

SPH SHINFIELD PLAYERS THEATRE **BOARDREADER**

Lockdown Edition 2

June 2020

From the Chairman

I hope that everyone is keeping well and that you are managing to enjoy some of this glorious sunshine.

You would not think that there would be too much to report but I'm pleased to say that we have started preparations for the upgrade of our theatre building and we are all looking forward to seeing our smart new auditorium complete with new sound and lights centre when we re-open.

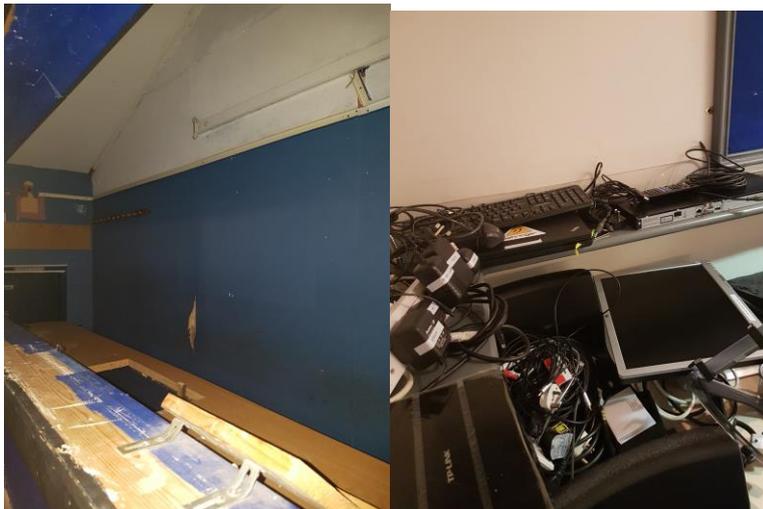
We held our first two virtual and successful Theatreoke evenings in May and I'm pleased to say that another is to be held on 17th June. Further events will be promoted on social media and of course in the Board Treader.

We are really looking forward to the time we can all be together again and thank you for your understanding and patience during these difficult times. Take good care.

Gordon Bird

Shinfield Players Theatre Auditorium Upgrade

During our enforced closure Shinfield Players Theatre we are upgrading our Auditorium and Sound and Lighting box. We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Phil Gowen and Steve Townsend who have worked hard to remove the Sound and Lighting control equipment to a safe store... this is how it looks at the moment!



Steve Townsend is removing redundant wiring before building work starts by the contractors and we are organising PPE for Covid 19 working and setting up lone working arrangements. Hand sanitizer, masks and bins etc are being provided for the worker's health and safety.

Many thanks go to Graham Vockins who has put together the specification for all of the work and who is also seeking quotations with the aim that the work will start in July and be completed by 16th August.

Here is a quick overview of what is to be done:

- Install an acoustic screen behind seats L6/7 and wall to Foyer.
- Install new raised floor
- Re-line the three walls to the Auditorium with 3mm ply. (The choice of ply is to allow the elderly timber framed building to move without the surface cracking and to eliminate the many taped and cracking joint line of the filled in windows.)
- Surfaces of new linings to be decorated in emulsion and existing doors to be redecorated to match existing finishes.

Thank you to Sam Turner who will be putting a working schedule in place so that Mushy can still be fed among other things!



Junior and Middle Youth Group Leader Vacancy

The Junior and Middle Youth Group is looking for two people who enjoy working with children (aged 8-14) and have a passion for the Arts.

- Applicants must be aged 18 or over
- Applicants will have to be available on Wednesdays 6pm- 7.45pm
- The position starts from September 2020 and you will need to attend a meeting in August.
- If successful, you will have to obtain a DBS Check, complete a Chaperone training course and be first aid trained before starting as a Youth Group Leader.

If interested please email Charlotte Miller: sptjmyg@hotmail.com

All applicants will be subject to an interview.

Applications close at Midnight on the 30th June

RBH Wellbeing Centre Donation from SPT

Many thanks to Johnny, Sue and Martin for organising a donation to the RBH Wellbeing Centre. We had many items behind the bar that we were happy to donate to RBH including soft drinks, crisps and sweets for the nursing staff (although the alcohol was given to Royal Berks Charity).

We're sure they will be well received and most welcome on any short and well-deserved breaks.



On-line Theatroke Session

Wednesday 17th June at 8.30pm



Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first online Theatroke a couple of weeks ago. It was particularly lovely to see some SPTers who have moved away and so can't attend the normal sessions.

At the time of this BT publication, we will have just had our second Theatreoke. But don't worry if you missed out as the next is scheduled for **Wednesday 17th June at 8.30pm.**

Info will be on the SPT Facebook group or you can email Lara directly, lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;

No need to sing if that's not your thing - you can sit on the sofa with a cuppa or a glass of something cold and just chill!

Enjoyable Recollections of Past Shows

We hope you have been enjoying the photos from our past productions on the SPT Facebook page and Twitter posted by Lara. I'm sure many happy memories of past triumphs have been flooding back to you.

Please send in more of your photos to share with everyone to Lara, (with the name of the show and the year), lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;

Virtual Workshops...

Please contact lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk; if you would be interested in running a virtual Wednesday workshop (or any night obviously!) There are definitely some things like character work, accents and maybe improvisation that would be worth trying online.

Please email items for the next Board Treader by June 26th to:

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