

BRISTOL PLAYGOERS CLUB

Season 2025/2026

**Staged play-readings
7:30pm on Tuesdays**

(see overleaf for details)

Tickets £6.00

(or £50 for the entire season)



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<p>30th September '25 Directed by Betty McInerney & Sandy Bateman</p>	<p>Two One Act plays: PITTY ABOUT KITTY by Jimmy Chin Nurse Kitty just wants to be kind and help everybody, but does everybody want to help Nurse Kitty? Injustice and misunderstanding are at the heart of this sensitive and intriguing play.</p> <p>OUTDOOR PLEASURES from <i>Deckchairs</i> by Jean McConnell This humorous play finds long-suffering Deidre waiting for an outdoor production of Much Ado About Nothing, accompanied by her awkward and far from enthusiastic Aunt Tottie. <i>Nibbles will be served after the readings.</i></p>
<p>14th October '25 Directed by John de Barham</p>	<p>THE ACTRESS by Peter Quilter A colourful and complicated actress makes her emotional farewell appearance. Various people from her life come in her dressing room to say their goodbyes, declare their love, roar with laughter, spit insults, grab a final embrace and renew old battles.</p>
<p>28th October '25 Directed by Sandra Fenlon</p>	<p>THE HERBAL BED by Peter Whelan When Shakespeare's daughter, Susannah, is accused of adultery, the family fall under intense public scrutiny as it sues her accuser for slander. Faced with political divisions within the church, the hearing in the bishop's court becomes a risky gamble. Based on a true story.</p>
<p>11th November '25 Directed by Nathan Hook</p>	<p>A HERO OF THE PEOPLE by Brad Birch, adapted from the play <i>An Enemy of the People</i> by Henrik Ibsen Local MP Mick and his sister Dr Rhiannon Powell are at loggerheads when her discovery of a polluted water supply threatens his plans to attract a fracking company in order to revitalise the area. Themes are examined of personal v political and conflict between economic development and public welfare.</p>
<p>25th November '25</p>	<p>SPEAKER: DOUG ALLAN OBE We are delighted to welcome Doug Allan OBE, the renown Scottish wildlife cameraman and photographer. Doug is best known for his work in polar regions and underwater and has worked with the BBC for many years. His wildlife talk will be accompanied by his award-winning photographs on a big screen. <i>A raffle will be held.</i></p>
<p>9th December '25 Directed by John de Barham</p>	<p>KAFKA'S DICK by Alan Bennett This hilarious and unusual play satirises the ridiculous propensity we often have to show less interest in an artist's work than in meaningless details of his private life, such as his sex life. "I tell you something. Heaven is going to be Hell." <i>Mulled wine & mince pies will be served after the reading and a collection will be held in aid of the club's charity, POD.</i></p>

<p>27th January '26 Directed by Carolyn Harman</p>	<p>EQUALLY DIVIDED by Ronald Harwood The relationship between sisters Edith and Renata is tested after their mother's death. The will stipulates the inheritance should be divided equally, despite Edith having cared for their mother for years while Renata pursued her own life. The plot explores resentment, fairness and family relationships.</p>
<p>10th February '26 Directed by Julian O'Sullivan</p>	<p>BEYOND A JOKE by Derek Benfield Jane and Andrew's country house is accident prone. Six people have died there. When their daughter's boyfriend Geoff arrives for the weekend, he wonders if this is due to sinister circumstances. A TV repair man, visiting vicar, wheelbarrow and a body in a cupboard all feature in this hilarious comedy.</p>
<p>24th February '26 Directed by Tessa Garrett</p>	<p>DANGEROUS CORNER by J.B. Priestley A chance remark at a dinner party ignites a series of devastating revelations, a tangle of clandestine relationships and dark secrets. As the truth spills out, lives begin to crumble and the cost of success becomes frighteningly plain. <i>A raffle will be held.</i></p>
<p>10th March '26 Directed by David Williams</p>	<p>COLLABORATION by Ronald Harwood In 1931, composer Richard Strauss and writer Stefan Zweig embark on an invigorating artistic partnership. But Zweig is a Jew and the Nazis are on the march. Is it possible to keep artistic aspiration and political action separate? How fine is the line between collaboration and betrayal?</p>
<p>24th March '26 Directed by Sandy Bateman and Betty McInerney</p>	<p>THE PARK BENCH by Ashley Burgoyne Charles always shared the same bench in the park with his late wife. He is now alone with only memories until various people start to share the bench with him. This is a heart-warming comedy about ordinary people with ordinary lives who come together at this one park bench.</p>
<p>14th April '26</p>	<p>A FRENCH EVENING Devised by Sandra Fenlon Du pain, du vin et du Boursin! An evening of theatre & songs with a French theme. Berets & strings of onions encouraged! <i>Baguettes & cheese to be served after the show.</i></p>

Playgoers is a lively mix of experienced amateurs, complete beginners and industry professionals. We stage script-in-hand performances of modern and classical dramas and comedies. House opens at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Newman Hall bar is open during the interval and after the reading.

We always welcome audience, actors, stage crew, and front-of-house volunteers. Find out more about joining us as a member or guest at playgoersmembership@gmail.com or phone **0750 425 4499**

Club Information

Playgoers' Committee 2025/26

President	<i>Sandra Fenlon</i>
President-elect	<i>Angela Morgan</i>
Hon. Secretary	<i>Betty McInerney</i>
Hon. Treasurer	<i>Angela Morgan</i>
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Readings Secretary	<i>Sandra Fenlon</i>
Speakers Co-ordinator	<i>Sandy Bateman</i>
Publicity Officer	<i>Sue Morgan</i>
Social Secretary	<i>Jane Meadowcroft</i>
Front of House	<i>Tina Peear and Linda Tarr</i>
Elected Members	<i>Fiona McClure and Roger Meadowcroft</i>

Recent past presidents may attend committee meetings ex officio; a full list of past presidents is on the club website.

Social Events

Autumn Lunch | Saturday 25th October '25

Early Spring Lunch | Saturday 21st February '26

Annual Party | Friday 8th May '26



The club's Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 12th May '26, 7.30pm, at Newman Hall. If you're a club member please do your utmost to attend; it's your chance to have your say.