



# Riverside Players Newsletter

June 2026

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

Whilst June may not yet be “busting out all over“, the Riverside committee are bursting with excitement as the read throughs for this year’s panto are less than a week away!

In case you didn’t read last month’s edition (naughty, naughty!) or you hadn’t heard....

## THE GRINCH

### Panto 2026: The Grinch

Joining forces to take on the mantle of panto director(s) this year are Samantha McCormack and Lorna Jupp-Rowlands who are looking forward to bringing this non-traditional panto to life with lots and lots of laughter and grinchy fun along the way!

This show features roles ranging from large principal parts to smaller fun filled chorus roles with everything in between and it’s a great opportunity for all to get involved.

If performing on stage isn’t your “thing” - do not fear! There will also be plenty of creative work needed behind the scenes - so if you fancy getting involved, please let us know or come down to meet us. The all important dates for your diaries are.....

**READ-THROUGHS**

**June 15 & 18**

8pm @ Memorial Hall

**AUDITIONS**

**Thursday 3 Sept**

@ Memorial Hall

**AGE**

**10+**

### Old Windsor Carnival 2026

Last weekend saw Riverside Players fully participating in the annual Old Windsor Carnival and although the rain (torrential at times) may have dampened our clothes, it could do nothing to dampen our spirits!

On Friday night, there was the time-honoured Donkey Derby, compered by our own Simon Arnold and although Riverside's donkey "Bauble Bandit" didn't make it over the finish line first, it did actually finish the race - which is always a blessing!

On Saturday, 2 very dodgy characters professing to be members of Riverside Players entered the Carnival procession dressed as "Only Fools on Horses" (see photo below) whilst Vicki, Jill and newest committee member Claire also braved the weather (wo)manning Riverside's drinks tombola - which much of the time meant hanging onto the gazebo, so it didn't blow away!

Our youth rep, Josie, was once again keeping spectators' spirits up singing her way around the village on the back of a lorry and Lorna, our esteemed Chairperson, commentated on the whole event for the afternoon.

On Carnival Sunday, Riverside once again organised and hosted **Old Windsor's Got Talent** on the rec - a fun event with lots of different acts from across the village. We had 8 acts in total this year including lots of lovely singing, dancing and even a magician! But our winner for 2026 was Alice who performed wonderfully for the village.



## The Future...

As mentioned in the last newsletter; currently we don't have any productions confirmed for 2027 or beyond. So, if you're interested in directing or have ideas for shows but don't know where to start please just reach out to one of the committee. For some ideas, why not take a look at these resources?

[Lazy Bee Scripts](#) (we love this one)

[Josef Weinberger](#)

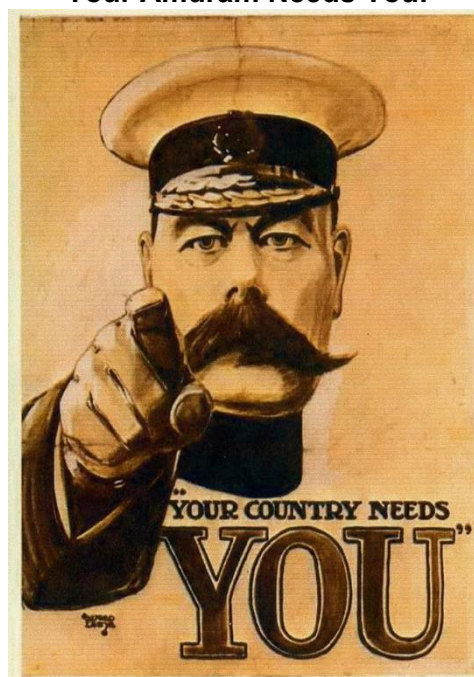
[Samuel French](#)

[Limelight Scripts](#) (Great for Pantos)

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.

To misquote General Kitchener ..

**Your Amdram Needs You!**



## Membership & Subs

<b>Adult</b> <b>£20</b>	<b>Under 16s</b> <b>£10</b>
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