



BOARDREADER

July 2024

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

What a season!

As we come to the end of the 2023/24 programme, we still have our final show to enjoy 'Footloose' performed by our Senior Youth Group on 12th, 13th and 14th July. Do come along and support them.

So many fabulous and wonderful moments to remember and as an aide memoire, here is a list of great productions in this most successful season:

Betty Blue Eyes in October, The Tempest in November followed by Rapunzel in January. Night Watch in March, Anything Goes in April, Chase me up Farndale Avenue, S'il vous plait and Zoom in June.

We had some very sad moments too and in particular, we remember Philippe Duquenoy who was a member with Shinfield Players Theatre for many years.

So now to look forward to the 2024/2025 programme with a splendid selection of forthcoming musicals, plays and the Panto.

I hope you will come along and join us and enjoy socialising, working together and participating in our theatre.

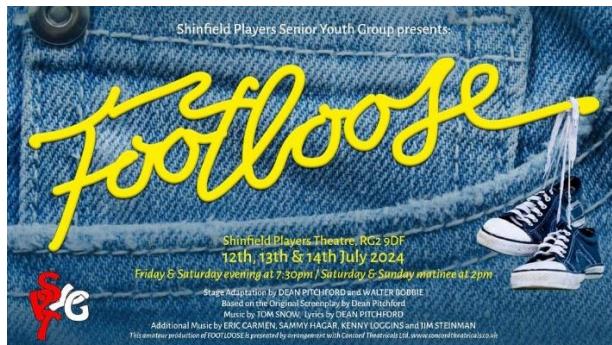
I look forward to seeing you.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

Get your tickets now for the last show of this season!
The Senior Youth Group presents...

Footloose 12th,13th & 14th July



Don't Miss it!

Join an Excellent Cast in

The Safari Party

by Tim Firth

20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd November 2024



'MAKE 'EM LAUGH!' - A cracking comedy part available for a good actor!!

We have a strong cast ready to go, all except for one actor, are you the man?
Good sound theatre, laughs, surprises and pathos, it's all there!

The play is 'The Safari Party' by Tim Firth, a very fine writer who has crafted screenplays for 'Kinky Boots', 'Calendar Girls – the Musical' which is on right now, plus the play and film versions. 'Our House' (Madness) 'This is my Family', 'Greatest Days', 'The Wedding Video', 'Flint Street Nativity' and great plays like 'Neville's Island'

We need one of two brothers to complete our cast, both are good sized significant parts. A line count of one of the parts reads like this Act 1 - 129 Act 2 – 76 Act 3 - 92 and the other brother's is similar. We are less concerned about age than ability, so if you've got **it** - we want to know!!

Rehearsals (Tuesdays and Thursdays) will start soon once a week and build up gently - the show is in November.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Steve Atkins and Krysia Blake

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POST SCRIPT to those who have already auditioned or are waiting to do so – PLEASE don't read for anything else, we haven't been able to make final decisions yet!!

Zoom! by C Hawes



We are all SO PROUD of the junior youth group! Rehearsals have ZOOMED by and all of the children were absolutely fantastic both performances. Confidence, character and comedy all improved across the term and were really well delivered!

Thanks so much to all those who have supported the children and the show. The audience reaction was fantastic. It's hard to believe that this was the first musical for the JMYG since 2018 and the first time on stage for several of the children. We look forward to seeing what the future holds...

Jamie Milburn and Lara Savory, Junior and Middle Youth Group Leaders

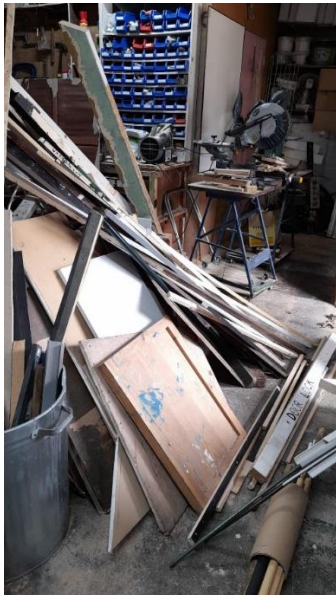
Put the Dates in your Diary for the
SPT Working Weekends 2024

July 20th/21st and 3rd/4th August



FROM THIS...

TO THIS!



Our lovely theatre needs plenty of love and care.

We have two lovely social weekends to meet up with fellow members for plenty of fun and some work. Any time that you can spend with us to help, be it one hour or all four days, would be great. Some jobs require no previous experience - just your enthusiasm, a sense of fun and a willingness to join in. Other jobs need a bit of experience, a willingness to have a go or some strength.

Come along to support the theatre and meet up with everyone.

We look forward to seeing you!

Theatreoke

Saturday 10th August



Our next Theatreoke evening will be on Saturday 10th August. This is a great social evening for confident, nervous, reluctant and non-singers alike! There's lots of time for chat within the evening so it's a good opportunity to meet up with fellow members. You can sing a solo or duet (or more) if you want, join in with the group numbers, sit back and listen - or a combination of all three!

Further information is in the SPT group Facebook event (<https://fb.me/e/22OjRcekC>) or you can contact Lara directly (ldsavory@gmail.com).

Congratulations to the final cast for

Sister Act

4th, 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th October



SISTER ACT CAST LIST

Deloris Van Cartier	Melissa Wickens		
Mother Superior	Heidi Ashton		
Sister Mary Robert	Alice Golding		
Sister Mary Patrick	Katie Thrussell		
Sister Mary Lazarus	Stacey Stockwell		
Eddie Souther	Mark Read		
Curtis Jackson	Keith Sullivan		
Joey	George Apap		
TJ	Neil Padgen		
Pablo	Robert Hobbs		
Monsignor O'Hara	Matt Chishick		
Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours	Raveena Patel		
Sister Mary Theresa	Linda Bostock		
Michelle	Rebecca Read		
Tina	Charley Caswell		
Ernie	Josh Bethel		
Sister Mary Gordon	Alana Smith	Sister Mary Ezra	Karen Payne
Sister Mary Sydney	Samantha Sharp	Sister Mary Otto	Teddy Secular-Clark
Sister Mary Gabriel	Lara Savory	Sister Mary Lucas	Emma Sanders
Sister Mary Joseph	Sarah Miall	Sister Mary Othello	Rebecca Read
Sister Mary Bernard	Emily Boneham	Sister Mary Henry	Aimee Driscoll
Sister Mary Cecil	Sandra Goldie	Sister Mary Clyde	Charley Caswell
Sister Mary Frederick	Lucy Roberts	Sister Mary Kingsley	Gilly Meek

OTHER ENSEMBLE:
Karen Bird, Scott Fyfe-Jamieson, Josh Bethel

DANCERS:
Charley Caswell, Rebecca Read, Alana Smith, Samantha Sharp, Aimee Driscoll, Emily Boneham

Remember to book your tickets now!

Members' Ticket Discount

As you may be aware, this season we have been trialling offering SPT members a small discount when they book tickets.

The system works by allocating a membership number to the email address that you gave on your membership form and storing these in TicketSource.

When you book your tickets, you will be able to book your ticket using the discounted 'Adult member' or 'Concession member' ticket price options.

You will be prompted to enter your membership number when completing your booking and it will be checked against the email address you have entered.

If you do not know your membership number or need to change the email address that you gave on your membership form then please contact Catherine Wilkins (membership@shinfieldplayers.co.uk).

2024 Productions

Footloose Senior Youth Group

12th, 13th & 14th July

2024/2025 Season

Sister Act

Dir: Jess Wilkins

MD: Heather King

Dates - 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th October 2024

The Safari Party by Tim Firth

Dir: Steve Atkins and Krysia Blake

Dates - 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd November 2024

Pantomime: Sleeping Beauty

Dir: Carol Vockins

MD: Christopher Churng

17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th January 2025

Play 2: (Licence to be confirmed)

Dates - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th March 2025

Musical 2: (To be confirmed)

Dates - 18th, 19th, 24th, 2th and 26th April 2025

Play 3: And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Dir: Maggie Smith and Cate Naylor

Dates: 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th June 2025

Committee Meetings

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

Board Treader News Items Please email items for the

Material for the August Board Treader to be sent by July 26th to:

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