

Village Players' Information (VPI)

December 2015

November clubnight - The Dakin Enigma & Differences

Comments from the audience

THE DAKIN ENIGMA

Around 30 of us attended the Village Players Club Night on Thursday 26th November at the CPO to watch the short rehearsed play reading, written by Mike Scott and directed by Heather Gavin.

A grieving widow, played superbly by Gwen Czajkowska, has written threatening letters to the police, two of whom visit her small, cramped flat in London. She has criticised the police for their dishonesty and poor work concerning the investigation

of the death of her husband, a talented English composer.

The detectives, played by David Nunez and Saskia Faulk, listen to the slight eccentricity of Mrs Dakin reminiscing about her talented but militant late husband who apparently lacked respect for the police. The detectives patiently listen to her sad but cherished memories and show kindly tolerance for Mrs Dakin. She wants peace of mind and the truth about her husband's murder and unexplained injuries only to

be told that all evidence has vanished from police records.

A moving play about love and loss and a widow seeking closure, who is choked with regret that no answers can be given. The audience could only have sympathy for Mrs Dakin and her predicament.



DIFFERENCES

The second half of the evening was dedicated to a lighthearted look at differences with poetry readings punctuated by "unusual" music, which would appeal to the connoisseur, to

which the audience were invited to sing along, albeit unsuccessfully.

The readers were the cast of the play reading joined by Colin Gamage, Heather Gavin and Mike Scott.

The cast created moments that rung true to the audience with a collection of poetry and prose carving through memories of childhood through to adulthood. Texts written by writers ranging from Spike Milligan to Ernest Hemingway on diverse subjects such as American presidents' failure to multi-task or children being flushed down the toilet!

These amusing poems together with the rather diverse and unexpected music provided us all with a very entertaining evening.

Wendy Chappuis-Ash



FUTURE CLUBNIGHTS & EVENTS:

DECEMBER 17TH AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE

VP Christmas party

If you would like to help organize this event, please contact Mary Couper on coupermar@gmail.com. We already have someone who is willing to be the general 'supervisor'. Food will be POT LUCK so bring along your favourite festive dish to share. **If you are coming, please contact susanmorris22@hotmail.com to let her know what you are bringing so that we don't have too much of the same.** The bar will be open but feel free to bring other drinks!

Gwen has agreed to lead the musical entertainment and we would like volunteers who are willing to bring along their musical instruments to play some lovely Christmas numbers and to accompany the audience in a few Christmas songs. We already have a pianist who has agreed to come, but any other musicians are most welcome.

JANUARY 21ST 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 - Romans, Greeks, Indians, European writers from BC thru to 20th Cents, each lasting from 3 to 10 minutes.

FEBRUARY 18TH 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 17TH AT THE CPO, LAUSANNE

A PLAYREADING – arranged by Christa Baan

“Amphitryon” by Heinrich v. Kleist

APRIL 14TH 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 12TH TO 15TH 2016

The good news is our production of **BLACKADDER II** was merely postponed to May. **Auditions took place at the Ecole Medica, Lausanne, on the 1st and 3rd December.** The rehearsals will start in January after the Christmas holidays.

Daniel Gardini.

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 you'll see that our website has been updated and has a more modern look. Unfortunately some of the functions still have to be reviewed so it continues to be a work in progress.

EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN

GEDS www.geds.ch

8 Dec Playreading: My Wonderful Day

GAOS www.gaos.ch

4-6 Dec Rumpelstiltskin in Nyon

SOME EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT

"I just deleted all the German names off my phone. It's Hans free." - Darren Walsh

CHRIS'S PUZZLE:

A potato weighs 100g, 99% of which comes from water. The potato undergoes a drying process in which some of the water is lost and now the water makes up only 98% of the potato's weight. How much does the potato weigh now?

Solution below.

VILLAGE PLAYERS COMMITTEE

The positions of Chairman and Business Manager are still vacant. If you would like to fill one of them, please contact Susan Morris, Colin Gamage or Derek Betson.

Chairman	Position vacant		
Membership	Dorothy Brooks	078 624 66 35	dot.brooks@hotmail.com
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VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW FOR EASY REFERENCE

SOLUTION TO CHRIS'S PUZZLE:

Answer: 50g.

Rationale: If 99g of a 100g-potato is water, there is 1g of something else that does not change in the drying process. When the amount of water in the potato drops to 98% of the potato, this 1g of something else now makes up 2% of the potato, indicating that the potato must now weigh 50g.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

VILLAGE PLAYERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 17th at the CPO, Lausanne
at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm. Entrance free.
A fun evening with musical entertainment, food and drink.

CLUBNIGHT : AN EVENING OF STORY TELLING

Arranged by John Middleton
Thursday, January 21st at the CPO, Lausanne
at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm. Entrance free

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By Mike Scott
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at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm. Entrance free.

For more information on **Productions: contact Daniel Gardini - daniel.gardini@hispeed.ch

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