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April 2008 To all our friends and supporters

2008 is the 80th anniversary of Taunton Thespians' first production, *Tilly of Bloombury*, and is also our eighth successive Summer Tour.

This year's production, *The Rivals* — Sheridan's gloriously funny farce at the loves & lives of 18th Century Bath, is an ideal divertissement for a summer's evening. Collect friends & a moveable feast (with a glass of wine - or a flagon of ale - to wash it down), offload your frets & frife, fit back under the stars & enjoy the spectacle.

Dates in June, venues and prices are:
Tuesday 17th Bishops Hull, Taunton
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Thursday 19th Fyne Court, Broomfield
Saturday 21st Lovibonds Farm, Burrowbridge
Tuesday 24th Glastonbury Abbey
Wednesday 25th Muchelney Abbey, Langport
Thursday 26th The Cleve Hotel, Wellington
Friday 27th County Museum, Taunton

All performances start at 7.30pm
Advance Tickets: £9 Full Price, £8 Concessions
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Taunton TIC 01823 336344

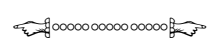
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Mrs Malaprop (one of comedy's greatest creations) wants Lydia to marry for financial reasons and has arranged a marriage with the son of Sir Anthony Absolute — none other than Jack. When Lydia finds out who Ensign Beverly really is, she refuses to marry him, clinging to her romantic notions of eloping with a poor soldier.
Add into this the neurotic Faulkland, forever testing Julia's love for him, the loud and cowardly Bob Acres, longtime suitor of Lydia (who enlists the aid of his friend, Jack Absolute, as a go-between against his new rival, "Ensign Beverly") and the wonderfully bombastic Sir Lucius O'Trigger (also after Lydia's hand) and confusion will reign. And where confusion leads, laughter follows.



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Full details are on our web site:
www.tauntonthespians.org.uk
together with information about our Murder Mysteries and cabaret group, Déjà Revue.
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