

BOARDREADER

February 2021

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 the latest edition of the Boardtreader.

Although we still cannot say with any certainty when we will be back at the theatre, we can say that we are still holding events to keep us all interested. This month we have a quiz and a play reading. We are also planning a murder mystery for SPT in May.

No Naughty Bits is in rehearsal and the senior youth group are meeting weekly. On Friday 15th January, the Senior Youth Group were joined by a Polish Youth Group (called Nameless) and some had already met in Prague as part of the Class in Action festival.

Keep safe everyone and we hope to see you soon.

Gordon

Gordon Bird



Remember to join us tomorrow night for the SPT Virtual Quiz!

with Quiz Masters Jon and Annette Chishick

Date: Saturday 6th February 2021

Time: Starting promptly at 7.30pm

Venue: Virtual connection on Zoom in your living room.

Funds: All monies raised to go to Charity of Year – Blood Bikes

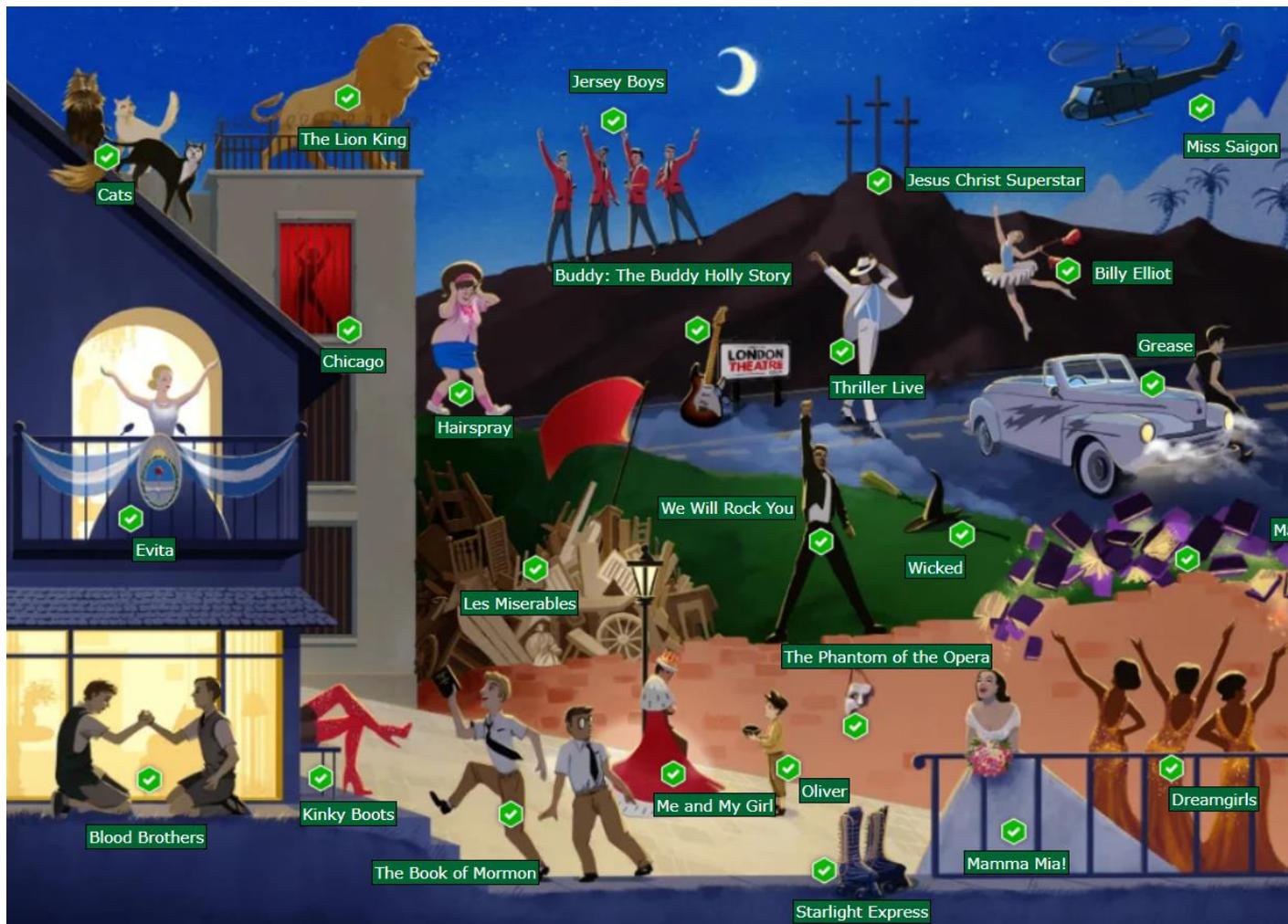
Entry for the quiz is £6.00 per connection (not per person) and all we ask is that you visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/shinfieldplayerstheatre to book your place. You will then be sent on the morning of the quiz the zoom invitation.

Gather your team together (remember to follow the rules that may be in place by then) get yourselves your food and drink and settle in for a fun evening with others from SPT.

Any queries please contact martin@shinfieldplayers.co.uk

The Chairman's Quiz

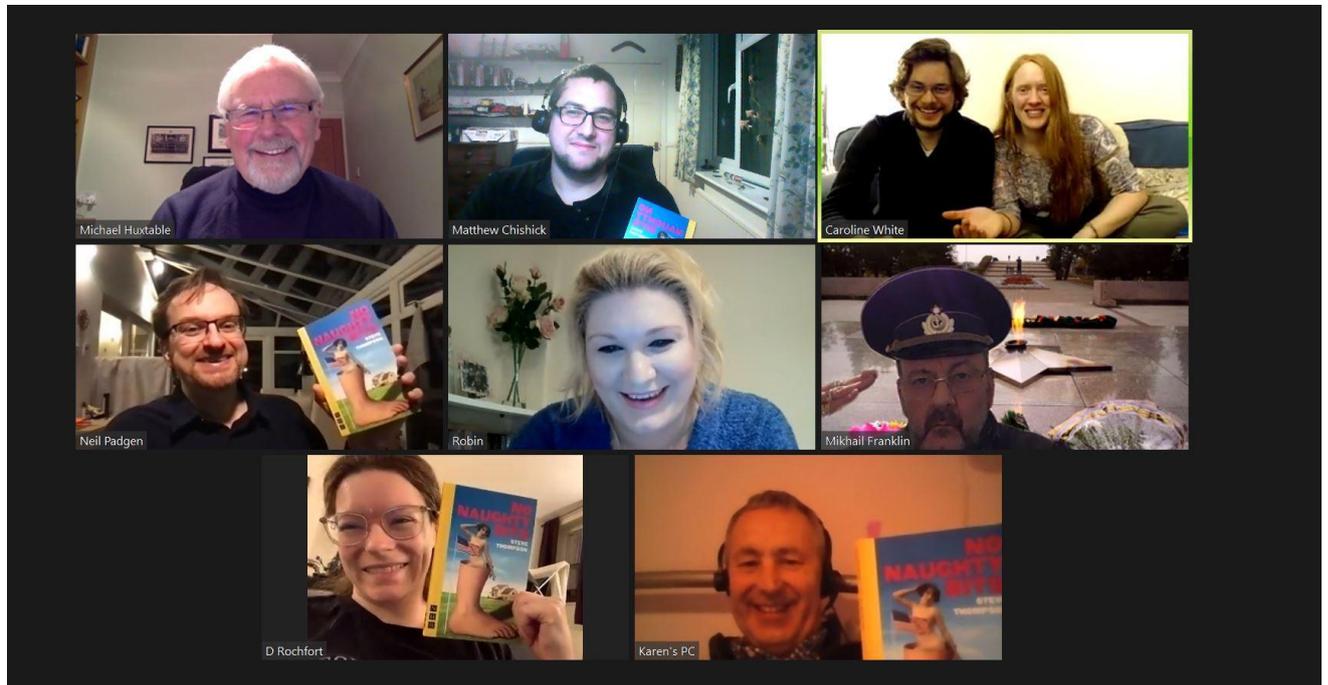
Spot the Musical - did you find all 25? Answers posted below:



No Naughty Bits

5th - 8th May 2021

We are still hoping to be able to bring you Steve Thompson's hilarious play "No Naughty Bits", based on the mostly true story of Michael Palin and Terry Gilliam, taking on the ABC network over the censorship of Monty Python's Flying Circus. Due to the on-going pandemic we have moved the planned show dates back to 5th - 8th May. Rehearsals over Zoom are already underway.



Murder Mystery

After the success of our murder mystery last December, we have been asked to put on another zoom murder mystery for a corporate event. This is a closed event and will be held on the evening of March 11th. If you are interested in taking part, please email Carol Vockins on carol@shinfieldplayers.co.uk and she will allocate parts.

We are also excited to announce that we will be putting on a new zoom murder mystery for SPT and friends in May .

Carol Vockins is busy writing a new murder mystery about a high flyer set in a circus..... So watch out for this date and for information on taking part.

Dean Friedman

Sadly, due to travel restrictions, Dean Friedman has had to cancel his concert at the theatre on May 22nd.

Virtual Play-reading with SPT via Zoom

February 25th at 7.00pm

Are you suffering theatrical withdrawal? Do you want to explore plays and spend a happy evening with others? Then you will be delighted to hear that we are going to launch a play-reading group to meet, via zoom, on the last Thursday of each month beginning at 7.00pm.

Hopefully, we will have enough people to allocate roles and if necessary change roles between Acts, if there are more people than parts. If you just wish to listen then you would be most welcome. Some of the plays will contain adult material.

Please contact Maggie Smith on smaggie63@yahoo.com if you wish to participate by 23rd February so that parts can be allocated and zoom details sent out.

The first play is Nell Gwynn by Jessica Swale with 7 female roles and 7 male roles. There are 2 Acts.

Characters:

NELL GWYNN, our heroine,

ROSE GWYNN, Nell's sister

NANCY, Nell's dresser and confidante,

LADY CASTLEMAINE, Charles's most ambitious mistress

LOUISE DE KEROUALLE, Charles's French mistress,

QUEEN CATHERINE, Charles's Portuguese wife,

OLD MA GWYNN, Nell's mother, a brothel madam

KING CHARLES II, the King,

CHARLES HART, leading actor in the King's Company

THOMAS KILLIGREW, actor-manager of the King's Company

EDWARD KYNASTON, actor in the King's Company, plays the women's parts

JOHN DRYDREN, playwright

LORD ARLINGTON, Charles II's adviser

NED SPIGGETT, actor in training in the King's Company

Winners of the New Year's Photo Quiz from Di Capel

This was very close to call indeed but the winners for the competition were:

First place for a bottle of wine - Sandra Miall

Second in equal place for boxes of chocolates-- Sam Turner and Madeleine Miles

The answers were:

1. Flats - flat store backstage
2. Mushy - lives in furniture store
3. Child booster seats - on rack near bar
4. Bar shutters - bar
5. Privacy screen - green room
6. What's on/Leaflet holder - box office
7. Tabs/curtain winder - side of stage
8. Carpet backstage - near stage managers desk
9. Lighting desk - new lighting/sound box
10. Seats - auditorium back row

Theatre in the snow!

It is reassuring to know that everything at the Theatre is fine and it is still being looked after even in the snow, including making sure Mushy is ok.

Mushy was not too impressed by the snow and couldn't wait to get back inside for tuna and biscuits.







On-line Theatroke



Let Lara know when you want to hold the next Theatroke!
If you are interested in coming along then please contact Lara on lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk;

Cartoon for the Musically Minded



" Your car has been keyed. The good news is that the damage appears to B minor. "

Please email items for the March Boardtreader by February 23rd to:

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