



RIVERSIDE PLAYERS NEWS

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SHOW NEWS AND REVIEWS

Darling Mr London - co-directed by Alan Payn and Sam Sommerville. Rehearsals show a high level of flirtatiousness and hilarity which is always a good sign. Rumour also has it that it is the dreaded “no books” from next week – must be only 8 rehearsals from show time – how time flies!!

Not heard of this play? Don't worry you will not be disappointed – join us and you are guaranteed a good fun evening. Anybody who wishes to help with crew/production is most welcome to come along to rehearsals. check the website for rehearsal venue as we are not always in the Memorial Hall. Show dates are **Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th March** and the box office for *Darling Mr London* is now open and taking orders. Tickets are held at £9 for adults and £7 students and concessions. Set builds will be **Sunday 6th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March** with the technical on **Monday 21st** and dress rehearsal on **Tuesday 22nd** [Please note: this is a change to the dates in last month's newsletter]. Please put all the dates in your diary.

The Riverside Players Bar needs staff – who wants to help out – free drink and a bag of crisps for your efforts!! Contact jill@riversideplayers.com as quickly as possible as we only need 3 people per show.

FUTURE SHOW NEWS

Summer will see us off to Maplins Holiday Camp – Susan will be directing the brilliant TV sitcom *Hi-de-Hi* from **Wednesday 22nd until Saturday 25th June**. A read through is scheduled for **Monday 28th March** and auditions will be **Thursday 31st March** [Please note: This is a change of date from last month's newsletter] This show demands a large cast – young and old – male and female – so there is something for everyone. Also Susan will be requiring at least one person to help with the Direction and if possible a rehearsal assistant as well – if you want to be involved then get in touch – no experience required just enthusiasm.



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On Monday 7th March you will be able to download various items such as character synopsis, audition forms and soon after audition pieces. These will be short pieces that will allow you to be familiar with the lines and therefore really showcase your interpretation of the character at the auditions especially those relying on accents. Watching the TV shows can be a useful guide but I am not looking for actors who are like the TV stars – I am looking for people who can play the character whatever they look or sound like – each person can redefine the role as they see fit.

To indicate your interest or to find out more just email Susan@riversideplayers.com

Panto season will see another new show for Riverside Players hitting the spotlight – Simon will be directing *Scrooge – The Panto* ably assisted by Jonathon in his first Co-Directing role. More news on this much later but I can tell you having read the script options that it is funny with all the panto traditions including a Dame who works in the Sweetie factory owned by Mr Scrooge and all the famous characters from the Scrooge story. All important dates are – read through **Thursday 30th June**; auditions **Monday 4th July**; show dates **Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th** and **Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th December**. Want to know more? Then contact Simon@riversideplayers.com or Jonathan@riversideplayers.com

2012 – Yes it is Olympic Year but it is also a year that needs three great Riverside Players productions so please can we now have firm commitments for 2012 shows! Come on – there are loads of you who have experience with directing or perhaps you want to try your hand. First time directors need not fear, the committee is always supportive and we can find experienced Co-Directors if necessary. The sooner you commit the longer you and your committee have to plan – you know it makes sense – we are still waiting to hear from you ...

SOCIETY NEWS

AGM – Please do not forget that the AGM is only a few days away on **Monday 28th of February at 8pm in the guide hut**. We hope to see as many of you as possible, especially those interested in joining the committee or directing a future show, or simply to hear your views about the future. It's good to have new faces on the committee who get together for 6-8 meetings a year, these are usually held in the "Toby" on a Tuesday or Wednesday and it's a great way to get involved in the society. There are also money matters to decide – up to £300 is allocated for charitable donations - so your input is really valuable and important. If you have not received the AGM details, would like to put yourself forward for committee or have any question, suggestions or items to be put on the agenda for general discussion do get in touch with Vicki@riversideplayers.com

Membership Fees – will be due after the AGM and this year there will be a change in membership and show fees. The new membership fees will be **£20 for adults** and **£10 for children and associate members**. There will be a corresponding rise in Show fees, this will benefit people not appearing in all performances in the year. The show fee will be decided separately for each performance. The Show fee for *Darling Mr London* will be set at £15.



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Wardrobe news. So work progresses on sorting out the Riverside Players costumes and materials stores and at last we are coming to the end of the process. Well done to everyone involved especially Margaret and Susan. We know there are costumes out there to be returned so can we now have them back – we have the space!! We are happy to loan/hire costumes out but we must be more organised about the process to ensure that we do get things back and they are replaced in the correct boxes/rails. It's a complete nuisance when you cannot find something that should be there. There is still more to do so if you want to lend a hand you will be welcome – you will find us on Thursdays when we are at the Memorial Hall. We are happy to accept unusual costume items, prom dresses, hats, vintage pieces and materials/curtains.

Shed news – what is that we hear you say! Well the roof on the right hand shed for those that know the difference is leaking and has been causing trouble for some time now. At last we have a solution and the money to be able to pay for it – the cost equates to 1 years profits so not a small job or one that is being undertaken without a great deal of thought. The plan is – we clear the shed out on Sunday 26th June which is the Hi De Hi set clearance Sunday. The roof will be fixed that week with scenery/props put back the following Sunday July 3rd. Help will be required on both these dates so if you can lend a hand contact Simon or Jonathan.

OTHER EVENTS

Old Windsor Carnival – As advised last month the 2011 Carnival will be held on *Saturday 11th of June*. With the theme of 'Heroes or Villains' it has been decided to enter our walking party as "James Bond". So yes, someone can dress up in a suit and be **the man** but let's think more creatively – Kenny Everett big hands with a painted "goldfinger", "moon" stuck on the end of a "rake" you get the idea!! Don't forget all 007's sidekicks and the various villains – there is a lot of scope. Have a think and come down to join in the fun.

Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead Theatre Company are performing new stage drama **Bad Girls The Musical** at Norden Farm in Maidenhead from Tuesday 22nd through to Saturday 26th February. See the society website for more details <http://www.swmtc.co.uk/shows/currentshow.htm> or book direct at <http://www.nordenfarm.org/>. You might be interested to know that SWMTC are hiring Riverside Players radio mike's – so a nice additional income for us too.

MC/S will be performing **Mack & Mabel** at the Desborough Suite, Maidenhead from Tuesday 5th April through Saturday 9th April. Faces you know will be taking to the stage so do go along and support them. You can find more details at <http://mmcsonline.co.uk/default.aspx> and the box office number is 01628 624798.

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