Thursday 22 November is the ‘Tetbury Lions night out for the Senior Citizens of Tetbury.’ As we all know Tetbury Lions really are a fabulously generous group, they organise this exclusive night out every year that includes door to door transport, refreshments, raffle and on top of all that they donate the ticket money to the Dolphins Dramatic Society – absolutely brilliant! This year is no different except of course that the show will be at Tetbury Goods Shed instead of the Dolphins Hall. However, usually it is on the Wednesday evening but because the Goods Shed is so busy we couldn’t get an extra night hence the change to Thursday.

Only a few more weeks to go and it will be curtain up (even though we do not have a curtain!), it really has been great fun, all the corpsing (laughing) is now out the way – the lovey dovey scenes were particularly entertaining - anyway we will be on our best behaviour when you come to see us. There is a song that we would like you all to join in with and the only way we could be sure you all had access to the words is by putting them in the programme – it isn’t expensive and there is a lot to look at and read so well worth the £1.50. It’s glossy and posh, professionally printed by IHS Markit – a big thank you to Matt who does such a wonderful job for us.

Did you know that *Beauty and the Beast* is a [fairy tale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy_tale), written by French novelist [Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gabrielle-Suzanne_de_Villeneuve) and was published in 1740. It was an extremely lengthy version of the tale, luckily for all of us it was abridged, rewritten, and published by [Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeanne-Marie_Leprince_de_Beaumont) in 1756. Our pantomime version is even more abridged and some additions too - Ben Crocker, the script writer, really does have a great sense of humour but manages most ably to keep the essence of the story i.e. finding love where you least expect it and about seeing with your heart, so do come and join us for a magical night out.

P.S. I got that wrong didn’t I! Emily was actually seven when she started with the Dolphins Dramatic Society – humble apologies Emily.