



# Riverside Players Newsletter

## July 2023

**The sun has got his hat on, hip hip hooray! (for today)**

Happy July everyone!... where is this year going? Who can believe it's almost panto season again? So with that, let's talk about what's coming up next for us.....

### Summer show

The summer show was a great success, we performed to a packed crowd and have had some incredible feedback. It was lovely to take a risk on doing something a little different to such reward. Well done to all of the amazing cast and crew who pulled off such a slick performance in half the time we would usually take to rehearse and prepare.

### Old Mother Hubbard – The woman that lived in a shoe

Panto 2023 promises all the panto fun with an array of Nursery Rhyme favourites including Jack & Jill, Little Boy Blue, Little Miss Muffet. We have already had one read through to start introducing the characters and storyline but we will be holding a second on Thursday 31st August. Please come down and join us, even if you only want to get involved behind the scenes. Auditions will then be on Monday 4th September with the performances on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th and 9th December. There are lots of exciting roles and as ever panto promises to be lots of fun, so get in touch with Simon if you'd like any more information!!

### Windsor Memory Walk – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

The definite date in the diary so far is Sunday 10th September for the Alheimers 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. However additional sponsorship or donations towards this worthy cause are very welcome.

We have now entered a team "Riverside Players" with Lorna Cottrill as the registered team captain, if you'd like to join us at the 11am start then please register online and join our team. Dogs are also welcome so I'm sure some of our furry friends will be joining us.

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.

### Riverside Social Scene

As our summer break is upon us we're planning some fun social activities to get together before Panto is in full swing. Activities will be planned as we go but a few dates for the diary below:

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July** - Car Treasure Hunt. Meet at 4 Littlewood Place, Woodhurst Park, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 6DL at 8.00pm for a car treasure hunt finishing at a secret pub location.
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – Picnic in the Park. Meet at the gardens behind the Guide Hut Old Windsor at 7.30pm for a picnic, catch up, ball game or two and maybe a little quiz.

Further meet up's to be organised over the summer.

#### **The 2023/2024 Riverside Committee**

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## **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

## **Future Productions for 2024**

We have a few ideas for future productions but we'd love to hear from YOU! If there is any show you would like to see us perform, let us know.

If you fancy trying your hand at directing but have never directed before, there's nothing to be scared of! Equally if there's a show you think would be great fun to do, but you wouldn't want to direct yourself, we can look into it. We have a wealth of experienced directors in the group who are only too happy to help ... 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 or suggestions into the ring. Now's your chance! Seize the day! Slots up for grabs next year include Spring/Summer play or the Pantomime.

The 2024 Pantomime will be the society's 60<sup>th</sup> Panto performed so we need to make it our best one yet!



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