



# BOARDREADER

**June 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 another information packed edition of the Board Treader. Lots of news for you to consider. Whether it's about the next Theatreoke (August 10th), the open days, when we can all do our bit to help prepare our theatre for the new season (there are two weekends so please come along to one or both).

Our next show, *Chase me up Farndale S'il Vous Plait*, is the last play of this season. Ticket sales have been sluggish but do try and come along to support this very funny play.

And finally, a reminder about our youth group shows: Zoom by the junior and middle groups and a trip to the 1980s with the seniors who are performing the musical Footloose.

By the time this edition finds its way into your mailbox, auditions are well under the way for our autumn musical, Sister Act.

Don't worry if you have missed out as there is a list of some of our agreed shows for next season to whet your appetite.

Have a great month and see you soon.

Gordon  
**Gordon Bird**

Come and See a Laugh-Out-Loud Comedy... Lots of Fun!

## The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Chase Me Up Farndale S'il Vous Plait

David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

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



*We would like to wish everyone auditioning for Sister Act this week the very best of luck!*

*Look out for the cast list on our socials next week!*

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

**July 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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 [shinfieldboardtreader@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shinfieldboardtreader@hotmail.co.uk)

## The Best Quizzers in Shinfield!



Annette and John Chishick, Nadine Masseron, Carol and Graham Vockins retained their Trophy at the Shinfield Parish Council Quiz and a cheque for £250 pounds is on its way to SPT!

Many Congratulations!

### Junior/Middle Youth Group

**Zoom!** by C Hawes

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Book your ticket now to find out who will win the race!**

*Zoom!* is a sparkling musical comedy which re-tells the famous fable, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, in a characterful, hilarious and very current way. The junior and middle youth group have been racing through rehearsals since January.

Jamie and Lara, (youth group leaders) and the junior cast are excited to present their production to you and to welcoming you to the offices of "Hare & Co" as well as Evergreen Valley where the race will start!

You'll meet Harvey Hare; the wealthy business tycoon who is running for Mayor and Toby Tortoise, the slow and steady, caring family tortoise. Toby gets wind of Harvey's deceitful plans he intends to use to secure his electoral dream and win the race, *but* Toby has a trump card up his sleeve... will it be enough?

**Zoom over to Shinfield Players Theatre website now to book your seat - you won't want to miss it!**

## **More News on the Senior Youth Group in the July Board Treader!**

**Put a Note in your diary for**

### **Footloose**

**13th & 14th July**

### **Theatreoke**

**Saturday 10th August**



Thanks to everyone who attended our May Theatreoke. It was lovely to see some new faces and first-time singers.

The next Theatreoke evening will be on Saturday 10th August - if you don't have holiday plans that weekend then please put it in your diary now. We'd love you to come and join us.

If you want to know more... then contact Lara ([ldsavory@gmail.com](mailto:ldsavory@gmail.com)).

### **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](mailto:membership@shinfieldplayers.co.uk)).

## 2024 Productions

<b>Chase Me Up Farndale S'il Vous Plait</b>	5th-8th June
<b>Zoom! by C Hawes Junior/Middle Youth Group</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Footloose Senior Youth Group</b>	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

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

### **Pantomime: (To be confirmed) Sleeping Beauty**

Dir: Carol Vockins

MD: TBD

Dates - 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, 2nd 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](mailto:secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk)

## Board Treader News Items

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