

Draft Newsletter May 2026



May is the perfect bridge into the Summer, much longer days, improving weather and the countryside and our gardens bursting into life. It also has 2 bank holidays - what's not to like.

It is a relatively quiet time for the Players on the production side, with most of that activity not kicking off until Autumn so, to make up for that, we have plenty of events coming up in the next few months.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Succession Planning

Following on from one of our previous Newsletters we are still searching for someone to act as an Assistant Stage Manager. If you'd like to be involved with the Bampton Players but don't think acting is for you then this could be just the thing for. You would be learning from one of the best in the business our very own Hugh!

If you'd like to learn more please contact Avril: avril.saxby@gmail.com

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

“Rumours”



Although we are not staging “Rumours” until Autumn this year work has already started on the preparations. A reminder that casting will be on Wednesday 27th May (THAT’S NEXT WEEK!) at 7:00pm at Sherwood after which we will hopefully be in the position to select a cast for a first read-through on Sunday 31st May. If you’ve not yet let Avril know that you’re coming please do asap.

The production dates are 22nd, 23rd and 24th October with rehearsals starting in September.

Mummers Play

Peter and Wendy will be working as a team to deliver this year’s offering. There will be a new script and we plan to incorporate a visit to Castle Grove as one of our rehearsal venues. There will be more information on how to be a part of our annual street entertainment at the end of Summer.

“A Doll from the Past”

“A Doll from the Past” - by Sylvia Wakeham will be staged on the 18th, 19th and 20th of March 2027. With read-through/casting taking place on the 2nd and 6th December 2026 and rehearsals starting from mid January 2027. There will be a cast of 13 - 6 male and 7 female characters.

FUTURE MEMBERS EVENTS

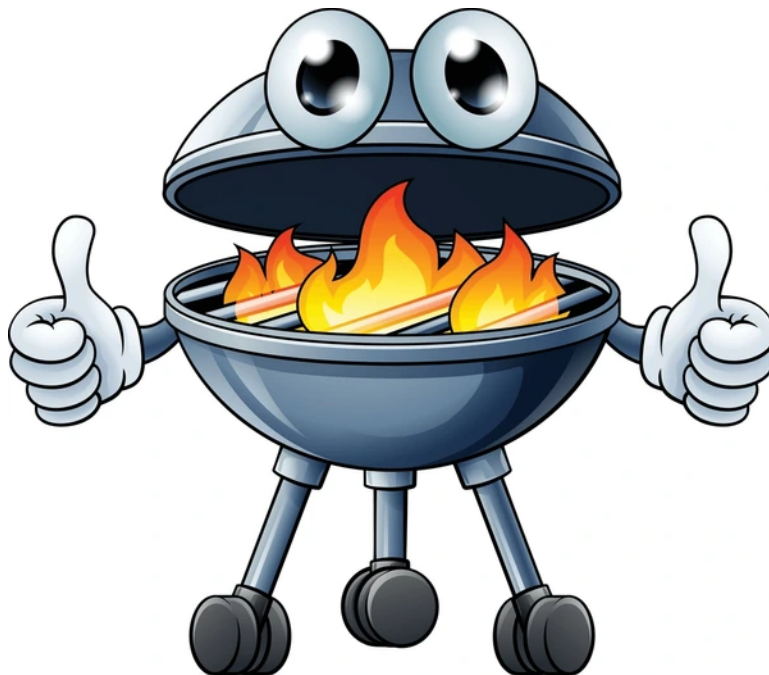
Players 50th Anniversary Celebration



We will be holding an afternoon tea party on Saturday 20th June at 2pm to celebrate 50 years of the Bampton Players. It will be a members event; we will be showing clips and slideshows from some of our productions over the years as well as tucking into tasty treats.

All members and some past members (if we know how to contact them) will receive an invitation which will have a strict RSVP date of 12th June 2026.

Summer BBQ



This years Summer BBQ will be held on Saturday July 25th at midday at Sherwood. If you are planning to attend please contact Avril: avril.saxby@gmail.com letting her know whether you will be bringing along something sweet or savoury. Also bring along some drink but you can decide that on the day. You will not need to bring a chair as there are plenty.

Agatha Christie Commemoration



The Unexpected Guest

A Screening of the 2013 Bampton Players production
of the Agatha Christie Play

Friday 21st August 7:00pm for 7:30pm,
Riverside Hall, Bampton

Free admission; tickets available from Bampton Fresh

On Friday 21st August, 7:00pm for 7:30pm, at Riverside Hall we will be holding an event to commemorate 50 years since the death of one of our most prolific crime writers, Dame Agatha Christie. We will be showing a digitally remastered version of the Bampton Players successful production of "The Unexpected Guest".

Although the event will be free, it will be ticketed so that we can manage the number of attendees. Tickets will be available from: Bampton Fresh.

Autumn Quiz

This year's Autumn Quiz is on Friday 30th October, at Riverside Hall. There will be more details in early Autumn.

Players Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 9th December at Riverside Hall - we have secured Jason Toft as our entertainer and this year Julia Meyer will be doing the catering. There will be 3 main courses to choose from along with a choice from 3 desserts. Of course it is still May so you are not expected to choose now. We will be sending out more details in the Autumn.

And Finally....

