

SPT BOARDREADER SHINFIELD PLAYERS THEATRE

January 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.

Happy New Year!



From the Chairman

Without doubt, 2020 has been a desperately challenging year for us all. With regulations, restrictions, losing loved ones and friends - COVID has dramatically affected plans during 2020.

It has been almost impossible to plan any theatre performances with any degree of confidence. However, we have been fortunate that we have managed to produce Youth Group shows (via online streaming and with a socially distanced live performance). Theatreoke has continued to provide a regular touchpoint to meet up with other members and an opportunity to listen to some very talented singers (and a chance to sing-a-long to the chorus numbers for those, who like me, are a little bit shy but like singing in the shower). Thank you to Lara for arranging these fun sessions each month.

We have also managed to perform a Murder Mystery via zoom. Two very enjoyable evenings was followed up with another private booking! Many thanks to Carol, Graham and Martin for bringing those shows together. If you have not participated in one before, I can thoroughly recommend it - a lovely way to keep in touch with everyone. And a chance to act!

Now to 2021

It is impossible to say with any certainty what is going to happen at the theatre until we have a more stable health situation, a larger population vaccinated and a reduction in the number of cases. But what I can say for certain is that the committee are meeting and planning to keep theatre alive for our members and our patrons. We have a play in Zoom rehearsal (No Naughty Bits, directed by Matthew Chishick). The Youth Group meet weekly via Zoom. And we are arranging another Murder Mystery and a quiz evening! Please continue to read the Boardtreader or keep an eye on social media for more details.

In the meantime, may I wish you and your family a very safe and happy 2021.

Gordon

Gordon Bird

The Chairman's Quiz

Spot the Musical - there are 25 musicals in this picture, can you find them all?

Answers will be posted in next month's Boardtreader.





It's Quiz Time!

Looking for something to do on one of those long winter evenings where we are all stuck in whatever tier number we may be.....

Then why not join in our 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

How to join in: See below

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

Family Fortunes - a Murder Mystery Re-visited

On Friday 18th December members of the Theatre re-restaged the zoom production of Family Fortunes written by Carol Vockins. It was streamed to Project Purley for their Christmas meeting of nearly fifty people.

We received this from them afterwards;

'Thank you once again to everyone involved in this evening's production of Family Fortunes. It was excellent, a brilliant script, well-acted and smoothly organized. I think you could see how much everyone got into it by the number of questions asked.

Please pass on my thanks to everyone.'

A great success and we raised around £300 in total for our Charity of the Year, Blood Bikes.

Committee Vacancy

We are sad to learn that Adam Wells has resigned from the committee owing to pressure of work. We would like to thank him for all of his ideas and help and we look forward to seeing him at the theatre as soon as we re-open.

We therefore have a vacancy on the SPT committee and we are looking for someone who loves the theatre and would like to become involved in running SPT in the future.

The committee is made up of SPT members who work back stage, tread the boards and are committed to taking the theatre forward. We have lots of plans for the theatre and would love you to join us.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, or would like more information about what it involves, **please email Cate Naylor on secretary@shinfieldplayers.co.uk**

Festiveokes



Many thanks from Lara to all those who came along to the Festiveokes. A really lovely way to celebrate before Christmas!

A New Year's Photo Quiz from Di Capel

Win a bottle of wine...

All you have to do is identify the location and the objects in the following pictures. They can all be found in and around the theatre. Let Boardtreader know your answers on editor@shinfieldplayers.co.uk; boardtreader@shinfieldplayers.co.uk; by January 24th and the person with the most correct answers wins a bottle of wine.

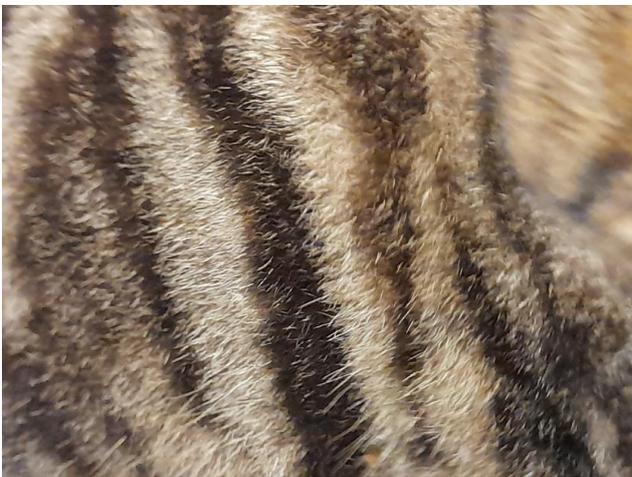
Here, below, are the 10 pictures:

Please make sure that you number your answers by picture .

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5



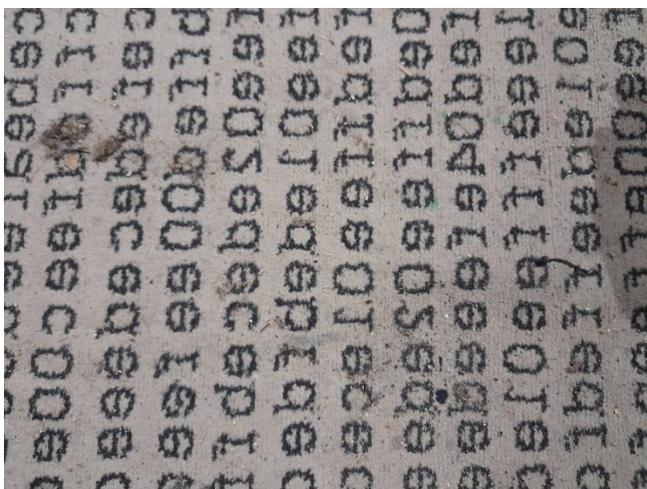
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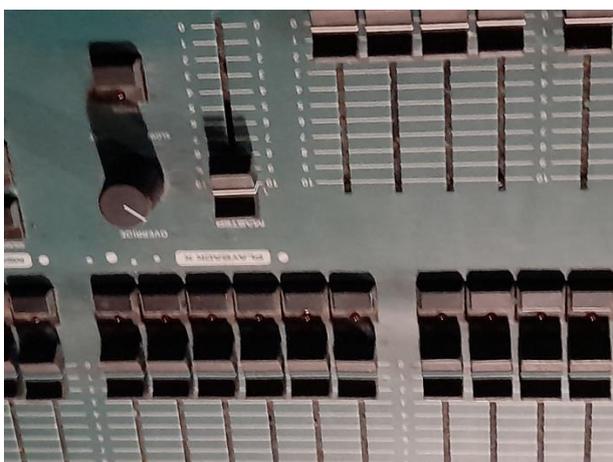
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Picture 8



Picture 9



Picture 10



In Memorium

David Goodwin FRCS

Graham found an obituary notice for David Goodwin in the local paper at the beginning of December. David Goodwin passed away on the 26th November 2020. He was a Surgeon at the Royal Berks Hospital and performed his magic act for them in shows staged at Shinfield Players Theatre. David was an accomplished Illusionist and Member of the Magic Circle. He worked with me on the 1997 SPT production of Jack the Ripper acting as advisor and magic consultant. Under his guidance, Graham had the pleasure of building the wonderful Cagliari cabinet which appeared in many shows after that production. He was a fantastic and enthusiastic man to work with, with a dry sense of humour and loyal support for the Hospital and Shinfield Players. Condolences on behalf of Shinfield Players Theatre are expressed to his family.

Graham Vockins

A Recommendation

A Charles Paris Mystery - The Cinderella Killer

If you fancy listening to a seasonal murder mystery with a theatrical bent then I would highly recommend this. Starring Bill Nighy and Suzanne Burden on BBC Sounds,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b083r275>;



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Theatre Bookings

This has been a very difficult year for the theatre which is normally buzzing with bookings and with members meeting to rehearse.

Although we remain in tier 4 at present, the theatre will be available in the future for people to use within Covid Guidelines. More than ever though, it is necessary to book the theatre so that we can ensure that we know who is at the theatre and that we are following the current guidelines and keeping everyone safe.

Please contact Sue Gowen on sue@shinfieldplayers.co.uk if you are interested in making a future booking. She can let you know if the theatre is free, book you in and make sure you know what the regulations are.

Please email items for the January Boardtreader by January 27th to:

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