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Ian Serrailier author of The Silver Sword would have been 96 today. (24th September) He died however in November 1994 aged 82. As well as being a notable children's author and poet, he also taught locally at Midhurst Grammar School, in West Sussex between 1946 - 1961.

Highly acclaimed Petersfield Youth Theatre is deeply honored to welcome the surviving daughters from Ian Serrailier's marriage, to their performance tonight at Petersfield's recently re-opened Festival Hall, after the devastating fire there in May earlier this year.

First published in 1956, The Silver Sword brings to life the story of four refugee children and their search for their parents in the chaos of Europe immediately after World War II. The Silver Sword was adapted for television twice, both for the BBC, firstly in 1957 and again in 1971.

This new musical adaptation is set to a stunning score by Richard Taylor who composed last year's PYT production of The Wind in the Willows as well as the 2005 production of Whistle Down the Wind. Dramatised by Director Nik Ashton. Performances of The Silver Sword continue at The Festival Hall, Petersfield until Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> click on [petersfieldyouththeatre.org.uk](http://petersfieldyouththeatre.org.uk) for more information and details of how to obtain tickets.

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