



Riverside Players Newsletter

January 2024

We can just about get away with saying it still so Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had a great festive season, though it may seem a distant memory now, and maybe were even able to squeeze in a trip to see Old Mother Hubbard before Christmas?!

Summer Show Readings

After a couple of months break we're back at it and starting to plan for the summer show **27th – 29^h June 2024**. We don't have anything set in stone yet so have decided to start with some play readings to give everyone the opportunity to read some scripts and reconnect. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, there's no pressure to commit by attending as we don't know ourselves yet what will be selected, and what cast will be required. Come down to the **Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th February at 8pm** where we will be starting with **"Outside Edge" by Richard Harris**, followed by **Thursday 15th February** for **"The Fat of The Land" by Richard James**.

There will be some additional Thursday readings to follow as we'll need a few evenings to read and discuss different options. If you have any suggestions, please let us know and we'll take a look!

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be taking place on **Thursday 14th March at 8.15pm at the Memorial Hall**. Please join us to review the past year and talk about the future for the society. This is also your opportunity to join the committee, all positions are open for nominations and if multiple individuals are standing for the same positions, we will of course vote.

Our Chairman, Simon Arnold, has decided to stand down from his officer position from the AGM so we know this position will be vacant. To be nominated to stand as Chairman you must currently be, or have previously been, a member of the Riverside committee. There is also space on the committee for additional members. Further information on the AGM and its processes will be shared by Vicki in due course.

Carnival Quiz

Riverside will be entering a team into the Carnival Quiz on **Saturday 16th March at the Memorial Hall**; teams are made up of up to 8 but if needed we can always enter more than 1. If you'd like to join our team, please contact Simon Arnold. **Entry is £16.50 each and this includes a fish & chips dinner**. It will be BYOB and any other snacks. Last year was a great event in a packed hall so let's help make this year's even bigger and better!

Carnival 2024

That brings us nicely onto the Old Windsor Carnival for 2024, this year's theme will be Musicals! We'll be involved across the weekend from **Friday 7th – Sunday 9th June**. We haven't yet decided what we'll be doing, maybe entering a walking party, or changing things up with a stall on the Saturday (maybe even both). If you'd like to be involved and have ideas, please let us know.

Future Productions 2024 and beyond!

We are looking for members who would like to make the leap into directing, whether you're completely new to it or haven't done it for a while.

There's nothing to fear, you would have the committee's full support every step of the way! Equally, if you don't think directing is for you but you have show ideas, please let us know. We have a wealth of experienced directors in the group who are only too happy to help ... Everyone must start somewhere.

Slots up for grabs this year, and in 2025, include the summer show or Pantomime. This year's Pantomime will be the **60th Panto produced and performed by Riverside** so we need to make it one to remember!

If you're interested in directing please take a look at the resources below to get yourself started:

<https://www.lazybeescripts.co.uk/> (we love this one)

<http://www.josef-weinberger.com/>

<https://www.stageplays.com/plays-by-publisher/Samuel+French+Inc>

<https://limelightscripts.co.uk/>

Additionally, we are looking for **Choreographers for Panto**, pantomimes usually have 7-10 routines per show, and these vary from large cast numbers to duos/trios. We need simple and effective routines that can be performed by all abilities, nothing to rival Billy Elliot, so we'd love someone with passion and creativity that they'd like to share. Like directing, you would have tonnes of resources and support from the committee. We have a video catalogue of routines from the last few years so can show you exactly what we're talking about. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please get in contact.

Without the support of our wider membership with directing and production of shows it falls to a very small group to maintain, and sadly it won't be sustainable forever.

Membership

From the AGM we'll be moving into the new membership year, subs are £20 and under-16s are £10. We will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Bank details are below.

Sort code :23-05-80 Account number :46799380



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