

The logo for Shinfield Players Theatre, featuring the letters 'SPT' in a stylized, bold, red font. Below the letters, the words 'SHINFIELD PLAYERS THEATRE' are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

BOARDREADER

April 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.

From the Chairman

Finally! The rain has halted and work has started on the theatre roof. All being well, the repairs to the roof should be completed this coming week.

Overall we are in a better position than we were a month ago, however, there is still a lot to do to repair the water damage inside the auditorium and bar area. Please come and help if you can - it would be much appreciated.

There are four de-humidifiers in the building at the moment which we hope will help remove some of the moisture but we won't know the extent of the damage until the loss adjuster visits this coming week. Then, we can start planning the repairs. We also have an electrician visiting this week to ensure that the building can have lighting and heating and restore electricity.

The committee are hopeful that the foyer will be available from the beginning of May for rehearsals. We are still uncertain about when we will be in a position to perform on the stage or use the auditorium until we know when the repairs are completed. Thankfully, we are still rehearsing off-site. *Our House, The Beauty Queen of Leenane* and the Youth Group shows are busy in rehearsal at other venues. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.

We also managed to hold a very successful quiz at the nearby newly completed Shinfield Parish Hall. A big thank you to those who took part and those who prepared the food and questions.

Finally, a big shout out to all those who have been at the theatre helping to empty buckets and keep the theatre safe. Thank you.

Hopefully we will have more positive news next month but in the meantime, enjoy the Easter holidays.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

Please join us if you can!



Back stage crew are continuing to go into the theatre on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday, and Sunday in the daytime. Please join us if you can – now is the time for your concerted help. The roof is now water tight but it looks like the floors and stage floor will need to be replaced. De-humidifiers pumping out 8 to 10 gallons of rainwater per day! So the work continues...we recently lost some of the ceiling panels... luckily no-one was underneath!



Let Carol know if you are coming along to help on carol@shinfieldplayers.org.uk;

Our House



Originally scheduled for April-May 2020 - then Covid struck!

Rescheduled for April-May 2022 - then Storm Eunice struck!! A company could be deterred by such events, but our wonderful cast have kept singing and dancing and we're delighted to confirm we now have a licence to perform for you in September-October 2022

"A group of strolling players are we" as the line from Kiss me Kate goes – well we've certainly lived up to that name! Since the storm hit we've been welcomed to rehearse at Berkshire Maestros in Tilehurst, the Shinfield Green Centre and we'll be making a short detour to Park Church after Easter – our thanks to Sue Gowan for keeping on top of all the bookings for us 😊

Although it's nice to try out different venues we can't wait to return to Shinfield Players Theatre and we're grateful to the dedicated team who've been making the theatre safe for us all to return to once the roof, electrics and "just a few" other jobs have been completed.

In this month's BT, we've included pictures from the latest rehearsal, where Lindsay Belt has been putting the company through their dance paces for the Act 1 finale "Tomorrow's Just Another Day" or as Karen Todd renamed it "Tomorrow's just another waft!"

We know the original show dates meant some people had other commitments so couldn't join us for the production, but now the dates have changed to later in the year if you're interest in joining us please contact the production team at ourhouse@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Best wishes from us all

Heidi, Lara, Lindsay and Rachel



Musical Director Needed for Panto and for Betty Blue Eyes

Please let us know if you are interested or if you know someone who might be available.
Please contact Carol on carol@shinfieldplayers.org.uk;

Fundraising Appeal for Go Fund Me

The committee would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has and is continuing to support our theatre in so many ways through these difficult times.

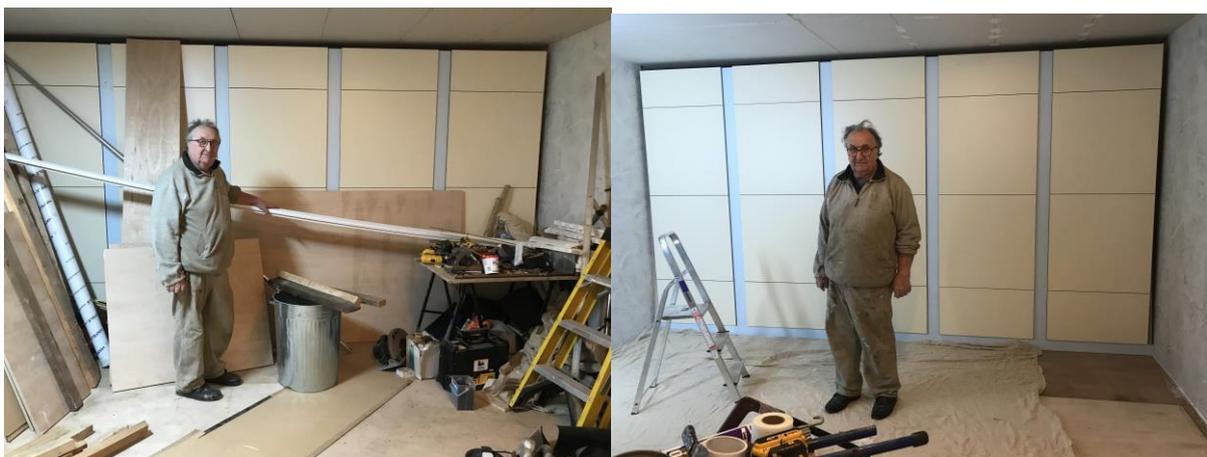
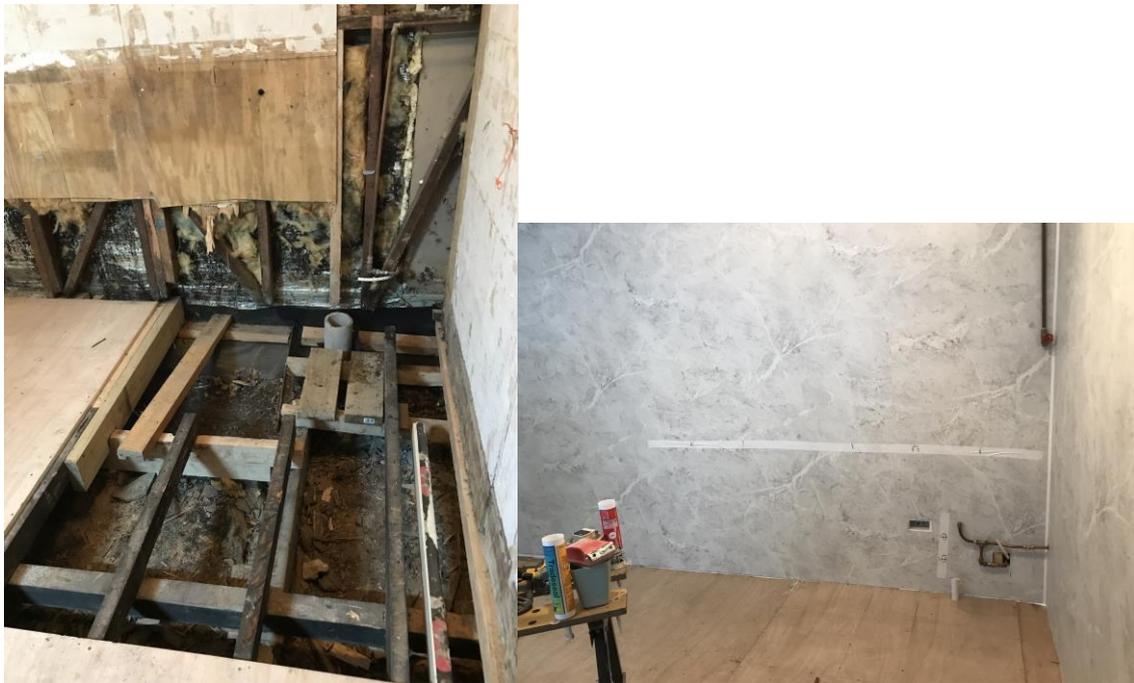
We are very grateful for your generous donations and we are well on the way to reaching our target on our gofundme page for the roof improvements. We have reached £3285 of the £4,000!

Thank you everyone for your kind and generous support.

Here is the link <https://gofund.me/30e44f3a> if you would like to donate.

Before and After

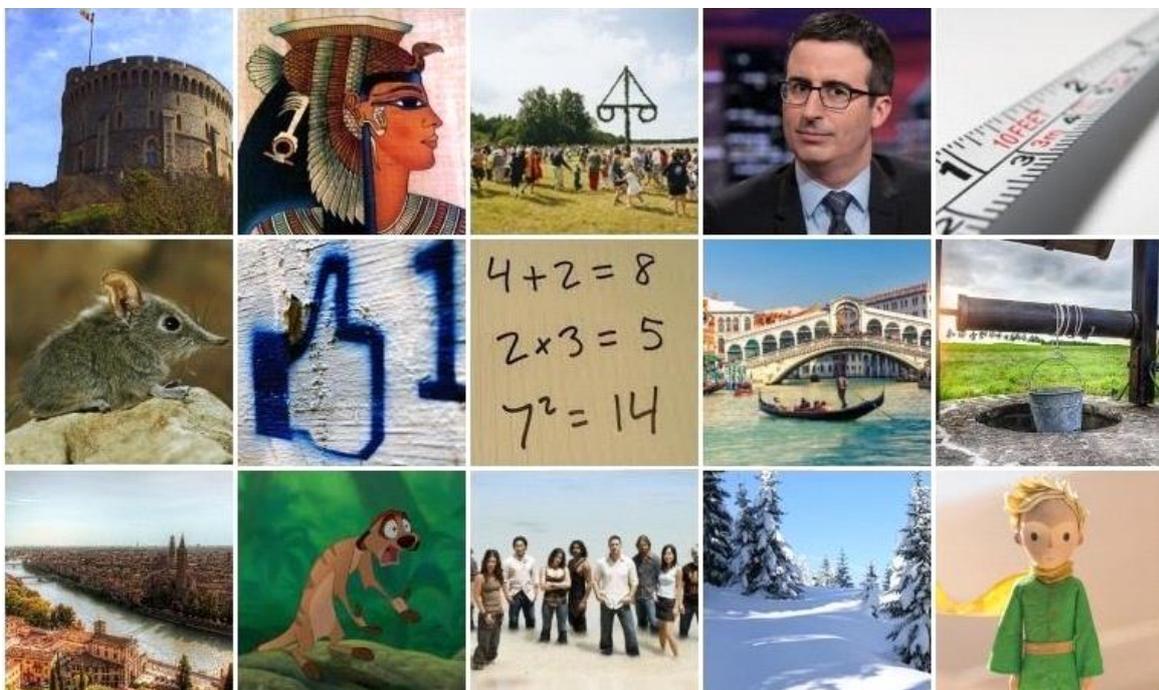
The toilets are making excellent progress – thanks to Graham Vockins for a splendid job!



SHAKESPEARE PICTURE QUIZ

Celebrating the month of the Bard's birthday, thought I'd set a little quiz. Can you work out the plays from the pictures below? No prizes and answers revealed in next month's Board Treader.

- Two Gentleman of _____
- The Taming of the _____
- As You _____ It
- _____ of Athens
- _____ for _____
- King _____
- All's _____ That Ends _____
- A _____ Night Dream
- Antony and _____
- The _____'s Tale
- The Merchant of _____
- Merry Wives of _____
- Comedy of _____
- Love's Labour _____
- Pericles, _____ of Tyre



2022 Productions

Last Tango in Whitby - being re-scheduled for 2023. Dates to be confirmed

Our House - rehearsing, being re-scheduled for September/October. Dates to be confirmed

Beauty Queen of Leenane -Show dates to be confirmed

Youth Group Shows -Show dates to be confirmed

Committee Meetings

Please contact secretary@shinfieldplayers.org.uk if you have any questions or comments for the committee. Many thanks

Please email items for the May Board Treader by April 27th to:

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