

May 2023

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

Finally, spring has arrived, although looking at the weather recently you'd think we are still in the grasps of winter. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful production of Ravenscroft. I watched the opening night when our lighting gremlins made an unwanted appearance but given the experience and talent on stage, it did not in any way distract from an excellent show. Well done to everyone involved in this entertaining production.

We still have a lot to deliver this season - starting with our Theatreoke on Saturday 20th May. If you have not been to one then I suggest you give it a go. It such a relaxed evening, hearing our excellent singers released from tension and hearing songs that you may not necessarily hear on stage or a style you would not expect from that performer. And you can't but get swept up in the evening and even find yourself inadvertently singing along in the chorus numbers. Lara makes this evening so much fun with no pressure - so if you have nothing else on then I look forward to seeing you there.

Rehearsals are in full swing for *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, our next play and the two youth group shows: *Dream on* and *Grease*. Tickets and front of house slots are available so please lend your support to the theatre by helping.

If you have that urge to direct a play or a musical, or know someone who is keen, then get in touch with a member of the committee. We are always looking for new as well as old (experienced!) faces.

Finally, huge congratulations to all of our NODA district winners. It shows how much talent we have within our society. Some of these accolades are for individual nods, but as even the recipients acknowledge, it does take a team for success. So, thank you and well done to everyone who won and were involved.

Have a lovely month and see you soon.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

May Theatroke

Saturday 20th May



We look forward to welcoming you to Theatroke in the foyer on Saturday May 20th from 7pm.

A chance for any combination of performing, listening and socialising that works for you!

If you've not been before, our Theatroke evenings are a relaxed opportunity for people to perform songs from shows or musical films in front of a supportive audience. It's a perfect opportunity to have a go at performing something in front of a small and friendly audience if you've never performed before, or to sing something out of your comfort zone if you are a more experienced performer.

You can sing on your own, with others or join in with our group numbers - or you can just listen - however you want to enjoy the evening.

It's not a ticketed event but it's useful to know numbers in advance so please reply to the Facebook Event in the SPT group. You can ask any questions there too or contact Lara directly. lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Event link: <https://fb.me/e/1a6kOaMLJ>

NODA Review of Ravenscroft By Don Nigro

The report is attached to the email for this May edition of BT

Book Your tickets for

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

By Martin MacDonagh

Wed 7th June to Sat 10th June



Set in rural Galway in the 1990s, the play revolves around Maureen, a woman of around 40, who is controlled and manipulated by her appalling mother, Mag. Dreaming of an escape, Maureen's chance comes when she spends a night with easy-going Pato Dooley after a party. But Mag won't give up her daughter as easily as that.

NODA Awards



We are very proud to announce four awards from the NODA London District.

Well done everyone!

- The Shinfield Players Scenic Award goes to **Aladdin and the Valley of the Dragons** directed and written by Carol Vockins
- The Nigel Gravette Award for Best Performance in a Pantomime goes to **George Apap** as Abanaza in Aladdin and the Valley of the Dragons
- The Ken Wirdnam Award for Best Male Character in a Musical goes to **Matt Oxley** as Joe Casey in Our House
- The Eric Watsham Award for Best Cameo Performance goes to **Clare Kendall** as Debbie in Last Tango in Whitby

Betty Blue Eyes

We urgently need someone to join our production team for Betty Blue Eyes and Musical Direct this fabulous show!

Please get in touch or let your musical friends know about this great opportunity! We are willing to discuss payment.

We are looking for a
MUSICAL DIRECTOR
for our next musical 'Betty Blue Eyes'

Please message us if you or someone you know are
interested to discuss details!

**BETTY
BLUE EYES**

Rehearsals starting early summer.
Show dates: 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th & 14th October 2023
(rehearsals Mondays, Wednesdays and occasional Sundays)

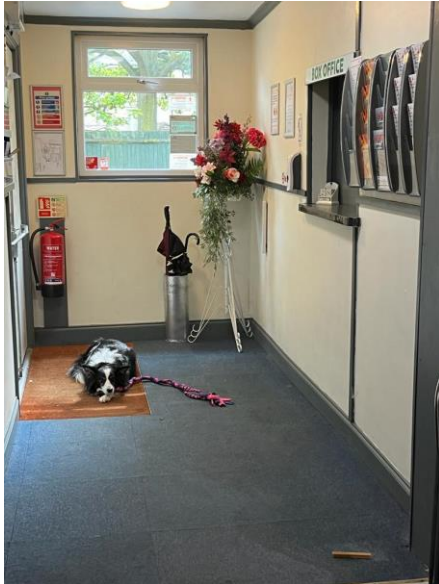
Help Needed for Front of House

The Front of House team at Shinfield Players Theatre need more volunteers to staff future shows. Bar staff (training can be provided), Coffee shop, Raffle / Programme sales and general front of house people to look after our paying customers. You can sign up for just one night or as many nights as you are available.

Email Carol at Carol@shinfieldplayers.co.uk to be put on our list to be notified of dates for shows,

Box Office Blues

Poor Molly, (who belongs to Barbara Richards), came to buy a ticket for *Ravenscroft* but sadly the box office was closed!



Thinking of Directing a Show?

We are planning our 2023/24 season and would love to hear from any budding directors out there. Whether you want to put on a play, a musical or even the panto, we'd love to hear from you and help you carry out your vision on the Shinfield Players stage. Just contact the secretary with your ideas and we'll take it from there.

First time director? Don't be daunted - lots of our shows are put on by people making their debut.

We're here to help, so if you have any ideas or questions just email Rachel at secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk and she'll get back to you. Good luck - we can't wait to hear what you have planned.

2023 Productions

Beauty Queen of Leenane. **7th-10th June 23**

Dream on **25th June 23**

Grease **8th - 9th July 23**

Committee Meetings

If you have any questions or comments for the committee, please send them to Rachel Lockwood, secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Please email items for the June Board Treader by May 25th to:

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