

Bampton Players

Newsletter July 2025



As we used to say in the business "phew what a scorcher!". There may be some people who are a bit fed up with this glorious sunny weather (my lawn is now brown rather than green) however no doubt the damp weather that Devon is famous for will be back with us soon enough so I'm all for making the most of it. And, fingers crossed, here's hoping it will at least be dry for the Players BBQ at the end of August.

Anyway.... let's catch up on what has been happening in the world of the Bampton Players and also have a quick look forward at what's to come.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Additional Member Activities

A small group has been considering potential activities we could add to the calendar to fill in some of the spaces between our productions and current social activities.

These options included social play readings, theatre trips and workshops, amongst many other things. However, when we looked at what we had coming up we realised that we already had something going on pretty much every month up until February 2026! This meant that the earliest we can do something is March 2026; we have pencilled in a social play reading for 4th March 2026 - more details will be provided nearer the date.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

"Napoleon's Shoe"

The Bampton Players will be putting on a Supper Theatre on October 16th, 17th and 18th. The play is "Napoleon's Shoe", by Ben Henderson, and the catering will be provided by "The Toucan".

Rehearsals will start in September but the backstage team is already working on the costumes, props and specialist items needed to bring the play to life. Tickets will be available in September at a price of £25.

Mummers Street Theatre

The Mummers play will, as usual, be on Bampton Town Charter day. This year it will be on 30th October; further information will be available as we get closer to the date

"Peter Pan"

The Panto will be performed on the evenings of 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st of February 2026 (with an additional matinee performance on Saturday 21st).

Hugh and Avril have completed the music and lyrics and have invited those cast who are singing (I believe that is everyone) to record their songs.

Costume work is well underway as is set design, including the special effects.

RECENT MEMBERS EVENTS

Enhanced Reading

The Players were invited to support a LARC initiative to promote the library and also encourage an interest in reading in the younger members of our community. A small group organised costumed readings from Roald Dahl which were very positively received. The Players are very happy to support activities in the wider community so if you are aware of ways in which we could help please contact Sue:

sue.shaw.wx@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEMBERS EVENTS

Players Annual BBQ



The Annual Summer Barbecue will be held at Sherwood on Saturday 30th August at midday. We need to know numbers to support the catering planning so please would you contact Avril: avril.saxby@gmail.com to let her know whether you are coming and also whether you will be bringing along a sweet or savoury dish. Oh and don't forget to bring along a bottle of whatever you will be drinking. So far not many people have responded to Avril so instead of putting it off please let her know directly after you read this.

Players Autumn Quiz



Bampton Players QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 19th September

Riverside Hall, Bampton

6:30 start

Table of 6 for £42

Bring your own drinks
and nibbles



Tickets from Bampton Fresh



The Bampton Players Autumn Quiz will be held at the Riverside on Friday 19th September. As usual, tickets will be available at Bampton Fresh a few weeks before the date and will be sold as "tables of 6", each table costing £42.

Players Christmas Event



It seems very odd writing this in the middle of Summer in temperatures in the mid 20s, still.....

After the success of last years Christmas Do we have decided to opt for a similar format this year. Riverside Hall has been booked for Friday 19th December and it will be catered for by The Toucan. This year the entertainment will be provided by "Rick The Entertainer". Guests are welcome and, the same as last year, there will be a reduction on the ticket price for Players members.

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NATURE RESTORATION ON A SMALL SCALE LOCAL PEOPLE, LOCAL MIRACLES

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating grassroots environmental efforts in Devon.

The evening features a series of four conversations between people who have set up wildlife recovery and environment restoration projects — designed to spark ideas, ignite conversations, and inspire action.

Food for thought – Included in the ticket price is a delicious meal featuring **Ford Farm Longhorn Beef**. Vegan/vegetarian and gluten-free options are available.

Local beer, cider and wine available at the bar. There will also be tea, coffee and desserts to buy.



4 SEPTEMBER 2025

ENTRY : £20 INCLUDES SOFT DRINKS, CANAPES
AND MAIN COURSE.

TIME: 6:00 PM

VENUE: CHAMPLES BARN, STOODLEIGH, EX16 9QD

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So, you've recently become one of those buskers who entertain motorists waiting at traffic lights. And how is that going?

Pretty good, so far.

I just need to move a bit quicker when the lights change.

