

SPT BOARDREADER SHINFIELD PLAYERS THEATRE

January 2022

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.

Happy New Year!



From the Chairman

Happy New Year!

A year ago we were in lockdown and the hobby we so enjoy was drastically restricted until the Autumn. Luckily, as the restrictions relaxed, we were able to produce a play, a musical review, a carol concert and a youth production since September. We are also in rehearsal for our next play and pantomime and about to hold auditions for the next musical (Our House).

Being involved in some of these productions, made me realise just how much I missed meeting and working with my old friends and the pleasure of meeting new ones. I just hope, like you all, that we are able to proceed safely and continue with our planned productions.

Over the last few months we have also been very busy renovating the toilets in the foyer. A huge thanks goes to Graham and his team for working so many hours to ensure that we have new facilities to look forward to in the New Year.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the readers, members past and present, a very happy, healthy and theatre full 2022.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

We are pleased to announce the cast list for

Last Tango in Whitby

Wed 2nd – Sat 5th March 2022

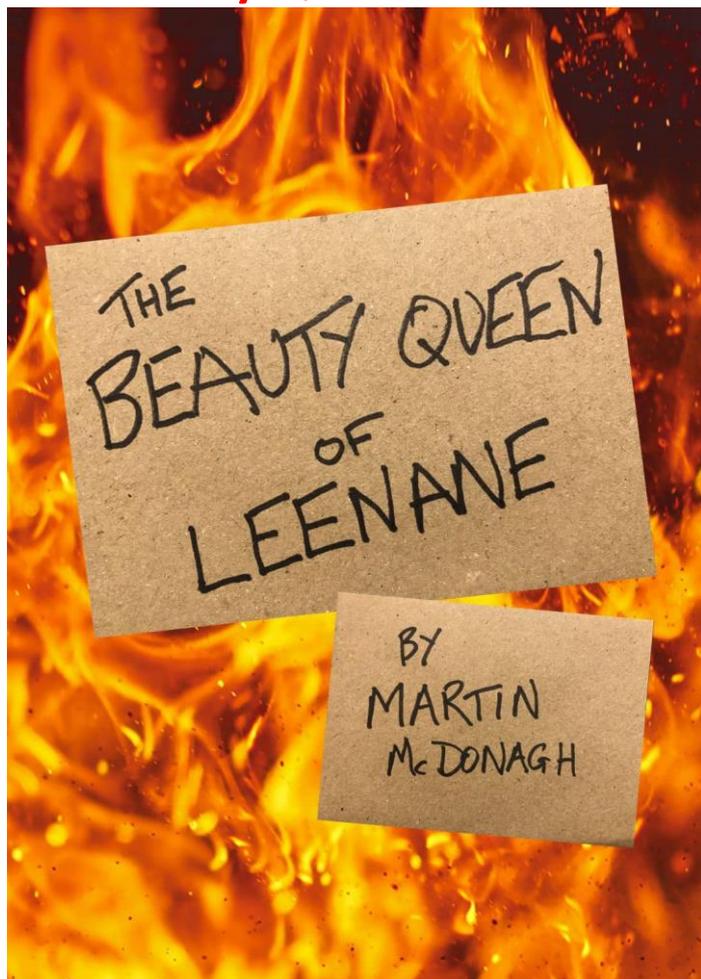


Gordon Bird	Jimmy
Brian Nixey	Henry
Jane Minchin	Kathleen
Lorraine Willis	Joan
SianRoberts	Maureen / Mrs Mingham
Sandra Mial	Pat
Jeff Gilbert	Phil
Simon Trinder	Driver / Jet Man/Gino / John / Waiter
Yvonne Mitchell	Sally / Alice / Beach Waitress
Lauren Boys	Claire
Lucy Bolton	Edna
TBC	Jessie
TBC	Debbie

There are a few small speaking and non-speaking parts available and if you wish to join us in this lovely comedy, please come along to our rehearsals that are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In addition, we have three rehearsals on Sunday evenings in February.

Carol Vockins

Read through and auditions for
The Beauty Queen of Leenane



We're hugely excited to be holding the read through and auditions this month for our production of The Beauty Queen of Leenane.

A multi Tony Award-winning dark comedy with four absolutely brilliant roles available. Open to performers of all ages, abilities, gender identities and ethnicities.

The read through is on **Friday 7th January at 7:45pm**. To ensure everyone is safe and comfortable we will be holding it on zoom, so please send your email address to ad_wells@live.co.uk or sam@shinfieldplayers.co.uk to be sent a link.

Auditions will be held on **Tuesday 11th January at 7:45pm** and **Saturday 15th January at 10:30am**. All auditions will be held at the theatre.

To ensure everyone feels safe we will be allocating time slots for auditions, so ***please email one of the two addresses above with your date and time preference and we will do our best to accommodate you.*** The production team will all be wearing masks and will be distanced from auditionees throughout.

We can't wait to see you there. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

Get your tickets now!

You'll have a great evening – oh yes you will!

Snow White and the Four Swedish Popstars



January 14-16th and January 21-23rd

This Panto is really buzzing and everyone is having an amazing time. Don't miss a fabulous evening out that will cheer you up in the grey January days.

Excerpt from the NODA Report attached to this January BT

Shinfield Players Youth Group Review

'It is very exciting to see young performers taking their first tentative steps on stage in front of a live audience and the Shinfield Players Youth Group Review showcased the work of Junior Youth group (8- to 11-year-old), the Middle Group (11- to 13-year-olds) and the Senior Group (14- to 18-year-old) from their weekly sessions. It was great to see a diverse range of young performers tackling a challenging mix of sketches, songs, dance routines and even Shakespeare....

Overall, this was a chance for young performers to make their stage debuts, and after 18 months away it must have felt like a first time for many others, but they seized the opportunity and delivered a good showcase for their potential and a step in their development as performers. They and their Group Leaders deserve the applause and congratulations that the show attracted, and I hope are encouraged to build on this experience in longer pieces in the future.'

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on Wednesday the 26th January. We'd love to hear from our members, so if you have a questions you would like to submit to the committee, please send it to secretary@shinfieldplayers.org.uk by Friday January 21st 2022.

Our House

29-30th April & 5-7th May 2022



Hello All

We hope you've had a good Christmas and New Year and have been able to enjoy time with friends and family, as well as having time alone to enjoy that last mince pie or the chocolates you safely stashed away before everyone else ate them!

We're looking forward to the read/sing throughs for Our House in January and details for these, as well as the Audition Notice, can be found via the following link:

<https://www.shinfieldplayers.org.uk/auditions>

Clicking on the "[audition slips](#)" hyperlink in the "Audition Dates" section will take you to the Audition Pack that was published with the December BT, with the audition slips and audition pieces.

If you have any issues accessing these, or are unable to print them off, please let us know and we can arrange for hard copies to be printed off for you to collect.

Dates in the diary are currently scheduled for:

Read/Sing Throughs:

Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th January at 7.45pm and
Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th January at 7.45pm

Audition Prep:

Sunday 30th January at 2pm

Auditions:

Monday 31st January at 7.45pm
Wednesday 2nd February at 7.45pm

If you're coming along on the Wednesday evenings, please don't arrive before 7.30pm as our Youth Groups will be leaving the theatre then and the car park can get very busy.

As well as looking for cast onstage we're always looking for people to join us in non-performing roles so if you'd like to join our teams for front of house, backstage, lighting, sound, wardrobe and props please let us know and we'll arrange for you to be contacted with details of how to get involved.

We look forward to seeing you and if you'd like to contact us please email us at ourhouse@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Best wishes

Director	Heidi Ashton	Musical Director	Lara Savory
Producer	Rachel Lockwood		

Please email items for the February Board Treader by January 27th to:

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