



BOARDREADER

March 2021

Shinfield Players' Theatre's mission is to provide a venue for creating and experiencing theatre in all its forms. We aim to continue to train and develop our membership so that everyone enjoys socialising, working together and participating in theatre.

From the Chairman

After the recent government announcement the future is looking a little more encouraging with a prospect of theatres potentially opening their doors from June. I am sure we would all like that to happen but we must show caution and the committee are looking at ways in which we can all get back to the theatre safely.

In the meantime, we are still holding activities. Maggie held an excellent play reading of "Hobson's Choice" and is planning another play reading later in March. It was lovely to see so many people being involved in the play reading and I hope many more will be interested in joining the next one.

Carol is also arranging a murder mystery evening this month and also in May. If you have not taken part in one then I would thoroughly recommend it - either as an actor or a member of the audience!

Finally, I have some very sad news to report. Marie Townsend, who many of you may remember as an actress in panto and The Ghost Train (among other shows) recently passed away. Marie was not only found on stage but was a strong and enthusiastic committee member for several years. She revitalised the role of publicity, including being instrumental in arranging Shane Ritchie becoming our patron. I would like to send our sincere sympathies to Steve, her family and friends at this difficult time.

Gordon

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HIGH FLYER – A VIRTUAL MURDER MYSTERY

A murder in a travelling circus and you have to identify the killer.
Enjoy the virtual challenge of being a detective for the evening!

Saturday 13th March at 7.30pm - On Zoom
(Brought to you by Shinfield Players Theatre)

Tickets £6 per connection

Raffle tickets £5 a strip of 5 tickets chance to win from 10 prizes.

Enjoy the talents of our players as they sow the seeds of an intriguing mystery with a murder which needs solving.

You, our virtual audience, must identify the killer as you enjoy a glass of your favourite tittle in the comfort of your home and you will have the opportunity to cross-examine the suspects following the presentation of the events leading up to the callous crime!
This is virtual theatre with a killer twist so book your tickets now! It will be followed by a virtual raffle.

Book your tickets today

Ordering tickets could not be easier! Simply follow the link below and select the day that you wish to attend. You can choose your favourite seats in your house and make sure all your socially distanced party are with you!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shinfieldplayerstheatre;>

Alternatively you can order over the phone on 0118 975 8880.

By email: boxoffice@shinfieldplayers.org.uk

By Phone: box office 0118 975 8880

Coming soon a new Murder Mystery...

Bloomin Murder... on Saturday May 7 & Sunday May 8th

Virtual Play-reading with SPT via Zoom

An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde

March 25th at 7.00pm

Following on from a successful evening reading of Hobson's Choice, the next virtual play-reading will be *An Ideal Husband* on Thursday March 25th.

This is a comedy that revolves around the serious issues of blackmail and political corruption. It touches on the themes of public and private honour. Timeless issues with plenty of Oscar Wilde's wit and sharp observation. It reflects painfully on Wilde's own predicament while writing the play. His private life soon to be open to the public morality of the day.

There are 4 Acts and members of the group will be allocated parts to read to ensure that everyone can be involved and read if they wish to do so. If you wish to listen then you would be most welcome to join. The script will be available to read on the Zoom screen. An announcement will be made on Facebook soon.

Please contact Maggie Smith on smaggie63@yahoo.com if you wish to participate by 23rd March so that parts can be allocated and zoom details sent out.

WHAT3WORDS

In case you haven't come across what3words through the UK emergency services, it's a simple way to communicate precise locations. The issue with street addresses and postcodes is that they can be imprecise and don't lead to an exact entrance especially in large buildings, rural areas, or new builds.

The what3words app, ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) is completely free and you can navigate to any what3words address using Google Maps or Waze as usual.

You can simply ask clients to send their what3words address after they've made a booking (you can ask for a what3words address over text or email, or on the phone). You can send them a link to find their address on map.what3words.com.

The precise location for SPT on what3words is it is **harder.potato.twins**

In the past, we have heard people say they have got lost getting to SPT, this will take you to the door and it is more precise than googlemaps.

Please feel free to pass onto your family and friends.

Please email items for the April Boardtreader by March 26th to:

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