

BOARDREADER

JULY 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.

Advance Notice for the Shinfield Players Theatre AGM

The 2022 AGM will be held on Thursday 8th September at 7.30 in the theatre.

There are three vacancies on committee for the coming year including the officer role of secretary. The official notification of the AGM will be sent out in August.

If you are interested in joining the committee and would like to know more, please contact Cate Naylor at secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk Nomination forms are available from the secretary.

Treasure Island

16th and 17th July

At SPT Theatre

Junior & Middle Groups

Come and support our Junior and Middle Groups by watching, supporting front of house or chaperoning. See the website for all the details.



Theatre Clean-Up Day! - A Reminder

Saturday 23rd July from 10.00am to 4pm

HELP DAY! Calling for anyone who can spare some time to help the theatre!
We need **YOUR** support to get our theatre for next season.

Finally we are in a position to open our doors after the devastating roof damage but we do need help.

Many of the summer jobs required for the new season are outstanding. We have a wide range of jobs that need doing and if you think you can give us an hour or more of your time on Saturday 23rd of July, we would be very grateful! No experience is needed, just helpful volunteers. Every hour one of us spends on Clean-up day helps enormously. All skill levels are needed. Please email sam@shinfieldplayers.co.uk to let her know you are coming.

If you would like to get involved on a more regular basis, we have regular sessions on a Sunday 10am-2pm, Tuesday 7.30-10.00 or Wednesday from 10.30am-4.00. For more information contact sam@shinfieldplayers.co.uk (Tues/Sun) or carol@shinfieldplayers.co.uk (Weds)



Inspector Drake and the Black Widow

16th to 19th November 2022

Directed by Cate Naylor and Karen Bird

When oil tycoon John Johnson is found with a huge sword in his back, it looks like a straightforward case of dying illegally. But things in Drake's world are never as they seem. Why was Johnson badly disguised as his own wife? Why had he eaten a tortoise? And why do all the women in the house look similar?

Characters:

Inspector Drake

Sergeant Plod

Maid, Lady Devonshire, Doctor Foster, Amy Mallard, Mis Marble, Lolita (a triplet) and zoo lady all played by one female actress

To find out more, contact cate.naylor@gmail.com and come along to the read throughs for this hilarious play.

Read Throughs

Thursday August 4th 7.30

Sunday August 7th 2.00

Audition prep and character workshop

Tuesday August 9th 7.30

Auditions

Plod and Drake (with female actresses reading in) Thursday August 11th 7.30

Female actress (with cast Plod and Drake) Sunday August 14th 2.00

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday August 16th.

Graham Vockins

District 13 winner – Shelley Lemesh Award for Unsung Hero



Graham holding his richly deserved award. Thank you Graham for your total commitment and hard work culminating in the sparkling new toilets!

You can see all three NODA district 13 awards proudly displayed in the foyer:

- Back Stage Team – District 13 Flame Award
- Millie Naylor – District 13 winner – Nigel Gravette Award for Best Performance in a Pantomime
- Graham Vockins – Shelley Lemesh Award for Unsung Hero



Thinking of Directing a Show?

We are starting to plan 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 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 Cate at secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk and she'll get back to you.

Good luck - we can't wait to hear what you have planned.



First Aid Training

9am to 4pm on Saturday the 29th October and Saturday the 12th November

We will be running first aid courses at the theatre from 9am to 4pm on Saturday the 29th October and Saturday the 12th November. The courses will be run by Phil Gowen and are open to front of house managers, youth group leaders, backstage crew, and committee members. Please contact sue@shinfieldplayers.co.uk to book a place.

Christmas Show

It is time to think about our annual Christmas Show. Would you like to organize a concert-style show? Please let the committee know if you are interested and we will be pleased to hear from you on c@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;

Back-to-the-Boards Refurbishment Quiz – The Answers

6,772 staples were used to secure new hardboard to stage area

3000 + screws were used to secure plasterboard, battening to ceiling and plyboard to walls of auditorium

130 sheets of plasterboard were used on the new ceiling

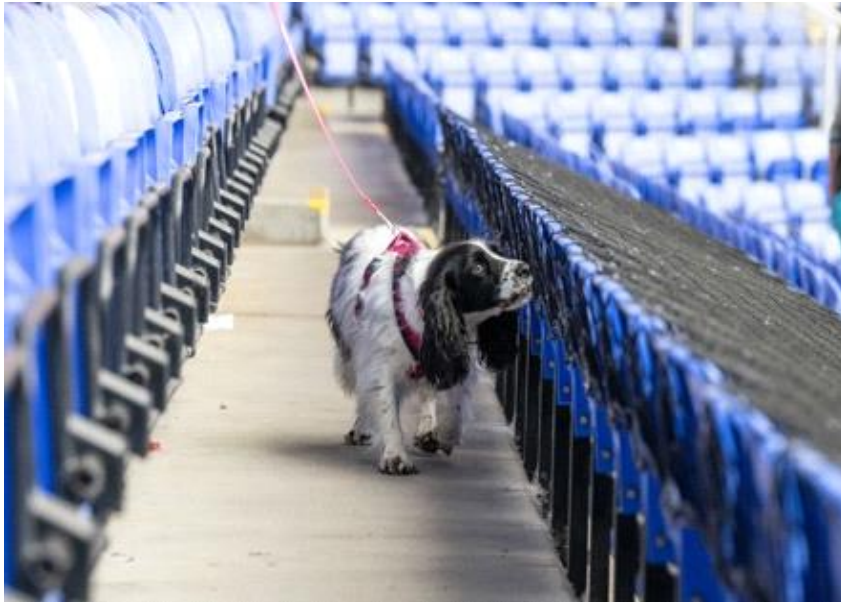
15 Litres of paint were used on the walls

30/40 litres of black paint were used for ceiling, walls and stage area

17 full days work with up to 7 workmen on most days.

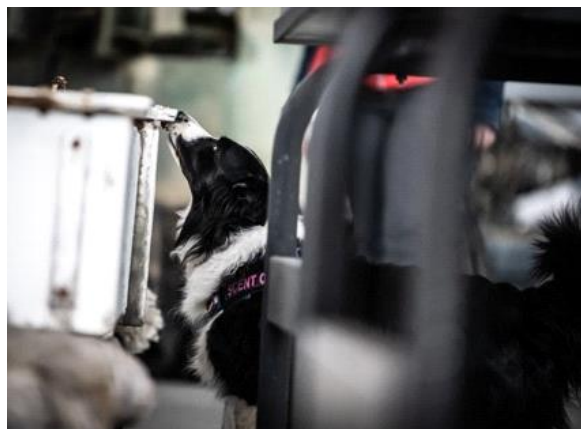
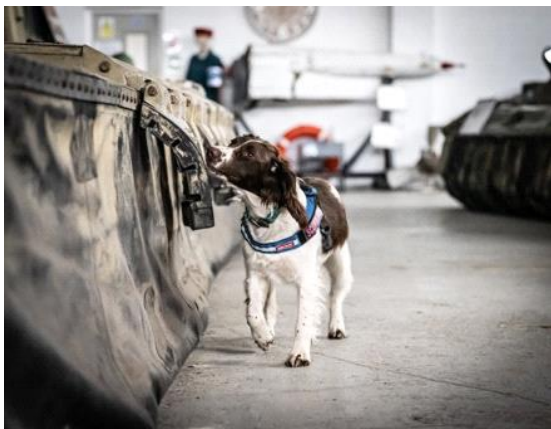
A bottle of wine is awarded to Di Capel for her amazing snapshot of the amount of work and materials that have gone into restoring our theatre.

Berkshire Dog Training to Visit SPT



On June 29th, Cate Naylor had the pleasure of meeting Jules Clapham who runs Berkshire Dog Training. They hold dog training classes, agility classes and train dogs for detection work. The trainers and dogs will be coming to the theatre once or twice a year to use the theatre as a venue for training. Dogs are now widely used for many different detection tasks and you will have seen them at airports and events helping to detect drugs and explosives. Dogs are also being trained to help locate many other things including human diseases and to help on conservation projects such as water vole habitat surveys.

Berkshire Dog Training have a number of keen amateurs training dogs, some for sport and some looking to work them for projects. They aim to try and train in 'real life' venues as often as possible in places such as the theatre, so that the dogs and handlers are prepared and experienced in all areas. They currently have a mixture of sports dog and dogs that search for tobacco, truffles, gluten, pyrotechnics, bed bugs!, and water vole scat. They are hoping to work with some local ecologists to get some dogs on volunteer conservation survey projects.



2022/2023 Productions

Youth Group Shows:

Treasure Island 16th 17th July

Our House - rehearsing, 30th Sept & 1st Oct 22 & 6th- 8th Oct 22

Inspector Drake and the Black Widow 16th-19th Nov 22

Youth Group Review 3rd - 4th Dec 22

Christmas Show 5th Dec 22

2023

Panto - Aladdin. 13th-15th & 20th – 22nd Jan 23

Last Tango in Whitby. 1st-4th Mar 23

A Murder is Announced April 23

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

Youth Group Shows:

Junior and Middles 24th - 25th June 23

Senior Youth Group 8th - 9th July 23

Committee Meetings

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

Many thanks

Please email items for the August Board Treader by July 27th to:

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