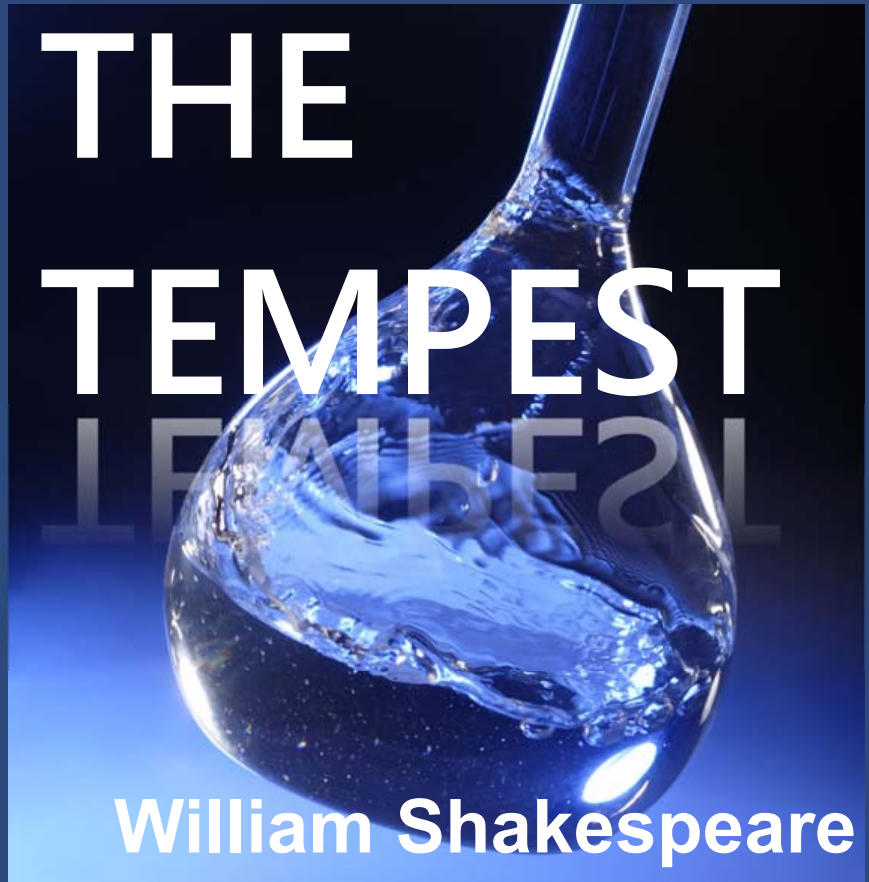




One couple at two different points in their lives -  
a haunting and beautiful tale of togetherness

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Welcome to our production of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. This is Banbury Cross Players' first Shakespeare since the much acclaimed *Twelfth Night* in 2014. As in 2014, we're performing at The Mill Arts Centre and Sulgrave Manor. New for 2017, is our "in the round" presentation which I hope you agree brings you, our audience, much closer to the action.



BCP members are always busy and this month is no exception. In addition to a cast of 15 rehearsing and performing *The Tempest*, rehearsals for our Festival entry one act play – Gillian Plowman's *The Allotment* – have begun. This year we will be entering The Lighthorne Drama Festival and the ODN festival in Abingdon.

Our July production of Abi Morgan's haunting and beautiful *Lovesong* (5 - 8 July 2017) is also in rehearsal and tickets are already on sale.

By the time you read this programme, BCP will have selected the plays for our 2017/2018 Season. Keep a lookout on the BCP website – [www.banburycrossplayers.org.uk](http://www.banburycrossplayers.org.uk) – for details.

BCP continues to be a thriving society. If you'd like to be involved, come along to one of our regular Tuesday evenings at The Mill Arts Centre, 7.30pm, and dip your toe in our theatrical waters.



As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy the show.

**Robin Williams**  
Chairman

**Viking .. Cromarty .. Dogger .. Lundy .. Rockall .. Fastnet**  
**Southeast, 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later**  
**Rough, occasionally very rough**  
**Rain or showers**  
**Good, occasionally poor**

First issued in 1861 and broadcast on the BBC since 1924, the Shipping Forecast has become a cultural symbol.

On 25/26 October 1859, the British Isles were struck by a severe storm which sank *The Royal Charter* off Anglesey. Only 29 of the 500 souls aboard survived. It was the largest loss at sea of the year and provoked a significant reaction about needing to predict storms to prevent ships heading into poor weather conditions.



From data which had been collected over the years, Vice Admiral Robert Fitzroy felt he could give warning of approaching storms. He designed a system of signals (hoisted at ports around the coast, and lit at night) to give ships in port and those sailing past warning of approaching storms.

The Meteorological Office was founded under the leadership of Admiral Fitzroy in 1854, with the purpose of looking into weather at sea but not forecasting. Observations were sent by telegraph from locations around Britain to the Met Office. Using these observations, Fitzroy and his staff issued warnings to the coasts. The first forecast was given on 6 February 1861 and these storm warnings went on to be known as the Shipping Forecast.

Today, the Shipping Forecast is issued four times a day, covering 31 sea areas around the UK from Southeast Iceland further north to Trafalgar covering the coast of Portugal.

The rhythmic, measured pace and clear diction of the Forecast has cemented it as a cultural icon in the UK. People listen simply to enjoy the broadcast rather than to act upon its content.

The forecast is so popular, it has been quoted in songs by *Blur* and *Radiohead* as well as featuring in the works of prominent poets such as Carol Ann Duffy and Seamus Heaney. It was prominent in Danny Boyle's London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony.

***If only the King of Naples had tuned in...***

**Directors**

Linda Shaw & Bruce Walton

**Stage Manager**

Helen Williams

**Lighting**

John Hicks

**Sound**

Adam Dix

**Crew**

Marilyn Fairbairn  
Katrina Edmunds

**Choreography**

June Ronson

**Prompt**

Brenda Williams

**Original Songs by Phillip Fine**

- "Come unto these yellow sands"
- "Full fathom five"
- "A Solemn Air"
- "Where the bee sucks"

# THE TEMPEST

## CAST

Prospero, rightful Duke of Milan  
 Miranda, his daughter  
 Alonso, King of Naples  
 Sebastian, his brother  
 Antonio, Prospero's usurping brother  
 Ferdinand, son to the King of Naples  
 Gonzalo, an honest councillor  
 Adrian, Lord  
 Trinculo, a jester  
 Stephano, a drunken butler  
 Master of a ship  
 Boatswain  
 Caliban, a savage, deformed slave  
 Ariel, an airy spirit  
 Ceres, Goddess of Fertility  
 Juno, Queen of the Gods  
 Iris, Goddess of the Rainbow  
 Spirits of the island

Heward Simpson  
 Katy Roberts  
 Andrew Whiffin  
 Jayne Ryman  
 Stephen Rouse  
 Nathan Elliot  
 Helena Boughton  
 Rebecca Calverley  
 Kate Groves  
 John McCormick  
 Ben McCay  
 Rebecca Calverley  
 Dave Candy  
 Helen Watson  
 Ann Westcott  
 Annie Bennett  
 June Ronson  
 Delia Brown, Claudia Wingrove

- A remote island -

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Emergency exits are to the left of the stage and to the rear of the auditorium.

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