



BOARDREADER

September 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

The new season is about to start with both *The Tempest* and *Betty Blue Eyes* in rehearsal, but we have an opportunity to celebrate the season that has just finished with "The Shinnies" award evening following our annual general meeting.

Congratulations to everyone who has been nominated but to be honest, everyone deserves an award as we finally completed a season for the first time for several years. It will be wonderful to see everyone there as we look back and reflect on a successful season and look forward to the next, exciting 12 months that lie ahead.

A reminder that membership is now due, £30 this year, but with the advantage of cheaper tickets for our shows.

There is a youth group reunion on Friday 1st September and a Theatreoke on Saturday 2nd September before The AGM and Shinnies on Thursday 7th September, so there is plenty of occasions to meet up in the next few weeks.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

YOUTH GROUP REUNION

Friday 1st September 7pm To 11pm

We are holding a social evening which is open to anyone who has been involved with the senior youth group. It is open to anyone was a member up to 31st July 2023 - but not to current youth group members!

The cheapest bar in the area is open and there are opportunities to chat to members old and new. Relive those golden moments with people you have not seen for ages (or only last week). Either way - you'll be very welcome.

Theatreoke

Saturday September 2nd from 7pm.



We look forward to welcoming you to Theatreoke this Saturday September 2nd from 7pm. A chance for any combination of performing, listening and socialising that works for you!

If you've not been before, our Theatreoke evenings are a relaxed opportunity for people to perform songs from shows or musical films in front of a supportive audience. It's a great 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.

Link to

event: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/193343420739561/permalink/9575620405845102/>

Shinfield Players Theatre CIO Annual General Meeting 2023

Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7:30pm.

Please find attached to this September Board Treader, the Minutes of the last AGM, Reports for last year and the Agenda for the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shinfield Players Theatre CIO to be held on 7th September.

All members and friends of SPT are welcome to attend, but only full members may vote. Youth Group members are also welcome to attend but may not vote.

If you wish to stand as a member of the committee, please remember to complete the Nomination Form which is attached.

The Shinnies 2023 - An Invitation

Thursday 7th September 2023 at 8:30pm



After the AGM, everyone is welcome to join us for the first ever Shinnies Awards night where we will announce the WINNERS from YOUR votes! There may even be a surprise performance!

The AGM is scheduled for 7.30pm so please feel free to come along to that before the Shinnies at 8:30pm.

Dress code: Anything you feel comfy in! However, if you want to dress up please feel free! Shinfield Players Theatre RG29DF. 8:30pm, no need to book.

Don't Miss This Heart-Warming Comedy Musical! –

Get your Tickets Now for

Betty Blue Eyes

6th 7th and 12th - 14th October 2023



We are looking for volunteers to help with Betty Blue Eyes. If you would like to assist backstage, in the lighting box or front of house, please contact **Graham Vockins** graham@shinfieldplayers.co.uk or **Matthew Chishick** matt@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Rapunzel – Readthrough and Audition Notice

12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st January 2024 (2 shows each Saturday)



Get ready to let your hair down because it is nearly time to climb into this season's pantomime, **Rapunzel** – written by Toby Bradford and Tina Webster. This is a traditional pantomime and a fantastically funny script with some great comedy characters. Key dates for the calendar as well as a breakdown of the characters are below. Please contact Matt Chishick via matt@shinfieldplayers.co.uk if you have any questions.

Readthroughs:

Sunday 8th October @2:00 and Monday 9th October @19:30

Auditions:

Monday 16th October @ 19:30 and Wednesday 18th October @19:45

Rehearsals:

Monday and Wednesday evenings from 25th October, Sunday afternoons from 26th November

Performance Dates

12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st January 2024 (2 shows each Saturday)

Cast:

Prince Frederick (F/M) – Principal Boy – Usually played by a female. Gorgeous and charming, but a little arrogant and immature. Wants life to be fun, with no responsibilities but his parents have other ideas! Luckily, he is about to meet someone who will change everything. Needs to be a confident singer.

Rapunzel (F) – Principal Girl – She's been locked in the tower her whole life but while she may be naïve, she is studious and clever from years of reading books. Needs to be a confident singer.

Dame Beatrix (Trixie) Bouffant (M) – A traditional panto dame. A poor but glamorous hairdresser, trying to earn an honest living. Mother of Rapunzel, who was snatched away as a baby. Also the mother of Frankie.

Frankie (M) – Valet to the prince and Dame Trixie's son (Rapunzel's brother). Big part that needs to build a good rapport with the audience. Some singing involved.

Witch Gothel (F) – The ‘Baddie’ – the evil witch who stole Rapunzel from her mother. Needs to be able to work the audience and encourage the boos and hisses. Some physical activity needed. One song.

Fairy Flora (F) – The good fairy...she has only just completed her training – this is her first job. Sweet, with a touch of comedy. All of her lines are in rhyme.

Curly & Bob (M/F) – The ‘Comedy Duo’. Dim-witted henchmen to Witch Gothel. Both are bungling idiots – good comedy talent needed, including physical comedy.

King Geoffrey (M) – Worried that his son is irresponsible heir to the throne. Assertive and regal but with some comedy moments.

Queen Gertrude (F) – Prince Frederick’s mother - she spoils her son and thinks the King is too hard on him.

Captain of the Guard (M) – Serious and authoritative, but often the target of dame Trixie’s advances,

Lacie, Macie and Gracie (F) – Prince Frederick’s social secretaries. They follow him around, hanging on to his every word, although Gracie may actually have her eyes on his valet! Singing required as these 3 will lead some of the chorus numbers.

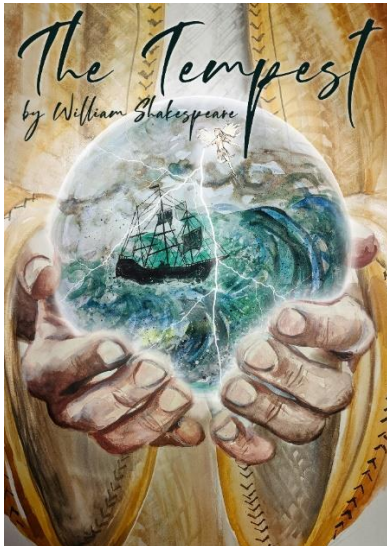
Chorus – Chorus members will be required for villagers and palace courtiers as well as some other minor roles.

Remember to Book Your Tickets for a Fabulous Evening

The Tempest

William Shakespeare

15th to 18th November



New The Tempest Cast Members

Rehearsals for our November production of Shakespeare's The Tempest have started fantastically and we're delighted to welcome two new performers to the cast — and to Shinfield Players Theatre:

Ferdinand - Nick Gallo

Miranda - Amy Taulbut

The play runs 22nd-25th November and tickets are available online here: <https://www.shinfieldplayers.org.uk/season-shows/>

Tap Dancing Divas!

The Tap Workshop last Sunday was a great success with beginners and experienced tappers coming along to enjoy an introduction to be ready for Anything Goes!

We had smashing feedback –

‘Hey! Thank you so much for putting on the free tap workshop. I had so much fun and everyone was so welcoming, a lovely theatre and lovely group.’

The Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 10th December



It's beginning to look a lot like... well, September, actually... but don't let that stop you thinking about what you'd like to sing in this year's Christmas Carol Concert! The photo above shows us last year looking wonderful - this could be you!

The concert is on Sunday 10th December this year and rehearsal dates are just being finalised but will likely be a combination of early Sunday evenings and Thursdays.

Let me know if you want to be involved this year but my really big plea is that if you want to sing something as a solo or duet, to please let me know BEFORE rehearsals begin. In fact, by early October 😊 I need your requests by then so that I can sort out content in good time and have all the negotiations about who does what before we start so they don't eat into rehearsal time. Let me know which Christmassy songs you're interested in, and if you don't have a favourite but want to sing, let me know that too!

I look forward to hearing from you; I'll put reminders in the FB group if I remember!

Contact: carabroadhurst57@gmail.com

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.

2023/2024 Productions

Betty Blue Eyes	6th - 14th October 23
The Tempest	15th-18th November 23
Rapunzel	12th-14th & 19th-21st January 2024
Night Watch	6th-9th March 2024
Anything Goes	19th-20th & 25th-27th April 2024
Three Bags Full	5th-8th June 2024

(Subject to licence approval)

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 October Board Treader by September 25th to:

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