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GROUPS & MEETINGS

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LIVE MUSIC

FLAYED DISCIPLE. Headline show at the Perfect 5th, Taunton, Monday 7th December. Taunton's own Death Metal band fresh from their first UK tour are back in Taunton for the last time this year. With support from Violent Virtues, Allure In Grace and No Guts No Glory. Flayed Disciple - A must for all fans of brutality and gore! Doors at 8pm, £4 entry.**LONE STAR** Country Music: West Buckland Village Hall. Friday 13th November: Natalia Diamond. Doors open 7.30pm. Music starts at 8pm. Enjoy a good evening of music with a friendly atmosphere. Everybody welcome. Entry £6. Bring your own drinks. Tea and coffee available. Enquiries: Freda 01823 680769.**WELLINGTON ARTS** Association invites you on a magical musical journey, entitled 'A Transport of Delight' featuring a wide variety of songs, all linked by a transport theme. The show is on at the Arts Centre, Eight Acre Lane, Wellington, tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm, plus a Saturday matinée. Tickets (£5) from Hart & Craft, High Street, Wellington on 01823 663336.

THEATRE & CINEMA

TAUNTON THESPIANS proudly present 'Daisy Pulls It Off', Denise Deegan's wonderful schoolgirl spoof. The show continues tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm and there's a 2.00pm matinée on Saturday. Tickets cost just £8 (£6.50 concessions), and may be booked by calling either the Arts Centre on 01823 414141 or the Taunton TIC on 01823 336344. Or just drop in!

'Best thing I have seen from Taunton Thespians in years'

REVIEW: Daisy Pulls It Off

WHERE can you see a highly professional production of a recent West End hit, suitable for all the family, with laughs, adventure and music, all for £8?

Taunton Thespians' production of Daisy Pulls It Off at the Tacchi-Morris fits the bill and you'd better be quick.

This is the best thing I have seen from the Thespians in recent years and it's recommended.

The play is a pastiche of wonderful adventure stories set in 'gels' boarding schools' dating back to the 1920s and it is great to know that the Thespians know the difference between pastiche and satire; one is affectionate, the other not.

It is a relief from our daily television diet to witness something so unremittingly wholesome and so professionally delivered.

Commendations to Alison Jenkinson as the headmistress for her presence and to Charlie Dorr (Mr Scobrowski) who treated us to a fascinating Russian accent (and one or two others as well).

Special merit awards to Chloe Stepney (deputy head girl) and Rhian Pugh (Sybil, the really horrible one) who just stood out a fraction from the rest of the cast.

Top marks indeed for our heroines Katherine Winter (Trixie) and Abi Vickery (Daisy) who were both simply superb.

Above all this was a team effort and one of the delights was the degree of uniformity in acting quality.

Direction, of course is what makes the whole thing work. Pace, variety, good diction and characterisation were all there, thanks to director Michael Gilbert. Congratulations to him. As Daisy would say 'What an absolute brick!'

ANDY HILL

□ Daisy Pulls It Off continues at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre tonight (Thursday), tomorrow and Saturday at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinée at 2pm. Tickets are £8 or £6.50 concs available from 01823-414141 or Taunton Tourist Information Centre on 01823-336344.

Aladdin greets Santa

SANTA swaps his reindeer for a classic car at 11am on November 28 when he drops in to Monkton Elm Garden and Pet Centre in Monkton Heathfield to launch his festive grottos.

He will be greeted by a host of guests including members of The Wayfarers forthcoming panto, Aladdin.

Santa's grotto will be open 10.30am to 4pm.

THEATRE & CINEMA

SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs The Playhouse Theatre, Weston super-Mare. 14 December - 10 January Box office 01934 645544. Star studded cast: Vicki Michelle ('Allo 'Allo), Blue Peter legend Peter Duncan and Eastenders' Nick Wilton will take you on a fantastic pantomime journey. With lavish costumes, a superb supporting cast, stunning sets and laughs all the way, the Playhouse is the place to be for perfect panto treat this Christmas. West End stars, circus performers and professional dancers add to this truly magical show and there's even a special surprise in the mirror! Tickets are selling fast, book now!**TACCHI-MORRIS PRESENTS: The Revenge of Rumpelstiltskin, (Miracle Theatre Company) Wed 25th November at 7.30pm. Tickets: £7.50, £6 Concs, £4 students. Box Office: 01823 414141.****TAUNTON THESPIANS** are pleased to announce audition dates for their Spring production, 'Cold Comfort Farm', an adaptation of the book by Stella Gibbons. Auditions for speaking roles will take place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm, with auditions for chorus/ensemble on Thursday 26th November. We're also looking for a fiddle player! All auditions are at 7.30pm, and are at the Place in Wilfred Place, the Taunton Thespians' studio theatre. Any enquiries to vicechair@tauntonthespians.org.uk, please.

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