

# **BOARDTREADER**

**February 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**

Welcome to another edition of the Board Treader and news about our next production, a gentle comedy called Last Tango in Whitby.

Over the last month the youngsters visited Prague and performed in English lessons in a college in Kaban, a town two hours' drive from Prague. They also participated in several workshops but more details and a full report next month!

We are still looking for front of house assistance this week - so please contact Carol and Graham with offers of help.

Have a great month and see you soon.

Gordon

**Gordon Bird**

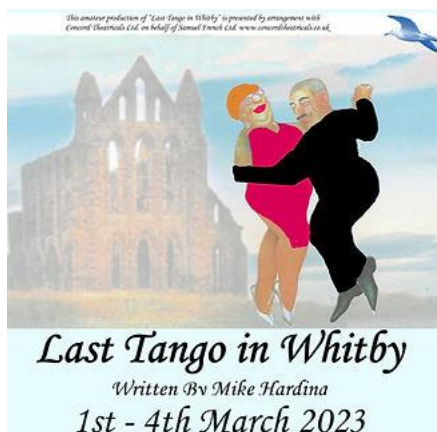
**Don't Miss a Great Night Out...**

**Book your tickets now for this lively comedy!**

## **Last Tango in Whitby**

**By Mike Harding**

**1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023**



*Last Tango in Whitby* tells the story of a group of friends who always go on holiday together each year for a week of drinking, dancing, and living it up at the seaside. This year however is a rather awkward difference. Pat is holidaying for the first time since the death of her beloved husband Arthur and the rest of the party are not sure how is the best way to cope with the situation. But Pat is determined that Arthur would want her to try and have a good time and she is going to live up to it.

**Come along and see what happens... Get your tickets ... opening night on Wednesday!**

## **Announcing the Cast List for**

### **Ravenscroft** By Don Nigro

**26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**A Gothic Thriller/Dark Comedy**



Thank you to everyone who came to read throughs and auditions for Ravenscroft and made it such a success.

I am pleased to announce the cast:

#### **Inspector Ruffing**

Matt Lugg

#### **Marcy**

Alana Wells

#### **Mrs Ravenscroft**

Lara Savory

#### **Gillian**

Millie Naylor

#### **Dolly**

Sami Sharp

#### **Mrs French**

Barbara Richards

Best wishes Maggie Smith and Cate Naylor

## May Theatroke

Saturday 20th May



We had a fabulous February Theatroke. It was great to see so many people there both to sing and to sit back and enjoy the evening.

Thanks to Rachel, Sue, Heidi and Jonny for running the bar.

The next one is scheduled for Saturday 20th May so get the date in your diary and - if you think you might like to sing - start to have a think about a song you'd like to share.

For more information, please contact [lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk](mailto:lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:Carol@shinfieldplayers.co.uk) to be put on our list to be notified of dates for shows.



## SPT MEMBERSHIP

A message for all existing members to please email me,  
jane@shinfieldplayers.co.uk  
if any of your details have changed i.e change of name (marriage etc), or contact details.  
I will then email a membership form to be completed & returned to me.

Many thanks

**Jane Minchin**

Membership Secretary.

## 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](mailto:secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk) and she'll get back to you. Good luck - we can't wait to hear what you have planned.

## Anniversary of Storm Eunice

Storm Eunice struck on 18th February 2022 and a new record for the fastest wind gust was recorded in England with 122 miles per hour (196 km/h) at The Needles, Isle of Wight. The storm was the most powerful to impact the south coast of England since the Great Storm of 1987.

Sadly, there were several casualties, including three fatalities. Eunice caused at least £360 million worth of damage in the UK

This is the horrific scene that faced us just one year ago!



It is amazing to think that this was the state of our theatre but it gives an idea of the tremendous work undertaken by so many people who have put in so many hours. It is impossible to list everyone who made this happen, but you all know who you are! We send you a huge thank you for a magnificent job restoring and improving our lovely theatre.

## **2023 Productions**

Last Tango in Whitby. **1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Mar 23**  
Ravenscroft **26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 23**  
Beauty Queen of Leenane. **7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June 23**  
Junior and Middles **24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June 23,**  
Senior Youth Group **8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July 23**

## **Committee Meetings**

If you have any questions or comments for the committee, please send them to Rachel Lockwood, [secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk)

**Please email items for the April Board Treader by March 25<sup>th</sup> to:**

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