



Riverside Players Newsletter

May 2023

Spring has finally Sprung!

Hello everyone and welcome to spring! The temperature is rising and summer will soon be here, so let's talk about the...

Summer show

Rehearsals for our belated 60th anniversary summer show are in full swing, ready for our Saturday 24th June performance! We can promise a packed program, including a pantomime skit, lots of singing and dancing and more comedy!! The box office is now open and for the incredibly small price of **£5** you will get to see all of this and enjoy pizza with us at the end!! For **£5**! Shut up!!! We are planning to display biographies of the cast on the walls of the hall and we thought it would be lovely if any past members wanted to do the same! It would be lovely to show lots of different members over the years. If you are interested in having your bio on the wall then please get in touch!

Carnival 2023

This is on Saturday 10th June and the theme is "Kings and Queens". Riverside Players will be entering a walking party. As we are the Players, we will be dressed up as playing card kings and queens. So, if you want to walk around the village, waving at everyone and generally have a good laugh, then please let Vicki know. We will be meeting at the Memorial Hall at 12:00 to get prepared.

On Sunday 11th June it's Old Windsor's Got Talent, which is again lots of fun. So come along and either ask about being a judge or just watch the youngsters show their enormous talents off.

Panto 2023

We have an idea for this year's pantomime but to be honest we would love for one of you to come forward with some ideas and an offer to direct the show this year. You would have the full support of the committee and the society and we can help you as much as you need or want. So, if you have directed before and want to do it again or if you have always wanted to direct and create your own vision and make people laugh at the same time then please let us know!! We will have a panto meeting and script read on Monday 3rd July at 8pm at the hall.

Riverside Social Scene

The definite date in the diary so far is Sunday 10th September for the Alzheimers Society, Windsor Memory Walk at Alexandra Gardens. From the AGM this year, it was decided that our charity donation would be £160 to set up a team entry for this event.

Many of our members will have/had a relative or know someone affected by this dreadful disease and we hope that by putting together a team, we can enhance our charity donation with individual sponsorship to raise some extra money, whilst having a bit of fun and getting some exercise at the same time. There are 2 routes to choose from, 2km or 6.5km. Dogs are welcome too. If you would like to be involved then please get in touch for more details.

Membership

Lorna, our membership secretary, is busy collecting membership subs – Adults are £20 and under-16s are £10. Lorna will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Bank details are below. Sort code :23-05-80
Account number :46799380

The 2023/2024 Riverside Committee

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Future Productions for 2024

As we said earlier, we have a few ideas up our sleeves for this year and next year but we would love to hear from you!!

So, if you have ideas, don't be shy!..... please let us know and we can start planning.

If you fancy trying your hand at directing but have never directed before, then we can help! We have a wealth of experienced directors in the group who are only too happy to assist you ... after all, we all have to start somewhere. You will have the committee's full support so don't be afraid to throw your hat into the ring. Now's your chance! Seize the day! Slots up for grabs next year include Spring/Summer plays or of course, the Pantomime (oh yes, it is!)

"Jock" Cooper RIP

Finally, we end with some very sad news about a life-long member of Riverside Players – "Jock" Cooper, who sadly passed on 7th May. If you would like to pay your respects then the funeral is on Friday 9th June at 2:30. It will be held at St Edwards Catholic Church, Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ.

"Jock" was involved with many Riverside productions both on stage and as a director. He has also been our President for the past 10 years. His credits include directing the musicals Oliver! (1989) and Fiddler on the Roof (1992). He directed plays such as Seasons Greetings (2005) as well as writing and directing several pantos including Sleeping Beauty (2000), Jack and the Beanstalk (2006) and Aladdin (2010). He of course appeared on stage many, many times!

He will be greatly missed by us all at Riverside Players and we send our love and condolences to Hazel and the family.



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