

Javea Players

Amateur Drama at its finest

**Welcome to the latest edition of the
Javea Players newsletter:
Behind the Scenes**



**Containing insights from the directors of the last production and the next.
Information on the various groups and workshops for you to participate in.
And, so much more**

Behind the Scenes

Chairman's message

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to take a moment to reflect on the success of our superb summer production — what a show! A heartfelt congratulations to the cast, whose energy, talent, and commitment brought the performance to life so brilliantly.

But as we all know, theatre is never a solo act. Behind every spotlighted moment is an entire team of volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes. So I'd like to extend a huge thank you to every single person who helped make the show such a success:

- To our sound and lighting team, who created the atmosphere and magic from the control desks,
- To those who designed and built the set, turning ideas into immersive spaces,
- To our stage manager and backstage helpers, who kept everything running smoothly,
- To the teams behind costumes and props, for adding detail and depth to every scene,
- To our front-of-house team, who welcomed our audiences with warmth and professionalism,
- To our publicity and promotions teams for getting the word out far and wide,
- To the Box Office team who also organise everything perfectly.

And last but certainly not least — to the wonderful teams who organised the pre-show tapas meals from Bar Imperial. A delicious addition that added to the whole experience!

Jávea Players is a true community — and this summer's show was a perfect example of what we can achieve together.

I look forward to the exciting projects ahead especially as next year is the 50th anniversary of Jávea Players!

I encourage anyone who hasn't yet stepped backstage or onstage to get involved — whether it's painting a set, sewing a hem, manning the lights, or simply welcoming guests with a smile. There's a place for everyone here.

Thank you once again for all your hard work and support.

John McDonald, July 2025

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That's a wrap!

Fine food and foul play

Our summer dinner theatre event

Once again, our summer production proved to be a sell out success. Almost sold out for 6 nights, the combination of a great tapas meal provided by Bar Imperial, and our production of 'Murder in Little Grimley' went down a storm. Not without its challenges, as unfortunately our leading man had to miss the Friday performance due to illness. The only option was for me to step on stage with script in hand and perform the part.

I have to say that it was a rather nerve-racking experience which I wouldn't like to repeat in a hurry. However the cast were so professional and coped brilliantly. The audience were really supportive given the circumstances and seemed to relish the extra unexpected element to the play. So I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone who made this event a success.

To The Javea players management team for organising and running the event so successfully and seamlessly.

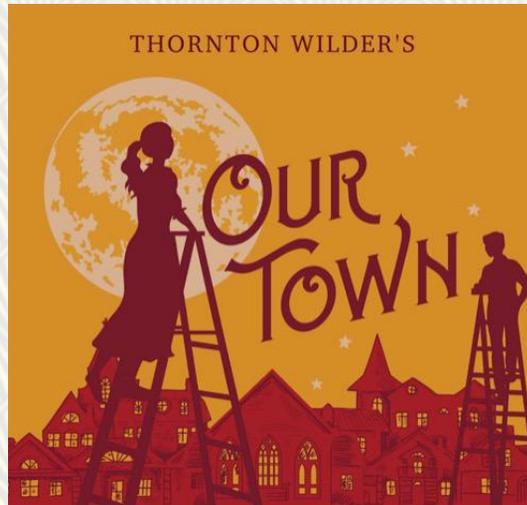
To the 'Murder' cast and production team for all their hard work and support, I couldn't have done it without them.

Paul Hunter (July 2025)

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What's on Stage next?

29th October to 2nd November 2025 : **Our Town**



Our Town first opened on Broadway in 1938 and won the Pulitzer Prize that same year. In the twenty months after the Broadway run ended, this simple but powerful play—set in the fictional town of Grover’s Corners, with just a few tables, chairs, and a ladder—was performed in 658 communities across the U.S., as well as in Canada and Europe.

That global love for *Our Town* has never faded. Even today, the play is performed somewhere in the world every single day. Its message—about the beauty of everyday life, growing up, loving, and losing—continues to bring people together. It reminds us that no matter where we live, we share the same human journey. After returning to Broadway in 2024, *Our Town* is now coming to Javea Players.

At a time when the world can feel divided, this timeless story offers a gentle but powerful reminder: we all live together in *our town*—just like we do here in Javea and beyond

Claire Schoonover – July 2025

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🎉 Exciting News from Javea Players!

We are thrilled to announce the cast of our upcoming production of ***Our Town*** by Thornton Wilder. After a fantastic round of auditions, we've assembled a wonderful group of performers to bring this timeless classic to life. Congratulations to everyone involved—we can't wait to share this special production with our community.

OUR TOWN CAST

Stage Manager	Paul Hunter
Emily Webb	Arabella Wallace
George Gibbs	Theodoor Bramsted
Julia Gibbs	Heather Carroll
Dr. Frank Gibbs	Tony Sim
Rebecca Gibbs	Ruby Kitchen
Charles Webb	Adam Lake
Myrtle Webb	Alee Reed
Wally Webb	Lennon Dearing
Mrs. Louella Soames	Kate Sutton
Simon Stimson	Joel Rice
Howie Newsome / Sam Craig	Martina Luotto
Professor Willard	Various Community Members
Joe Crowell Jr.	Henry W. Cooley
Si Crowell	Eva Kholopenko
Constable Warren / Joe Stoddard ..	Tom Carter
Woman in the Balcony / Ensemble ..	Usha Dearing

UNDERSTUDIES

Wally Webb	Eva Kholopenko
Rebecca / Joe Crowell Jr.	Matilda Merrick
Si Crowell	Edith Merrick

Claire Schoonover – July 2025

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What else has been going on?

Creative Writing Workshop

The recent creative writing workshop, curated and facilitated by Adam Lake, was a resounding success. 20 participants of varying writing experience attended this 6-week course. The spectrum included people who had done little more than write an address on an envelope, to published authors, and everything in between.

This diverse group came together for more than 2 hours each week for a non-traditional workshop. Using various exercises to get their creative ideas flowing, they created works written on the spot. These were then shared as readings with their fellow participants.

Next Creative Writing Workshop

Planning is currently underway for the next workshop in the Autumn. We will be expanding the scope to work on monologues and short plays with a view to workshopping and eventually performing them to an audience.

If you would like to find out about flexing your creative skills, by joining the next group, please contact

Adam Lake adam76672003@yahoo.com

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Coming Soon

Youth Workshop

Coming Soon: Youth Theatre Workshop!

Ready to jump on stage, make new friends, and have a fantastic time? Whether you're new to acting or already love performing, this workshop is open to all abilities! You'll build confidence, learn new skills, and enjoy plenty of creativity and teamwork.

Running for six fun-packed weeks in early 2026, it's the perfect way to bring stories to life and discover the magic of theatre.

For ages 10 to 16.

Interested? Get in touch with Claire Schoonover at brownschoon@gmail.com to find out more.



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Classic Film Night

The next film night will be on Wednesday 17th September.

The choice will be the Oscar winning best film, 'On the Waterfront' from 1954.

An ex-prize fighter turned New Jersey longshoreman struggles to stand up to his corrupt union bosses, including his older brother, as he starts to connect with the grieving sister of one of the syndicate's victims.

Directed by Elia Kazan. With Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb & Rod Steiger

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

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

Doors open at 7:00 and the film starts at 7:30. So, pop the date in your diary.

To reserve your place, find out more information, or be added to the film club mailing list please contact James Ward at jamesguytonward@gmail.com

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

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Javea Players Merchandise

Would anyone would like one of our stylish T-shirts?

Available in black with red logo, unisex crew-neck or lady's V-neck. They cost just €11.50 for both styles in any size.

Gillian has had a few people request them and is planning on placing an order. Interested?

Please contact Gillian on:

javeaplayerspressofficer@gmail.com or WhatsApp 6 7929 0900

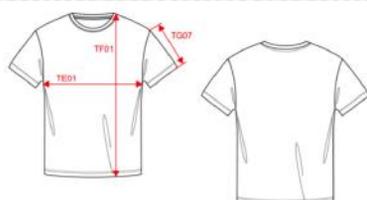


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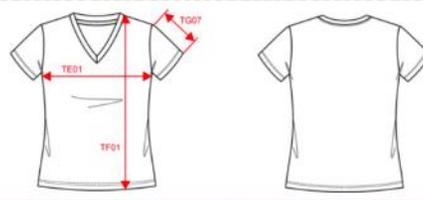
Sizing Information

Unisex Crew Neck

Lady's V-Neck



Measurements in cm	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
TE01 - 1/2 chest width at 1.5cm below armhole	49.00	52.00	55.00	58.00	61.00	64.00	67.00
TF01 - Total height from HSP	70.00	72.00	74.00	76.00	78.00	80.00	82.00
TG07 - Short sleeve length	22.00	22.75	23.50	24.25	25.00	25.75	26.50



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TE01 - 1/2 chest width at 1.5cm below armhole	46.00	49.00	52.00	55.00	58.00	61.00
TF01 - Total height from HSP	62.00	64.00	66.00	68.00	70.00	72.00
TG07 - Short sleeve length	15.00	15.75	16.50	17.25	18.00	18.75

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Your Committee

Chairman	John McDonald
Vice Chairman	Brian Mattes
Secretary	Lesley Davies
Treasurer	Alberto Alvarado
General Member	Tony Cabban
General Member	Allison O'Brien
General Member	Helen Aitken

Non-Committee positions

Bar Manager - Chris Waters

Box Office – Peter Bayliss, Helen Aitken

Costumes - Anne Bentley, Rosemary Brown, Cherry Cabban

IT – Peter Bayliss

Lighting - Cherry Cabban, Kjell Elster, James Ward

Membership Secretary - Cherry Cabban

Play Planning Committee - Caroline Drewitt-Mansell (chair),
Pauline McGough, Lena Elster, Pauline Brozel, Rachel Gibbons.
Penny 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

Sound - Paul Twomey

Studio Manager - Ally O'Brien

The Joy of Acting, acting lessons - Claire Schoonover

Workshop Manager - John Ranger

Do you have an item for our newsletter?

If so, please contact us on javeaplayersnewsletter@gmail.com