

 **BOARDREADER**
SHINFIELD PLAYERS THEATRE

August 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

THANK YOU ...

At this year's Annual General Meeting, Carol Vockins and Jane Minchin are stepping down from their roles on the committee. I would like to thank them both for the commitment they have made not only to the meetings but as trustees to the theatre.

Carol has been involved in many shows and her experience as director, performer and wardrobe have been invaluable on committee. She brought all that knowledge with wisdom that helped guide the theatre over many years. She sat on the musical reading team, offering her immense insight and understanding of musical theatre. That experience is not going to be easily replaced so I am pleased that Carol is still around to offer her advice.

Jane has been a member for 14 years and has been on the committee for the last 3 years, during probably the most demanding time this theatre has faced for many years. First there was the pandemic and then the fallout from the roof. I am deeply thankful for the contribution she has made during those difficult times - especially as membership secretary where she has worked diligently on bringing the list up-to-date and then managing the membership. This was no easy task given that shows were bounced (sometimes several times) and casts were moved from one season to another and with new cast members. All of this was managed expertly. Whoever takes over the role will have a far easier time thanks to Jane's efforts.

AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN ...

We have two vacancies on the committee. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who love our theatre and want to help guide its future in the right direction. Whether you agree or disagree in what is happening, we welcome your views and assistance. You need to be a current member and have two members to nominate you. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate in contacting me and I will be only too happy to answer. We look forward to receiving your application.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

Betty Blue Eyes

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



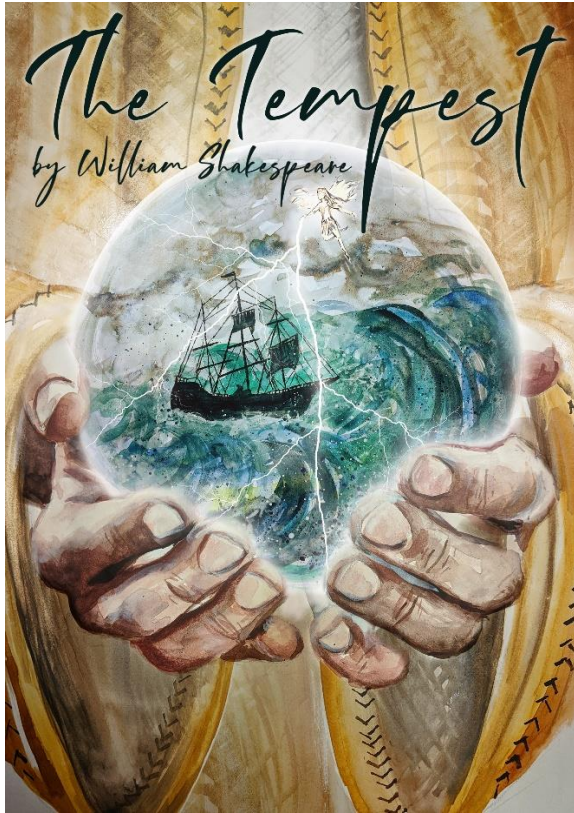
We are delighted to announce the cast list for Betty Blue Eyes!
Congratulations to everyone for their wonderful auditions.

Gilbert Chilvers 🤝 Mark Read
Joyce Chilvers 🤝 Lara Savory
Henry Allardyce 🤝 Matt Chishick
Mrs Allardyce 🤝 Maggie Smith
Dr James Swaby 🤝 Dan Walford
Mr Wormold 🤝 Matt Daniels
Metcalf 🤝 Jeff Gilbert
Mother Dear 🤝 Linda Bostok
Mrs Roach 🤝 Janine McCoull
Mrs Lester 🤝 Charis Luke
Mrs Turnball 🤝 Emma Fuller
Mrs Tillbrook 🤝 Robyn Sloane
Veronica Allardyce 🤝 Daisy Collins
Sergeant Noble 🤝 Brian Nixey
Reg Bowen 🤝 Joe Richardson
Princess Elizabeth 🤝 Charis Luke

It's still not too late to get involved – message Carol on carol@shinfieldplayers.org.uk to find out more and we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Announcing the Cast for The Tempest

15th to 18th November



A huge thank you to everyone who auditioned for The Tempest. The quality was incredible across the board - you all gave us the best sort of headaches - but we're delighted to have found seven brilliant performers to join the five who have stayed on from the original 2020 group. Our full cast is:

Ariel - Lydia Stubbins
Master/Alonso - Chris Pett
Boatswain - Alex Hobbs
Sebastian - Debora Rochfort
Antonio - Mikhail Franklin
Ferdinand - Millie Naylor
Gonzalo - Ken Deeks
Prospero - Mike Huxtable
Miranda - Imogen Lilley
Caliban - Neil Padgen
Trinculo - Caroline White
Stephano - Justin Wells

Looking forward to putting a brilliant production together for you!

YOUTH GROUP REUNION

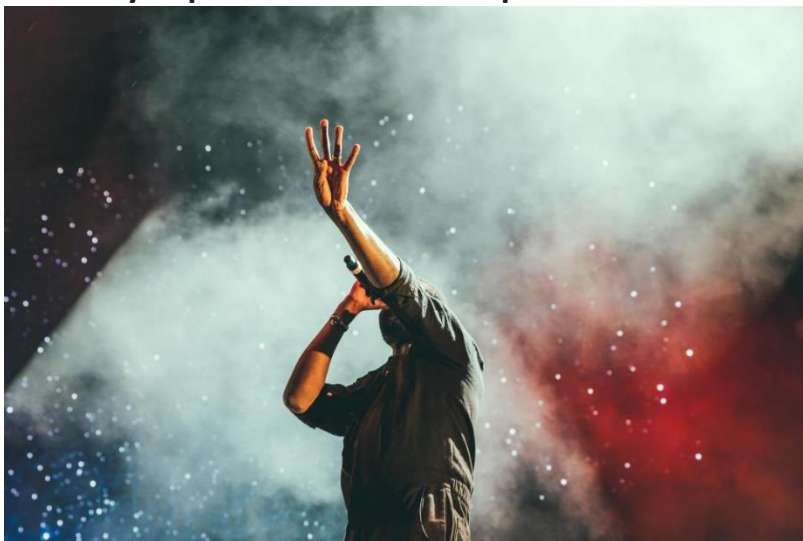
Friday 1st September 7pm To 11pm

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 on 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/>

Notice of the Shinfield Players Theatre CIO Annual General Meeting 2023

Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7:30pm.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shinfield Players Theatre CIO will be held at the theatre on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7:30pm. 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.

Please find attached the Nomination Form and the full notice of the AGM attached to this August Board Treader.

The Shinnies 2023

Thursday 7th September 2023, 8:30pm



Voting will close at mid-night on Sunday 20th August 2023

Please cast your votes for the upcoming Shinnies Award Night at Shinfield Players Theatre. The nominations below have been taken from our 2022-2023 season. Including the shows:

- Our House (Musical)
- Inspector Drake and the Black Widow (Play)
- Time After Time (Youth Group)
- Aladdin and the Valley of the Dragons (Panto)
- Last Tango in Whitby (Play)
- Ravenscroft (Play)
- The Beauty Queen of Leenane (Play)
- Dream On (Youth Group)
- Grease (Youth Group)

Those who receive the most amount of votes will be awarded a 'Shinnie' on the awards night: Thursday 7th September 2023, 8:30pm, Shinfield Players Theatre RG2 9DF. EVERYONE is welcome to come along for an evening of celebration of a wonderful season at this special theatre! There may even be a surprise performance!

Terms and conditions

YOU MAY ONLY VOTE **ONCE** FOR EACH CATEGORY - DUPLICATE VOTES WILL BE DESTROYED

Voting closes at mid-night on Sunday 20th August 2023

You may vote for yourself if you are nominated in a category

As said above, you may only vote for each category ONCE

Please click on the link below to vote

[The Shinnies 2023 - Voting form](#)

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 September Board Treader by August 25th to:

editor@boardtreader.org.uk; editor@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;
boardtreader@shinfieldplayers.co.uk; shinfieldboardtreader@hotmail.co.uk