

BRISTOL PLAYGOERS CLUB

Season 2024/2025

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

(see overleaf for details)

Tickets £6.00

(or £50 for the entire season)



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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.

1st October '24

THE REAL THING by Tom Stoppard

Annie is an actress, Henry is a playwright, and fiction is the backdrop to life. Hardly the recipe for a faithful marriage, especially when it started out as an affair. Does it matter how it began if what they have now is the real thing?

Nibbles will be served after the reading.

15th October '24

WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE PARIS by Jill Hyems

Nancy, Anna and Raquel share a 6th floor apartment. There is laughter, tears and the promise of romance as they navigate life in Paris, revealing the advantages and disadvantages of growing older.

29th October '24

Two One Act plays:

DAFFODILS AT DAWN by Barbara Neville

Set in the 1990s in the local church, four ladies meet to make up flower arrangements to be displayed in the church. They have very different backgrounds and through their interactions we discover their pasts; ending in a dramatic climax.

SAY SOMETHING HAPPENED by Alan Bennett

An inexperienced social worker is sent to interview an elderly couple who are deemed to be "at risk", but ends up learning as much about herself!

12th November '24

SPEAKER: HAZEL ATHERTON

Our speaker this evening shares her interesting and sometimes amusing experiences as a Support Artist – previously known as an Extra.

A raffle will be held.

26th November '24

HESS by Michael Burrell

Rudolph Hess, close friend and deputy of Hitler, flew to Scotland in 1941 on a self-appointed mission of peace. He was immediately imprisoned and later convicted at Nuremberg. In this dramatic monologue Hess supposes what he might say, given the opportunity, about himself and about the world we have made.

10th December '24

TEN TIMES TABLES by Alan Ayckbourn

The leading lights of the village meet to plan a pageant based on a somewhat vague historical event. Meetings turn into violent confrontations between two extreme factions. This amusing "romp" explores the extremes of class and politics.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the reading. A collection will be held in aid of the club's charity POD.

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**

21st January '25

HANSARD by Simon Wood

Robin Hesketh, a Tory Politician, and his wife Diana have "enjoyed" a long but troubled marriage. A comedic theme develops around politics, identity and the failures of the ruling class. Hansard is the traditional name of the transcripts of Parliamentary debates.

4th February '25

STEEL MAGNOLIAS by Robert Harding

As the title suggests, female characters are as delicate as magnolias but as tough as steel. Small town gossip and gutsy women who meet regularly and have a strong bond, through thick and thin. A comedy drama set in the southern United States.

18th February '25

PACK OF LIES by Hugh Whitmore

Based on a true story, Bob and Barbara Jackson are friends with their neighbours Peter and Helen Kroger but the Krogers are not who they appear to be. Bob and Barbara are instrumental in helping to bring about a denouement which is devastating to them. But who is deceiving whom? *A raffle will be held.*

4th March '25

DEATH IN HIGH HEELS by Richard Harris

This light-hearted and entertaining thriller is set in a small haute couture house in London. Fierce competition develops over a top job on offer at the company's new branch in France, until one of the candidates for the job meets a sudden death. Is it an accident or murder?!

18th March '25

ESCAPED ALONE by Caryl Churchill

"I'm walking down the street and there's a door in the fence open and inside there are three women I've seen before." Three old friends and a neighbour. A summer afternoon in the back yard. Tea and catastrophe. Escaped Alone unleashes an intricate, elliptical, acutely female view of the apocalypse.

1st April '25

THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE by Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee

An enchanting collection of witty sketches and skits about the Bard. Devised and first performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company, this show has been a hit with audiences all over the world. *The Shakespeare Revue* was first staged in Stratford in 1994, later transferring to the West End.

Cheese and biscuits will be served after the reading.

Club Information

Playgoers' Committee 2024/25

President	<i>John de Barham</i>
President-elect	<i>Sandra Fenlon</i>
Hon. Secretary	<i>Betty McInerney</i>
Hon. Treasurer	<i>Angela Morgan</i>
Hon. Membership Secretary	<i>Tina Peear</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>
Stewarding Co-ordinator	<i>Graham Smith</i>
Front of House	<i>Tina Peear and Linda Tarr</i>
Elected Members	<i>Fiona McClure</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 19th October '24

Spring Lunch | Saturday 22nd March '25

Annual Party | Around the end of April, details to be confirmed



The club's Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 13th May '25, 7.30pm, at Newman Hall. If you're a club member please do your utmost to attend.