

# Jávea Players

Amateur Drama at its finest

## Behind the Scenes

### Chairman 's Message

Dear Members and Friends of the Jávea Players,

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I step into the role of Chairman of this vibrant and much-loved theatre group. The Jávea Players have a rich history of creativity, community spirit, and theatrical excellence, and I feel honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading us into the next chapter.

I am extremely grateful for the warm welcome I've already received and for the dedication of all those who have contributed so much to our past successes. Looking ahead, I am eager to work alongside our talented members—onstage, backstage, and behind the scenes—to build on our proud traditions while exploring fresh ideas and opportunities.

Together, I believe we can continue to grow, reach new audiences, and ensure that the Jávea Players remain at the heart of our cultural community.

Whether you're a long-standing member or someone newly curious about what we do, I look forward to meeting you, hearing your thoughts, and shaping a dynamic and inclusive future for us all.

**John McDonald**



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## **A few thoughts after the curtain comes down finalising the magical two-year journey called Beauty and the Beast**

“No two shows are alike in the making. Each show is a living piece of your life in a small unreal world with its own character and integrity, its own new set of memorable happenings.

You begin to love and adapt to its strangeness. Dreams harden into substance. Values seem to come into focus. You begin to wish it would never end, but the show does end. The dream world vanishes like mist before a rising sun, part of you vanishes with it. And back to the real world with a thud, drained, uneasy, jittery difficult to get along with. There is only one cure. A new show, new visions, a new small world's experiences & happenings. Again, you wish it wouldn't end, but it does – another part of you vanishes ..... That's show business – but perhaps the magic of Beauty and the Beast will stay with us for ever.”

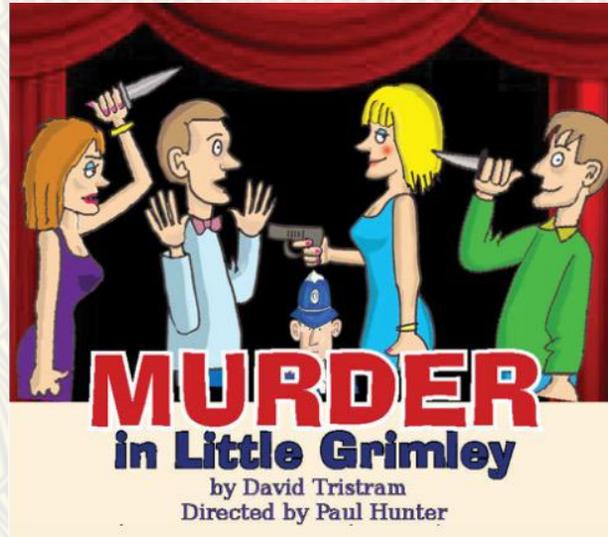
I know one thing that will stay with me, it is the sound of the cheering, watching the audience rise to its feet & to listen to the resounding applause for an outstanding group of wonderful people who called themselves the Cast, the Backstage team, the Workshop team, the Technical team, the Costume team, The Beasts make up team, the Production team, the Program & Poster team, the Bar team, the Front of House team, the Publicity team, and four fantastic people I must name, as without them there would be no show Aileen, Kate, Alee & my co-director John McDonald

While words cannot fully convey my thanks it's the dedication demonstrated by everyone involved that bowled me over. You deserved every clap & every cheer.

**Cherry Cabban (May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

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## What's on Stage next?



Join us for an unforgettable evening in one of Old Town Javea's most charming historic squares close to the 11<sup>th</sup> century fortified church, **Plaça Baix**, where you'll indulge in a **delicious 7-course Tapas dinner with wine** before enjoying a **hilarious and thought-provoking** comedy at the Casa de la Cultura, just next door.

### **Murder in Little Grimley**

We revisit the Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society where the Chairman Gordon has written a whodunnit. But in a bizarre twist he then finds himself embroiled in a real-life murder mystery that threatens to put him behind bars. The quarrelsome quartet have been in some sticky situations over the years. But can they possibly get away with murder?

**Dates: Monday June 30 – Saturday 5 July 2025**

**Tickets: 27€** (Includes dinner, wine, and the show!)

**Bookings for members and friends opens on 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

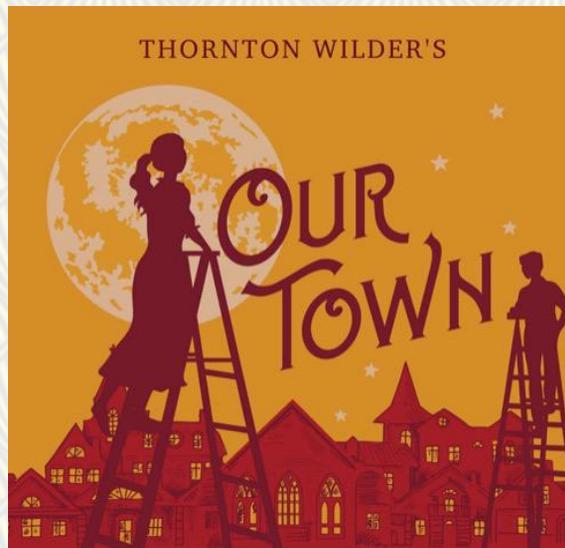
**New this year**, you can now book your **numbered seat** for dinner, but seats in the theatre are not allocated.

**Book and list any dietary restrictions via the Box Office**

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## Play Planning Committee - Future productions

29<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 : Our Town



**Our Town**, Described by Edward Albee as “the greatest American play ever written” tells the story of a small town- Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire. In order to tell the story of every town, the whole world over.

Narrated by a Stage Manager, we follow the Gibbs and Webb families through twelve years of life changes— from the mundane “Daily Life,” to the romantic “Love and Marriage,” to the devastating and illuminating “Death and Eternity.” Through young lovers Emily and George, their strong and loving parents, and many other Grover’s Corners’ locals, **Our Town** turns the simple events of life into universal musings of what it means to be human.

### 2026 Programme

2026 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Javea Players.

Watch this space for information on the 2026 programme.

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## What else is going on?

### History of Javea Players

Drawing from carefully curated archive material, James has crafted a fascinating 30-minute presentation that offers insights into the group's rich history. We warmly encourage audience participation, as your personal memories and anecdotes will help shape and enrich this evolving narrative, making it an even more compelling piece of JP history.

Additionally, **Mike Smith** from the online publication *Jávea Amigos*, will be with us to gather material for an article he is writing, ensuring this event is documented and shared with a wider audience.

This event is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Studio at 7:30

The event is free to all members and friends.

If you are interested in coming along, please RSVP to [membership.jp@gmail.com](mailto:membership.jp@gmail.com)

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## What else is going on?

### Studio refresh project

You will have noticed that the Studio has a fresh new look and a much extended bar area.

What you might not realise is all the work that is going on “behind the scenes”. The stuff you don’t see that improves the quality of our productions. From new lighting and sound to new acoustic ceiling tiles. The work continues. We would like to thank everyone that has contributed their time and expertise to making this possible. A big shout to James Ward, without whom we would not have progressed so far.

### Film Night

Why not join us for our next classic film night?

The Studio is set out in a bistro style with tables and, of course, the bar will be available.

The next film night is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open at 7:00 and the film starts at 7:30. So, pop the date in your diary.

James Ward will share his choice of movie in due course.

The price for this event is just €3, including your first drink.

### Do you want to rent the Studio for your group or event?

Please contact Ally O'Brien using the booking form below:

<https://javeaplayers.com/jp/studio-calendar/>

Or contact Ally direct on [studiomanagerjaveaplayers@gmail.com](mailto:studiomanagerjaveaplayers@gmail.com)

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## Your Committee

John McDonald

Brian Mattes

Lesley Davies

Alberto Alvarado

Tony Cabban

Allison O'Brien

Helen Aitken

**Chairman**

**Vice Chairman**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**General Member**

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## Non-Committee positions

**Bar Manager:** Chris Waters

**Box Office:** Helen Aitken

**Costumes:** Anne Bentley, Rosemary Brown, Cherry Cabban

**Lighting:** Cherry Cabban, Kjell Elster, James Ward

**Membership Secretary:** Cherry Cabban

**Play Planning Committee:** Caroline Drewitt-Mansell (chair),  
Pauline McGough, Lena Elster, Pauline Brozel, Racheal Gibbons.

Peny Grant (non-voting member)

**Press Officer:** Gillian Ashworth

**Publicity:** Tony Cabban

**Set Construction:** John Ranger, Chris Waters, John MacDonald,  
Chuck Schoonover, Denise Wirth, Claudia Leischen

**Social Secretary:** Lesley Davies

**Sound:** Paul Twomey

**Studio Manager:** Ally O'Brien

**The Joy of Acting, acting lessons:** Claire Schoonover

**Workshop Manager:** John Ranger

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