

Village Players' Information (VPI)

June 2015

NEXT UP!

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH – AT THE CPO
Annual General Meeting

!!!! COME AND FILL THESE SEATS !!!!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18th June, 2015
At 20h00

Doors and bar open at 19h30
CPO - Centre Pluriculturel d'Ouchy
Beau-Rivage 2, 1006 Lausanne

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES – AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW MEMBERS

Come and have your say in the running of the club and our activities, and cast your vote for the new Committee.

Of the present Committee, the following are willing to stand for (re)election:

Administrative Director
Secretary
Treasurer
Publicity Manager
Technical Manager

Susan Morris
Colin Gamage
Derek Betson
Christa Baan
Ian Griffiths

At the moment we do have candidates for the posts of Production Co-ordinator, Events Coordinator and Membership Secretary, but do not have candidates for the posts of Chairman and Business Manager. So before, or latest at, the AGM we will be looking for volunteers to come forward to fill these positions. Brief descriptions of these posts are:

CHAIRMAN: Neutral head of Society; represents the Society and ensures its interests. Chairs committee meetings, AGMs and EGMs. Arbitrates in any disputes amongst members. Is 'front line' in any confrontations with other organisations.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Responsible for forward planning, negotiation for hire of theatres, rooms for productions and events; liaison with appropriate authorities for services, purchase of tickets, front of house, payment of dues and performance rights. Good spoken and written French would be an asset.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING – WE NEED YOU ALL TO COME ALONG.

The Committee.

THOUGHTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

Take a family, which lives in the middle of nowhere, a dysfunctional, a not-so-unusual family on the surface. A mother and father, and a daughter who is returning home from London for her father's birthday to this isolated part of the country where her parents live.



In *The Middle Of Nowhere*, a one-act play written by The Village Players' very own Chris Hemmens, was given its debut at the Théâtre de l'Espérance in Geneva on May 15. Also on the agenda were 45 minutes of improvisation from The Renegade Saints drama group from Geneva. This evening of theatre proved to be very entertaining judging by the reaction of 70 plus spectators and my own! *The Middle Of Nowhere* has been entered for FEATS (Festival of European Anglophone Societies), in Hamburg this month and I wish the writer, directors, actors and crew all the success they deserve.



An intriguing, fun, but unusual play which will appeal to an audience with imagination! An ending which left us wondering and wanting more! I especially enjoyed the exchanges between Penny and Bill (played by Pamela and Charles) but thought the play was very well acted throughout by a well-chosen cast!



Barbara Balbo



CLUBNIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 17TH

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 US know by email as soon as possible! Please contact Susan Morris at susanmorris22@hotmail.com

AUTUMN PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14, 15TH AT THE CPO

Daniel Gardini will be directing a stage version of **BLACKADDER**.

He is looking for someone to **co-direct** with him so if you are interested, please contact him at: daniel.gardini@hispeed.ch

Put these dates in your diaries for a fun evening's entertainment!

NEW WEB SITE!!!

Work on renewing The Village Players' web site is still ongoing. We'll keep you posted.

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>.

EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN

GEDS www.geds.ch

8 June Auditions for *Proof* by David Auburn

9 June Playreading: *Camp Confidence* by Diana Ruffle

Playreading: *The Most Massive Woman Wins* by Madeleine George

16 – 20 June *POPCORN* by Ben Elton

GAOS www.gaos.ch

11-13 June *A Little Night Music*

American Drama Group www.adg-europe.com/?event=castle-tour-2015

11 June The Merchant of Venice at Château de Chillon, Montreux
12-13 June The Merchant of Venice at Château de Prangins

National Theatre Live at Pathé Flon cinema, Lausanne <http://www.pathe.ch/fr/pathelive/theater>

25 June The Audience

ICL – www.icl-club.ch

21 June Yvoire by boat

SOME EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT

THIS MONTH'S JOKE!

Groucho Marx: I never forget a face, but in your case I'd be glad to make an exception.

CHRIS'S PUZZLE:

In one family there is a grandmother, a grandfather, 2 fathers, 2 mothers, 4 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 father-in-law, 1 mother-in-law, and a daughter-in-law. How many are in the family?

Answer below.

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* Deadline for articles to be submitted to VPI editor: 25th of each month

VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW FOR EASY REFERENCE

ANSWER TO CHRIS'S PUZZLE:

Seven

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

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at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm

AUTUMN PRODUCTION

BLACKADDER

November 12-15th 2015 at the CPO, Lausanne
at 8.00pm – doors and bar open at 7.30pm

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