

BOARDREADER

May 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

Welcome to a new month - and another busy one for us all.

Anything Goes was very well received by audiences and critics alike and with good audience figures too. Congratulations to everyone who assisted me in the success of this production.

Now onto the next productions. Our June play, *Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue, S'il Vous Plait!* is currently in rehearsal. I managed to watch part of a rehearsal a couple of weeks ago and it is going to be hilarious! Please come along and support, front stage, backstage or in the audience.

Speaking of support, we are about to start the autumn musical, *Sister Act*. Please come along to the workshops that are planned for this Saturday, 4th May. We also have a *Theatreoke* on the 18th May, always a popular evening. If you haven't been to one, then do come along. You don't have to sing (I don't) as it is a very relaxed environment. See you soon

Gordon
Gordon Bird

District NODA Awards Announced

We are very proud to announce the following winners!

Congratulations! 🙌★ Best of luck for the regional awards in June!

SCENIC DESIGN AWARD:

★ The Beauty Queen of Leenane

BEST FEMALE CHARACTER IN A PLAY:

★ Sandra Miall as Elaine Wheeler in *Night Watch*

NODA LONDON FLAME AWARDS for Inspirational Contribution to the Pursuit of Excellence in Theatre and Enhancement of the overall Theatrical experience

★ Mikhail Grozhny

FREE DANCE WORKSHOP! - Sister Act themed!

Saturday 4th May @ 6pm-7:30pm



YES! It's completely free! Plus there will be cake...

After a hugely successful tap workshop last year, we are hosting another dance evening, this time our choreographer will be teaching you a routine based on a 'Sister Act' the musical song! Come along, bring your friends and family and let's have a dance! Whether you are a complete beginner or experienced dancer we want to welcome you to our friendly theatre to join us. We will teach you a dance routine (jazz/theatre/street style) to a 'SISTER ACT' classic!

Please just bring yourself and your trainers/comfy shoes to dance in!

- JUST TURN UP - NO NEED TO BOOK
- ALL AGES WELCOME!
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
- COMPLETE BEGINNERS WELCOME!
- EXPERIENCED DANCERS WELCOME!
- SPT MEMBERS AND NON SPT MEMBERS WELCOME!

Sister Act is on at Shinfield Players Theatre in October this year, we wanted to run a dance workshop for people to come and try/join in prior to starting the show. You do not need to be involved in theatre or Sister Act to join this workshop! This is just for fun!

We cannot wait to meet you... Please feel free to email jessicawilkins@hotmail.co.uk if you have any questions at all!

Link to the facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/188YRZy0>

CHOREOGRAPHER is Millie Wilkins

(previous choreography credits at SPT - Saturday Night Fever, Senior Youth Group reviews, Grease, AG Tap workshop, Footloose, Anything Goes)

Theatreoke

Saturday 18th May 7pm



Our next Theatreoke evening is planned for Saturday 18th May. It was really useful to have an idea of just how busy we would be in advance for the last one so please respond to the event in the SPT private Facebook group or let Lara know you're coming.

Doors open at 7 and we'll probably start singing around 7.30pm. You're welcome to join us at any point in the evening - members and friends/family welcome.

Also, please let Lara know if you think you want to sing a number.

If you haven't been to Theatreoke before it's a great opportunity to socialise, sing if you want or just sit back and be entertained.

If you want to know more about it then have a look at the Facebook event - <https://facebook.com/events/s/may-theatreoke/27160963930317079/> - or contact Lara (ldsavory@gmail.com).

NODA report for Anything Goes

is attached to the email for this month's Board Treader

Enjoy a Good Laugh-Out-Loud Comedy... Come and See

The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's

Chase Me Up Farndale S'il Vous Plait

David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.

5th – 8th June 2024



The French farce has arrived at 'The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society', and the formidable ladies do it like no one else! An unintelligible plot, a plethora of doors and a grand range of characters make this Farndale offering as bubbly as a glass of champagne.

Farndale Avenue comedies are hilarious. They are set in the fictitious world of the Farndale Avenue housing estate. The play is performed by the Townswomen's Guild's utterly disastrous attempt at putting on a classically familiar play. Five 'real' characters from the Guild: 4 women who play a myriad of parts and their stage manager Gordon who is reluctantly press-ganged onto the stage.

The Farndale folk's domestic squabbles and lives are played out while actually mid-production on stage, cues are missed and props disintegrate. The good ladies of the Guild largely wrongly assume they have got away with most of the shambles around them whilst also coming out of character and indulging in personal asides to the audience utterly unrelated to their show.

Audiences will be entertained and enjoy a marvellous evening's performance. There are no deep meanings or underlying truths just great comedy!

SISTER ACT

AUDITION PACKS

On the link you will find:

The information pack, character packs, audition tracks, a copy of the audition form and a 'who's in what' document.

Any questions contact the director on 07841037341 or jessicaelwilkins@hotmail.co.uk

PREVIEW & AUDITION DATES

Monday 20th May, 7:30pm, INTRO NIGHT / Wednesday 22nd May, 7:45pm, Preview/workshop /

Sunday 26th May, 2pm, Preview/workshop / Monday 27th May, 7:30pm, Preview/workshop /

Wednesday 29th May, 7:45pm, Auditions / Saturday 1st June, 5pm, Auditions

SHOW DATES - 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th & 12th October 2024

Sister Act - AUDITION PACKS ARE NOW LIVE!

Please click this link to take you to all the material for the Sister Act auditions!

[☐ SISTER ACT SHARED FOLDER](#)

Here you will find the following:

- Character packs
- Audition Tracks
- Information Pack
- Audition Form
- Who's in what document
- Character list

REMINDER OF THE PREVIEW/AUDITION DATES:

Mon 20th May	7:30pm – 8:20pm = Intro Night (for all) 8:30pm – 9pm = Singing for all 9pm – 10pm = Movement/Dancing workshop for all
Wed 22nd May	7:45pm – 8:30pm = Movement/Dancing workshop for all 8:45pm – 10pm = Singing for all
Sun 26th May	Singing drop sessions in by character with the musical director. 2pm-5pm (see below) <i>Jess and Millie will be in another room for anyone wanting to go through lib and dance/movement pieces when they are not singing with Heather 😊</i> 2pm = Deloris 2:15pm = Mother Superior 2:30pm = Mary Robert 2:45pm = Mary Patrick 3pm = Mary Lazarus 3:15pm = Tina and Michelle 3:30pm = Eddie 3:45pm = Curtis 4pm = TJ, Joey and Pablo
Mon 27th May	7:30pm – 10pm = Lib & dance/movement recaps
Wed 29th May	7:45pm – 10pm = AUDITIONS
Sat 1st June	5pm – 7:30pm = AUDITIONS

Link to the Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/545qO5UY9>

Production Team: Director: Jessica Wilkins / Musical Director: Heather King /
Choreographer: Millie Wilkins / Assistant Director: Beth Green

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Jess on email:
jessicawilkins@hotmail.co.uk or text: 07841037341.

We are more than happy to help! #SisterActIsComingToShinfield #BlessOurShow
#TakeMeToHeaven

LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR FOR OUR MUSICAL APRIL 2025!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MUSICAL!

Fancy directing a musical?
Send Matt your ideas and musical choice:
matt@shinfieldplayers.co.uk
YOU CAN DO IT!

We are looking for a musical for our April 2025 slot. Fancy directing? Musical directing? Choreographing? Please GET IN CONTACT WITH US! 📧

Whether you are new to it, have done it before, or fancy trying something new, please get in contact with us, we would love to hear from you and hear what show you would like to do! There's so many to choose from!

Support will be given to you should you want/need it through the process. Go on.. you can do it!

Email Matt your ideas and any questions: matt@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

*Please note, not all shows in this artwork are available on license.

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

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

Our lovely theatre needs plenty of love and care. So, we have two 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.

Looking forward to seeing you!

For more information email Maggie at Maggie@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

Health and Safety at the Theatre

Our health and safety policies continue to be implemented. Please take a look at the notices and the information that is available. We have already made good progress and thank you for your help with the new procedures.

- There is a new evacuation policy (mainly for show nights) and evacuation training will be advertised now that the new fire alarm install is completed
- We are in the process of rolling out new Front of House policies along with a cleaning policy, and FoH training on food, hygiene/evacuation/safety.
- We will have specific Bar training objectives for practical bar training.
- We are currently reviewing our policies on handling hazardous substances, equipment, and some other aspects of safety, and you may have seen posters about the use of portable heaters and bringing in your own electrical items. Members who work in small to medium/large organisations will notice many of the policies are similar to their work as they are implementing Health and Safety Executive advice.

2024 Productions

Chase Me Up Farndale S'il Vous Plait	5th-8th June
Zoom! by C Hawes Junior/Middle Youth Group	29 th and 30 th June
Footloose Senior Youth Group	13th & 14th July
Sister Act	4 th ,5 th ,10 th ,11 th , and 12 th October

2024/2025 Season

Announcement coming soon.

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 May Board Treader by May 28th to:

editor@boardtreader.org.uk; editor@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;
boardtreader@shinfieldplayers.co.uk; shinfieldboardtreader@hotmail.co.uk;