more information on **Productions**: contact Daniel Gardini - [daniel.gardini@hispeed.ch](mailto:daniel.gardini@hispeed.ch)

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or visit the Club Website: [www.villageplayers.ch](http://www.villageplayers.ch)