

TAUNTON THESPIANS PRESENT...



THEIR 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
VARIETY  
SHOW!

BREWHOUSE  
SATURDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2018  
7.30PM

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# 90 YEARS ON SOME THOUGHTS ON HOW WE GOT HERE

I've illustrated this piece with a couple of photos of the leading ladies from our first and our most recent productions; quite a lot has changed over the intervening decades. Back then, our predecessors had to fill a 700 seat theatre for three nights, now we have the same number of seats over twice as many performances. *Tilly of Bloomsbury* was written by Ian Hay, whose name was guaranteed box office, along with J M Barrie and Noel Coward. These days, Coward might still be a draw, but audiences in Taunton definitely prefer a bit of murder, with Agatha Christie drawing the best crowds.

We've moved house a few times, too. Originally, to quote John Wilkins, "These manifold activities had to be pursued in a variety of make-shift rented premises, garages, army huts, a rifle range, and,

above all, some old stables known affectionately as 'The Dump.'" Following the floods of 1960 and a fire the next May, this was lost, and the society bought a condemned Georgian house on Canon Street, which was our home for the next thirty years. Meanwhile, John Wilkins and our President, John Meikle, along with other luminaries of the amateur theatre scene, were pushing hard to get the Council to commit to building a theatre. Forty one years ago, this goal was achieved, and The Brewhouse opened its doors, with a lighting rig provided on long-term loan by Taunton Thespians. Our first production at the new venue was *The School for Scandal* in May 1977, followed in October by *The Killing of Sister George*, *Treasure Island* in December, *Hay Fever* (with Stephen Daldry in the cast) in February and *Anastasia* in May 1978. I'm not sure we could accomplish that many full length productions that close together now! People work longer hours, and there's a lot more call on leisure time than there was.

In 1992, we sold Thespian House and purchased an old warehouse behind East Reach. This gives us the space to rehearse, to hold our regular club nights and play readings, to store our huge wardrobe and masses of props and furniture, and to store stage flats and build full Brewhouse stage sets for rehearsal. However, the core reason for buying it was to fulfil a long standing dream the society has had of creating our own studio theatre. That dream is still some way from being reality; over the years lighting has been installed, and various modifications made to ensure it's usable on a day-to-day basis, but we need to raise a substantial amount of money to take the next step. However, it's something I believe we can do, and I hope that it's possible in the near future.

Tonight's show is a first for us; never in our history have we organised an event with so many performers from so many groups. I need to offer my personal thanks to Jane E, Torie, Lizzie, Peter, Clare, Polly, Lorna, Vin, John, Andy, maat, Jane B, Martin, Sue and Rene for inviting the groups, liaising with them, sorting out the running order, getting hold of raffle prizes and all the hundreds of other tasks involved. Thanks also to the participating groups for coming on board and demonstrating just how alive the performing arts are in the area, thanks to the hundreds of people who get up and do stuff on and off stage, without subsidy or support. The theatres we all perform in, be they purpose built or village halls, give entertainment to thousands every year. Tonight, you're doing your bit to help develop the Brewhouse; all the proceeds of the raffle and any surplus after costs on the evening are being donated to the theatre. I hope you have a wonderful evening!

**MICHAEL GILBERT, CHAIRMAN, TAUNTON THESPIANS**

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## THE BREWHOUSE, TAUNTON . . . . . CINEMA VOUCHER X 4

### 1 X BREWHOUSE MEMBERSHIP FOR ONE YEAR

The Brewhouse Theatre is situated in the heart of the County town and prides itself on offering an enriching programme of live shows, films, activities and workshops. It is proud to be the venue of choice for the Taunton Thespians and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on 90 years of inspiring drama! Visit [www.thebrewhouse.net](http://www.thebrewhouse.net) for full listings of forthcoming shows and activities.





## AUGUSTUS, TAUNTON. . . . . 3 COURSE LUNCH FOR TWO (EXC DRINKS)

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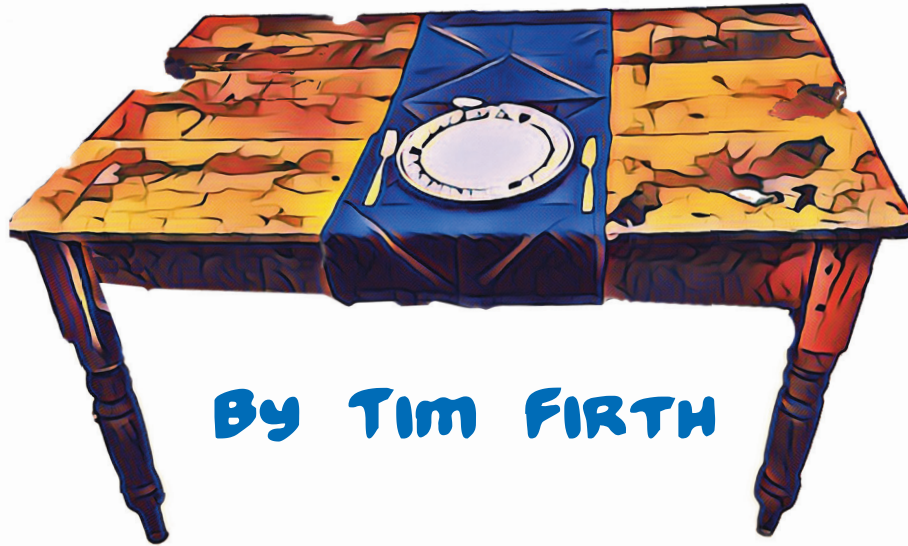
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followed by auditions on  
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# ON STAGE

YOUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

## PART ONE

TAUNTON THESPIANS

TRAM-TRACK TRAGEDY (MELODRAMA PART 1)

THE RIVERTONES

THAT'S BARBERSHOP (ACAPPELLA)

HALSE PLAYERS

FONDLY REMEMBERED (COMEDY)

HATS (HATCH BEAUCHAMP)

IN THE MOOD (MUSIC)

ROADWATER PLAYERS

2 SKETCHES (COMEDY)

SOMERSET OPERA

RUDDIGORE (LIGHT OPERA)

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# **PART TWO**

**TRULL PLAYERS**

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**STREET THEATRE**

**SHAKESPEARE REVUE SKETCHES (COMEDY)**

**CATS (CHARD)**

**CATS DO JOSEPH (MUSIC)**

**BRADFORD PLAYERS**

**90 YEARS OF DANCE IN 7  
MINUTES (MUSIC/COMEDY)**

**TAOS**

**SIDE BY SIDE (MUSIC)**

**TAUNTON THESPIANS**

**TRAM-TRACK TRAGEDY (MELODRAMA PART 2)**

**TAUNTON UKULELE STRUMMERS CLUB**





# BEHIND THE SCENES

## TAUNTON THESPIANS' VARIETY SHOW CREW

(Without whom nothing would be happening on stage tonight)

Production Manager . . . . .	Lizzie Knighton
Stage Manager . . . . .	Torie Meredith
DSM . . . . .	Lorna Evans
ASM . . . . .	Peter Meredith
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Lighting and Sound Design . . . . .	John Cunningham
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FOH Managers . . . . .	Polly Bray, Jane Edwards

## TAUNTON THESPIANS' VARIETY SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE

(Our very own party planners, without whom nothing would have happened at all)

Polly Bray, Jane Busby, Andy Busby, John Cunningham, Vin Cunningham, Jane Edwards, Lorna Evans, Clare Fidler, Michael Gilbert, Martin Jevon, Rene Kilner, Lizzie Knighton, Torie Meredith, Peter Meredith, Sue Meredith, maat ward

### Are you now, or have you ever been, a Taunton Thespian?

Over our 90 years, hundreds of drama lovers have trodden the boards, painted the sets, made the tea, stitched the costumes, driven the vans, climbed the ladders, designed the posters, pulled the curtains, found the venues, pasted up the billboards, typed up the scripts, made the props or carried out the dozens of other tasks necessary to get a show from page to stage. The archive pages of our website make fascinating reading, as they list people involved in shows from the 1920s onwards. But we are lacking some programmes and photos from over the years, so if you can help to fill in the gaps, do please get in touch.

If you have ever been a Thespian, we would love to hear from you. Email: [chairman@tauntonthespians.org.uk](mailto:chairman@tauntonthespians.org.uk) with your stories, memories and photos of past shows.

We are marking our 90th season with a full range of theatre shows; this is one of them, and *The Safari Party* in March is the next. Details about auditions for our next two productions are on page 9 of this programme – take a look! We're also pushing ahead with converting 'The Place' (our HQ, in Wilfred Road, Taunton) into a fully functioning studio theatre.

If you have an interest in the theatre, whether it's onstage, backstage, design or production and administration, and are over 16, why not come along and join us? Membership is only £15 per year. Email: [membership@tauntonthespians.org.uk](mailto:membership@tauntonthespians.org.uk)

### Book the Thespians for your event

If you are planning a party or fundraiser or other event and are looking for something different, why not consider booking the Thespians' Mummers Troupe or Thespians' Murder Squad or Dressing Up Tent or even a command performance? For details, email: [productions@tauntonthespians.org.uk](mailto:productions@tauntonthespians.org.uk)

To find out more about the Thespians and our activities, why not visit the website ([tauntonthespians.org.uk](http://tauntonthespians.org.uk)) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@tauntonthespian)





# ALL CASTS AND CREWS

## TAUNTON THESPIANS

### THE TRAM-TRACK TRAGEDY (MELODRAMA - PART ONE)

#### CAST

Alan Coles . . . . . Our Ever Effusive and Eloquent Chairman (Hooray!)  
 Ben Williamson. . . . . The Dastardly Sir Putrid Canker (Boo!)  
 Dona Bullion . . . . . Little Nellie, Genuinely Touching in her Naivety  
 Karen Bolton . . . . . The Bright, Lively, Loving and protective Sister Belle  
 Peter Meredith . . . . . The Pathetically Blundering, Short-sighted Hero Claud Body (Hooray!)  
 maat ward . . . . . The Man with a Multitude of Parts (no, seriously!)

#### CREW

Director . . . . . Jane Busby  
 Producer . . . . . Jane Edwards  
 Sound design and operation . . . . . Andy Busby  
 Wardrobe . . . . . Dona Bullion  
 Make-up . . . . . Jane Busby  
 Props . . . . . Donna Bullion  
 Rehearsal Prompt . . . . . Jane Edwards  
 Performance Prompt . . . . . Martin Jevon  
 Set Construction . . . . . Des Pollard

## THE RIVERTONES

## THAT'S BARBERSHOP (ACAPPELLA)

**CHORUS DIRECTOR** . . . . . Peter Gover

**LEAD VOICES** . . . . . Andrew Claydon, Jack Dennis, Mike Ellis, Peter Garrard, Ron Marriott, Chris Martin, Mike Oliver, Shaun Wilson, John Stokes, Wynne Jones

**BASS VOICES** . . . . . Alec Ruthven, Gerry Hammond, Colin Harlow, Geoff Hayes, Nigel Middleton, John Morrod, John Neenan, Des Ryan, Mark Smith, Lee Spreadbury, Kevin Toller, John Bush

**BARITONE VOICES** . . . . . Martin Sumpter, Peter Stead, Brian Pankhurst, Rob Morgan, Kevin Hamer, John Mallett, Mike Eastmond, George Bower

**TENOR VOICES** . . . . . Graham Blight, Murray Porter, Jim Kirkby, Russell West

## HALSE PLAYERS

## FONDLY REMEMBERED (COMEDY)

**Please be advised that this item contains strong language**

#### CAST

Donald Sowerby . . . . . Alan Byrne  
 Rev. Thomas Haldane. . . . . Leff Cook  
 Cressida Brent . . . . . Louisa Beale  
 Zoe Seymour . . . . . Jay Brooksbank  
 Barry Dumont . . . . . David Porter

**DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY** . . . . . Caroline Cook and Jan Baker

## HATS (HATCH BEAUCHAMP)

## IN THE MOOD (MUSIC)

#### CAST

Ready Plucked . . . . . Steve Williams  
 The Chickens . . . . . Chrissie Williams, Carole Walters, Sue Young, Jacqueline Green & Rachel Smith



## ROADWATER PLAYERS

## 2 SKETCHES (COMEDY)

### AND HOW IS HAMLET? FROM 'THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE'

First Gentleman . . . . . Jackie Heard  
 Second Gentleman . . . . . Phaedra Rush  
 Ambassador . . . . . Chris Marshall  
 Third Gentleman . . . . . Patrick Daley  
 Fourth Gentleman . . . . . Clary Binding

### MY BLACKBERRY

Customer. . . . . Benedict Lintott  
 Shopkeeper. . . . . Nige McBrayne

## SOMERSET OPERA

## RUDDIGORE (LIGHT OPERA)

**CAST LIST** . . . . . Dennis Carter, Harold Mead, Jay Quick, Steve Meredith, Sally Jago, Joyce Penn, Sue Goodman, Tracy Skinner, Suzi Allen, Annie Bowles, Wendy Freudenberg, Adele Walker, Stephen Grimshaw, John Sanders, John Fisher, Charlie Webb

**ACCOMPANIST.** . . . . . Chris Ball

**BACKSTAGE** . . . . . Hilary Marshall

## TRULL PLAYERS

## PANTOMANIA (COMEDY/MUSIC)

### CAST

Jack. . . . . Juliet Maddren  
 Cinderella. . . . . Jen Whitworth  
 Dame. . . . . Ash Stockton  
 Silly Billy . . . . . Mason Gear  
 Evil Henchman . . . . . Martin Sumpter  
 Dairy . . . . . Dawn Johnson

### CREW

Director . . . . . Jen McLean  
 Costumes and props . . . . . Tonya Gear and Jen McLean  
 Makeup. . . . . Lisa Coomber and Kay Trowell

## STREET THEATRE

## 3 SHAKESPEARE REVUE SKETCHES (COMEDY)

**Performers** . . . . . Bruce Bourquin, Neil Howiantz, Jane Sayer, Paul Townsend, Karen Trevis

## CATS (CHARD)

## CATS DO JOSEPH (MUSIC)

**CAST** . . . . . Andrew Herbert, Jacacia Totterdell, Claire Mitchell-Snudden, Mandy Cameron-Taylor, Hayley Glazier, Gary Glazier, Steve Warwick, Mike Eldridge, Becci Riste, Amy Stoodley, Barb Gidley, Jenny Kenton, Carol Wellsburr, Leanne Henley, Morgan Miller, Maia Henley, Thalia Glazier, Jessica Newton, Jadeen Totterdell.

**PRODUCER/DIRECTOR** . . . . . Lorraine Marshall

**MD** . . . . . Bill Case

## BRADFORD PLAYERS

## 90 YEARS OF DANCE IN 7 MINUTES (MUSIC/COMEDY)

**PERFORMERS** . . . . . Sue Garrett, Mike Leach, Rebecca Beard, Kathleen Waugh, maat ward





## TAOS

## SIDE BY SIDE (MUSIC)

### CAST

Robert . . . . .	David Duthie
David . . . . .	Chris Williamson
Jenny . . . . .	Tracy Skinner
Paul . . . . .	Darren Oxman
Sarah/Amy . . . . .	Caroline Kelly
Peter . . . . .	Jay Quick
Susan . . . . .	Kerry Warcup
Larry . . . . .	Philip Cox
Joanne . . . . .	Beth Cox

# AND FINALLY

## TAUNTON THESPIANS

### THE TRAM-TRACK TRAGEDY (MELODRAMA PART 2)

# MORE ABOUT THE GROUPS INVOLVED

As if there isn't enough about **TAUNTON THESPIANS** elsewhere in this programme, here's a quick rundown on the melodrama we're presenting this evening, courtesy of director Jane Busby.

**The Tram Track Tragedy**, alternatively titled *Little Nellie's Bloomers*

The Victorian melodrama has delighted audiences for many years with its unique style of exaggerated movement, large over the top sweeping gestures together with highly emotional vocal and strong facial expression. (Should be a doddle for our high-quality cast then, I hear you say!) But this stylistic way of acting is quite different from the norm. Actors whilst speaking should always (well, almost always) look out front..... Which is not as easy as you may think!

The stereotypical stock characters and storyline have remained the same throughout many a melodrama and ours is no different. The preposterous plot featuring themes of love, tragedy and attempted murder, reeks of moral tone, with good ultimately triumphing over evil.

Teeming with suspense, oodles of tension, and copious humour (albeit with a little bitty of innuendo!), the punch and pace of this piece all adds to its glorious Victorian charm.

The evil, grasping, corrupt villain (Boo!) is punished (Hooray!) and the vulnerable, innocent and good rewarded (Hoorah!)....You get the drift!

What is there not to like about this production!

**THE RIVERTONES** is an all-male acapella (unaccompanied) chorus.

As members of the British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS), they are the only group of its kind in Somerset. In addition to wonderful harmony singing, they provide entertainment including some light humour and fun audience participation in theatres, village halls, churches, private venues, etc.

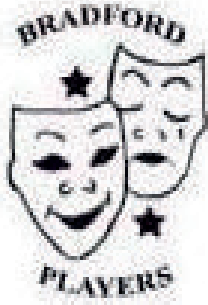
They also sing as a smaller group for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions where that 'something special' is required. Their repertoire consists of a wide range of songs sung in four-part harmony. Their motto is 'Allowing ordinary singers to do extraordinary things'.

As you'll witness this evening, barbershop is very different from what you may have imagined.

The Rivertones are holding a FREE 1-day Singing Workshop - Learn To Sing in Harmony - at the Oakwood Church, Obridge Road, Taunton TA2 7PU on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 4pm. This is open to all men, some of whom mistakenly think they can't sing! Everyone can sing! For further details see the Rivertones' advertisement elsewhere in this programme.

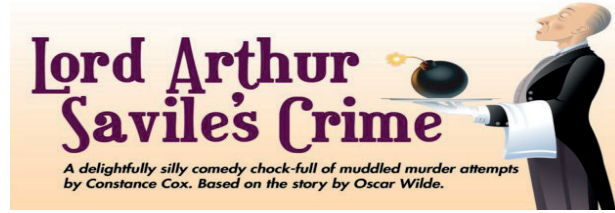
To find out how you could become a member of The Rivertones or for more details of their inexpensive booking fees for fundraising opportunities or a private function, visit [www.rivertones.org.uk](http://www.rivertones.org.uk)





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# MORE ABOUT THE GROUPS INVOLVED

**HALSE PLAYERS** was born in 2007 and came to life with a pantomime which fulfilled expectations in every sense of that word; the group then stepped into very different gear with *Time and the Conways*. Priestley was followed by Ayckbourn, Dylan Thomas, Keith Waterhouse, Coward, Shaw, Mortimer, Russell, Bennett as well as lesser known playwrights such as Yasmina Reza, Helene Hanff, Hugh Whitemore, Goetz, Peter Whalley, and Gareth Armstrong. Along the way there have been mini musicals, a short opera, and two-handers from collections by various authors. All have been well received, and the Players have had fun; our skills have been stretched to comedy, thrillers, music, and those coming under the category of thought provoking.



Most of us turn our hand to front of stage, backstage, and whatever – learning a lot about adaptability, the skill needed to be a good prompt, that stage managing is a task only to be undertaken by the most organised, that there will always be a hiccup along the way, and the old adage of a bad dress rehearsal translating into a superb performance is indubitably true. Oh, and the whole point of an amateur theatrical group is to be as professional as is possible and to have fun along the way.

**HATS (Hatch Amateur Theatre Society)** is a very friendly group based in Hatch Beauchamp, performing a healthy mix of original and published plays.

The group was formed following a Safari Supper in the village in 2008 with the performance of a short comedy written by local playwright Rod Hancox. The following summer saw the pairing of two Ayckbourn plays staged in the gorgeous garden of Oakfield House. All involved in these productions were then keen to pursue the setting up of an amateur dramatics group and HATS was born.

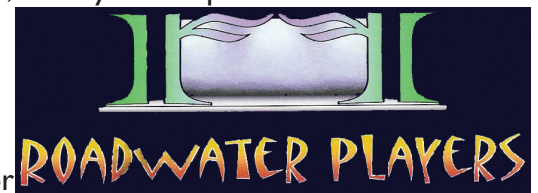


More recent productions in addition to Alan Ayckbourn plays have included *Outside Edge* by Richard Harris, various pieces by local writers and latterly Michael Frayn's *Matchbox Theatre*.

HATS are currently working on *Road*, an original play which takes a look at the effects on local communities of Highways England's plans for a new expressway along the route of the A358 from Ilminster to the M5. A very enjoyable reading of the first act has already been held.

New members are always welcome – HATS are on the lookout for not only actors but anyone with practical skills who could bolster the backstage crew or who would like to help with the bar or catering. For more information, please call chairman Imogen Graham on 01823 480088.

**THE ROADWATER PLAYERS** began life in the early 1970s as the Williton Players, but soon migrated to Roadwater. Since those early beginnings, the society has staged 94 shows, usually with a panto at Christmas



and a play in the spring. Renowned for their original village pantos, the Players have tackled many genres of plays as well, ranging from Shakespeare to Restoration Comedy to murder mysteries and right through to farce. We have staged several charity shows, and each year we donate the takings from our raffles to either St Margaret's Hospice or the Children's Hospice SW. Our active membership hovers at around 30-

40 people and we probably have the most cramped stage in Somerset; but that has never stopped us finding ingenious ways of staging bigger and better shows! No challenge is too great! We enter the Cinderella Trophy and Phoebe Rees competitions every year and despite our minnow status, have achieved much success over the years. Of course this sort of recognition is great, but our real driving force is seeing people from all walks of life coming together to stage a show in front of a hall packed with locals, who generally all leave with smiles on their faces. Do come and visit us if you get the chance!



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# MORE ABOUT THE GROUPS INVOLVED

Firstly congratulations to the Thespians on their remarkable feat of 90 years in show business! We all know there's no business like it and to be successfully performing after all this time is testament to their amazing abilities.

**SOMERSET OPERA** is a relative stripling, having only been in the business for 44 years.



We mount our own productions performed by our own members and regularly welcome guests who, once they appear, often return. Our main opera production each year is invariably performed in full costume with a professional orchestra and principals. In addition, we sing concert performances of operas and choral works and, as SOG on Tour, perform across the county in forms ranging from complete G&S productions to concert parties.

Somerset Opera has a policy of casting roles within the society if we can. But we run open auditions and welcome new members from Somerset and beyond, so please get in touch - we'd be delighted to hear you. For budding and seasoned professionals, we welcome your CVs.

Our touring production in March is Gilbert and Sullivan's cleverly funny *Ruddigore*. Our grand opera in July is Bizet's stunning yet tragic *Carmen* with a range of great professionals, many of whom have sung with us in the past.

The **TRULL PLAYERS** have been entertaining local audiences since our creation in the village pub (still the birthplace of ideas for many of our shows!) in 2006. Initially producing an annual pantomime but more recently a spring show each year too – from one act plays to murder mysteries, a Sherlock spoof and youth performances – we are constantly striving to challenge ourselves, develop members and their skills.



We are extremely proud to have won the Somerset Fellowship of Drama Spotlight Shield last year for the best village pantomime in the county, having been runner up the year before. Hence our choice of script to entertain you with this evening. With members from 9 years upwards we are a small, friendly group who encourage and support each other in all parts of the creative process, including writing original material, producing live music for pantomimes and making set, props and costumes.

Our next show, a two act murder mystery *Practice to Deceive*, is on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April in Trull Memorial Hall. Tickets available soon at [www.trullplayers.org.uk](http://www.trullplayers.org.uk). We are always delighted to welcome new members (on and off stage or in the audience) so for more information, contact us via our website, Facebook or find us in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evenings.

**STREET THEATRE COMPANY** would like to congratulate Taunton Thespians on achieving the milestone of their 90th year and wish them every success in the future.

We are a very happy band of theatre fanatics working mostly out of Strode Theatre, Street, performing a wide range of shows, both classic and contemporary. We are not afraid to take on a challenge and are dedicated to producing plays of the highest standard, presenting two or three plays a year, often including a summer touring production.



This year's offering includes:-

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On the ninety years since  
your foundation

Here's to very  
many more,  
Perhaps more  
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# MORE ABOUT THE GROUPS INVOLVED

**Chard Amateur Theatre Society (CATS)** is a Chard based drama society that is in its 66th year. The society is primarily a pantomime society performing each year at Chard Guildhall. However, we also perform a summer show which varies from variety shows to musical productions such as *Joseph*, sketch shows, one act plays and various charity events securing, a strong community presence. Our most recent panto was *Puss In Boots* in January 2018, which was a pleasure to showcase.

Our society accepts members from 8 years and upwards. We rehearse at The Crowshute Centre, Chard on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

We promote the performing arts in a friendly way and host a range of fundraising events throughout the year to support the performances we produce such, as sponsored walks, beetle drives and quiz nights to name but a few.

We welcome new members and treasure the contribution of both performers and backstage help.

We hope you have enjoyed our contribution to tonight's show and would like to thank the Taunton Thespians for asking us to perform here this evening.



**BRADFORD PLAYERS** are very happy to be here tonight, making our Brewhouse Theatre stage debut. You'd normally find us performing at Bradford-on-Tone Village Hall, a small but perfectly formed venue in a gorgeous local village, conveniently situated next to The White Horse (not that we're often found there, you understand, just after the odd rehearsal or three) and St Giles Church.

Don't be fooled that only five of our members are here tonight. We may be thin on the ground (alas for some, not around the middle), but what we lack in numbers we more than make up for in enthusiasm. Most of our members are involved with the final performance of *The Emperor's New Clothes*, this year's annual panto (oh yes they are!), so cannot be here. But please don't worry if you've missed it. If you fancy coming along to see any of our future productions, or if you'd like to get involved in other ways, then see our advert in the programme and don't hesitate to get in touch. You'd be made most welcome at one of the friendliest groups in the area. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



Formed in 1900, **Taunton Amateur Operatic Society (TAOS)** has celebrated over 100 years of consistent musical theatre and is one of the oldest operatic societies in existence today. With established roots but eyes firmly fixed on the future, TAOS continues to provide a wide and diverse repertoire ranging from the classic to the modern contemporary. Their next production *Oliver!*, currently in rehearsals, promises once again to set the Brewhouse stage alight when the curtain goes up on 30th April this year.

The Society is a consistent nominee and winner of both NODA and Rose Bowl awards and our offering this evening is taken from our 2015 Rose Bowl award winning production of *Company*, Stephen Sondheim's observation on married life through the eyes of confirmed bachelor,

Robert. In this, the opening of act two, Robert is celebrating another birthday as a singleton with his 'crazy married' friends, all of whom 'can't get enough of him'. Robert sings of their friendship 'Side by Side,' followed by the four couples' exclamation, 'What Would We Do Without You'. The scene swiftly deteriorates into a 'circus' of relationships.....



The **Taunton Ukulele Strummers Club (TUSC)** was formed in 2006 and is based on the idea that people who want to play ukulele can learn more quickly as part of a supportive group. It is a lot of fun and there is always a willing TUSCovite on hand with help and support for new members.

To be a member of TUSC, you just have to play ukulele and come along to the club. There is no pressure to attend every week – just come along as often as you can.

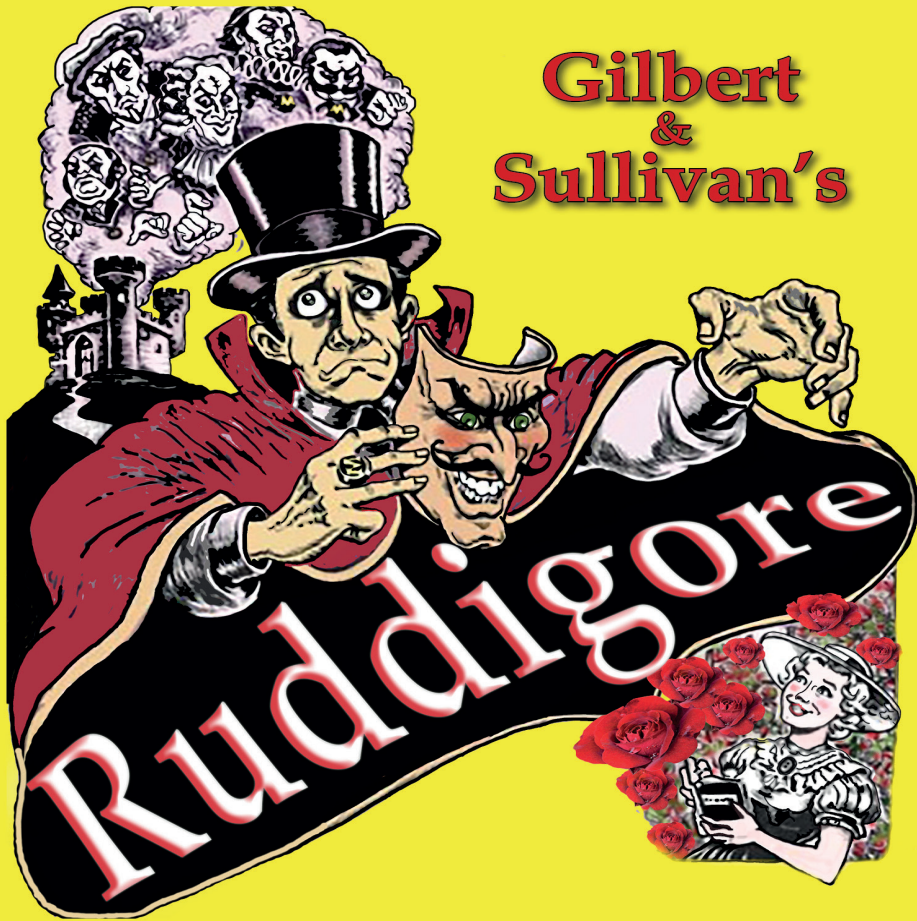
The club meets every Monday night at the Constitutional Club in Bishops Hull, Taunton. Doors at 7pm and we start playing at 7.30. There is a 'refreshment' break at 8.30 and we start playing again until 9.30pm.

If you wish to join TUSC, there is a Constitutional Club membership fee to pay, which doesn't cost the earth and goes towards keeping the club open for the local community.

TUSC regularly plays local gigs, mainly in support of local community events; new members are more than welcome to join us to soak up the adoration of our fans the world over.\*

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