

Riverside Players Newsletter

November 2026

Christmas is coming, the Grinch's sack is fat,
He's pinching all the presents and wearing a hat;
If he can't nab a bauble, a Mayor's Chain will do,
If he can't steal the Mayor's chain, he'll grumble at you!

The Grinch, The Pantomime

The Grinch is getting ready to steal the show!

Rehearsals are nearing their end, and we're bringing the festive fun to life with The Grinch. The cast is busy learning lines (you'd have thought that bit was done…), fine tuning their characters and polishing their dance moves, while the backstage team is working hard to make sure Whoville is ready for Christmas.

Are you tired of slushy love story panto's? Not interested in Dick Whittington's latest adventure or whether Puss has polished his boots? Then this is the panto for you! There's plenty of laughter in the rehearsal room, a growing sprinkle of Christmas magic, and lots still to come as we bring everything together. We can't wait to share the finished show with you!

Tickets are flying!

Ticket sales are flying but there's still time to get yours and enjoy a festive treat with family and friends.

Adults - £13

Seniors/Students - £11

Children - £9

Show dates: 4th–6th December and 10th –12th December

The Future...

There's a couple of potential Panto's on the table for 2027 but nothing is locked in yet, we're open to all ideas just get in touch with the committee. We do also still have the bookings for a Play or alternative show in June, anything is possible.

One of the biggest challenges we face is the manpower to facilitate the bigger productions. The bigger the show, the more work is needed behind the scenes and for this we need members and volunteers who would like to make the commitment. If you're interested in directing but don't know where to start reach out to one of us or please 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.

Membership & Subs

Adult	Under 16s
£20	£10

We will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Please include your name in the reference.

Sort Code:	Account Number:
23-05-80	46799380

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