

# Bampton Players

## Newsletter May 2024



### **We won an award!!**

A group from Bampton Players recently attended the [NODA awards](#) and were

presented an award for last years' production of 'Wind in the Willows'. A lovely evening was had by all.



## **UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS**

### **"Pressure"**

Tickets for the event will be free, there will be a bar and programmes and contributions to the Royal British Legion will be gratefully accepted. Thursday the 6 June will be the 80th anniversary of the very successful DDay landings which led to the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Do join in, learn and help explain how important Meteorologists were to the choice of the date for the landings.

Also look out in the upcoming edition of 'Signpost' for the article titled 'Ships, Storms and Shoes - The Role of the Weather on D Day' for further insight into this fascinating series of historical events.

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# PRESSURE

by David Haig

Commemorating 80 years after D-Day, Bampton Players present a dramatised reading of 'Pressure', a true story about the Allies' decisions regarding the crucial weather forecasting required to determine the best possible conditions for the invasion.

**Saturday 1st June 2024  
in the Riverside Hall  
6.30pm for 7.00pm**

**FREE Tickets available from 1st May  
from Bampton Fresh**





## “Twelfth Night”



The team working on this production are very busy preparing for this classic Shakespearean comedy. The stage is being built, the costumes are almost finished and rehearsals are well under way.

Anne is also looking for anyone willing to support the players with ticket sales at Bampton Fresh on Saturdays leading up to production week.

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## “Mummers”

If you are interested in directing this year’s Mummers Play, which will be performed on **31st October 2024** at Bampton Fair please contact Sue at

[sue.shaw.wx@gmail.com](mailto:sue.shaw.wx@gmail.com)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bampton Players - Summer BBQ 27th July

If you would like to come to this could you please let Avril know asap alongside which sweet or savoury dish you will be bringing?

Bampton Players- Quiz night 12th October

### **Sidmouth Festival 24th June - 21st September**

<https://www.manorpavilion.com/whats-on>

#### **The Manor Pavilion Theatre**

The Paul Taylor Mills Summer Play Festival is in its 11th year, running a repertory theatre season with over 60 years of history in Sidmouth.

Sidmouth is proud to host one of the longest running repertory theatre seasons in the country. In repertory theatre, a company of actors rehearse and perform back to back plays in house for a season, often rehearsing the following week's play whilst performing each night. The intense process creates a buzz and brings a vibrant energy to the hosting venue. This year's play season runs from 24th June to 21st September, hosting 12 plays over 12 weeks, with a break in the middle for Sidmouth Folk Week.

*(copied from eastdevon.gov.uk)*

#### **Knackershole Barn Summer Productions**

- <https://bookwhen.com/exmoorstudios>

Steve Hall's productions at Knackershole Barn this year (near Dulverton.) It's a beautiful outdoor venue, lots of parking and really terrific groups of largely local Players.

A message from Knackershole:

This year we open on Wednesday 19 June with William Shakespeare's The Tempest performed by Knackershole newbies from Totnes. Rivka Green and Ruby Sage's new iteration transplants the play from its Mediterranean setting to an island in the Dart River. I am very excited by this production and hope you will enjoy it too.

Next, on Saturday 6 July, Calf to Cow who have delighted us in the past have changed tack completely and are performing "Sherlock and Watson, a Murder in the Garden". We are told that this is "Brilliant, original and completely bonkers. Again, I can't wait!

Cygnets from Exeter are back again on Friday 12 July with The Comedy of Errors directed as ever by Amanda Knott. I will send more details when I can.

Sun and Moon (Romeo and Juliet) are back with The Winter's Tale on Friday 19 July. We hope for a summery evening and a friendly bear.

Finally, on Saturday 24 August, Up Close Theatre are bringing "The Invisible Man", a radio play performed on the stage.

And Finally....



*Vivian Dear, repeat after Larry "I will be a good girl and come to rehearsals. I will not join in any protest marches on the way. I must not call at the House of Lords and wake everybody up".*

The original of this was spotted recently by Peter in Topsham Museum.