

## Plain sailing for Riverside Players in drama fest

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**Shinfield Players Theatre and Arts Centre hosted a hugely successful drama festival of oneact plays last month, attracting entries from drama groups from across Reading and others from as far afield as Old Windsor and Abingdon.**



Pangbourne's Riverside Players took the top prize, while Shinfield Theatre's own Joff Hamilton scooped the best actor award.

Before the final presentations were made, the adjudicator for the week, Ron Travis (GODA), praised the extremely high standard of all productions he had seen during the week and praised the festival committee for their hard work in re-launching the event.

**The winners were:** Best Adult Mixed Play (The Adda Cook Shield): Bill and Bob( Compton Players)

Best Youth Group Play: Not Peter? (Organised Chaos Theatre Association)

Special Awards: Best Actor (The Daphne Hawes Award): Joff Hamilton (Daisy Pulls It Off, Shinfield Players)

Best Actress (The Maire Hood Award): Tracey Pearce (Bill and Bob, Compton Players)

Best Supporting Adult Role (The Lew Davies Award): Mikhail Franklin (The Last Bread Pudding, Shinfield Players) Best Stage Presentation (The Merrick Burrell Award): Orca the Goldfish (Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group)

Best Producer (The Ken Stanley Award): Barbra Douglas, (Garlic and Lavender, Riverside Players)

Best Youth Performance (The Youth Group Award): David Criddle (Not Peter?, Organised Chaos Theatre Association)  
Best Youth Performance runnerup: Mike Leach (Babysitting)

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Shinfield Players) Festival Runner Up: The Caring Profession (Za Lenina!) Festival Overall Winner: Garlic and Lavender(Riverside Players)

The event was judged such a success that the committee has already received interest from two groups wishing to enter next year's festival!

Shinfield Players Theatre's next season kicks off in October with the comedy Unoriginal Sin.