

## **Wait Until Dark, Shinfield Players Theatre**

After electrical problems plunged the theatre into darkness in mid-March, when this play was scheduled to run, Shinfield Players finally staged this production last week.

Frederick Knott's [thriller](#) is set in a basement flat occupied by Sam Henderson (Steve Crompton) and his blind wife Susy (an exceptional performance by Heidi Ashton, who handled the rising tensions superbly).

Petty crooks Mike (Chris Petts), Croker (Mike Leach) and Roat (Peter Lord) target the flat, assuming a blind lady would be easy prey, but they overlook the basic fact that in the dark, they were the ones.

While it may have been the author's intention to let us experience our undeveloped senses in the dark, the audience found themselves by some of the final scenes.

The demanding set had been skillfully designed by Diane Capel, adding to the overall atmosphere of the piece.

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