

Village Players' Information (VPI)

May 2015

NEXT UP!

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE FOR FEATS 2015

FRIDAY 15TH MAY - GENEVA.

IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE by Christopher Hemmens

Our entry to FEATS 2015 - will get a preview at the:

Theatre du Centre de l'Espérance

Rue de la Chappelle 8 - Geneva

You can now book tickets for **In The Middle Of Nowhere** on our website

at <http://www.villageplayers.ch/tickets>. Price: 25Fr

The evening will open with The Renegade Saints Improv Group.

Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 8pm.

SPRING PRODUCTION

CANCELLATION !!

Dear members of the Village Players,

I am sorry to announce that we won't be able to put the production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at the end of May.

This is due to many reasons, and, as hard as we have worked to make it happen, it unfortunately must be cancelled.

Since this announcement has come early enough, we will be able to cut our losses with the theatre.

This is a very sad artistic situation, and I apologize to all members who were taking part in the production, be it backstage or acting, as well as to all those who were planning on coming to see the play.

I do however encourage all the Village Players to go and see Chris Hemmens' production of "In the Middle of Nowhere" before it leaves for Hamburg!

I look forward to future plays by the Village Players, and to the autumn production by Pamela Jenkins!

Victoria Baumgartner

NEXT CLUB EVENT

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH – AT THE CPO

Annual General Meeting

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	<i>Susan Morris</i>
Secretary	<i>Colin Gamage</i>
Treasurer	<i>Derek Betson</i>
Publicity Manager	<i>Christa Baan</i>
Technical Manager	<i>Ian Griffiths</i>

At the moment we do have a candidate for the post of Production Co-ordinator but do not have candidates for the posts of Chairman, Events Coordinator, Business Manager and Membership Secretary. 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.

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR: Responsible for the coordination of all public stage productions. Soliciting from members their suggestions for plays, distribution of copies of suitable works to the Committee. Advising and giving counsel to the director on the formation of the necessary production team.

EVENTS COORDINATOR : The position of Events Coordinator involves the organization of our monthly theatrical activities and has the responsibility of the smooth running of these events, cooperating with the VP member running the Clubnight, the CPO staff, ensuring the hall is set up and ready for our evenings activities and asking a member of the audience to provide a write-up for the VPI.

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.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Takes control of the Village Players' email address. Responsible for sending out the VPI to all the members who receive it by email, and for sending out publicity to everyone on our mailing list. Receives messages from people visiting our website who want to know more about the club. Makes sure that everyone who wants to become a member knows how to do that and that everyone who performs in a Village Players production is a paid-up member. Manages the membership list and all the members' details.

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

The Committee.

NEW WEB SITE!!!

As you read last month, The Village Players' web site is being modernised and will be more user-friendly with a simple and reliable booking facility and instant access to what's going on. We hope to have it up and running in May & 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>.

CLUBNIGHTS:

THOUGHTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

As always, John Middleton (seen below relaxing after his arduous task) did a great job of concocting obscure and interesting questions which had little relation to St George but kept the participants guessing wildly.



The questions varied from the very British:
What does the black spot on the clock at Horse Guards Parade London signify?
to the very Swiss:
How many people have died climbing the Matterhorn?
the historical:
Which King said "I would sell London if I could find a buyer"?
not forgetting the biological:
What is the fastest living organism on earth, given its size to weight ratio
and some general knowledge:
What was the highest building in the world before the Eiffel Tower was built?
Where does most of the coffee drunk in Britain come from?

The four teams dug deep, thought hard, argued, guessed and finally reached a consensus for their answers. Any wrong answers were handed over to the following teams so, not surprisingly, most teams were able to have a go at a lot of the questions.

Did winning team 4 (opposite) just get lucky or were they absolutely brilliant?

Sadly, John announced that he was retiring from the organization of the St George's quiz so we'd like to thank him for all his hard work over the years which has helped us exercise our grey matter and left us wishing we'd spent more time watching BBC documentaries.

Susan Morris



EVENTS IN ENGLISH AROUND TOWN

GEDS www.geds.ch

12 May: Playreading: *Skylight* by David Hare

26 May: Playreading: *The Fall of the House of Usher* adapted from Edgar Allan Poe

GAOS www.gaos.ch

9 May Choral group concert

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

14 May Man and Superman

ICL – www.icl-club.ch

3 May Visit Fondation Michalski

26 May Annual General Meeting

SOME EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT

THIS MONTH'S JOKE!

Apparently, in London, someone gets stabbed every 52 seconds. Poor guy.

CHRIS'S PUZZLE:

In a particular monastery, 30 monks each attend the daily sunset service 4 times a week. Whilst they're all present on Sunday, the number present throughout the week varies from day to day.

- The monks attending on Monday also go on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Twice as many go on Wednesday as on Monday.
- The number present on Tuesday is the sum of the numbers on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Those attending on Friday or Saturday do not go to the Thursday service.
- Half as many go on Thursday as on Monday.
- They don't all go on Tuesday.

How many monks attend the Friday service?

Answer below.

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**VP EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW
FOR EASY REFERENCE**

ANSWER TO CHRIS'S PUZZLE: 15



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

PREVIEW FEATS 2015 ENTRY
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE – written by Chris Hemmens
Friday May 15th – Théâtre du Centre de l'Espérance,
Rue de la Chappelle, 8 – 1207 Genève

FEATS in HAMBURG
Support your Village Players team performing Chris Hemmens's play:
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
Hamburg, Germany, May 22-25

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 18th 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