



Riverside Players Newsletter

November 2025

Is that the sound of Sleigh Bells we're starting to hear.... Oh no it's not! It's the Pied Piper calling us to buy Pantomime tickets!!

Pantomime - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Rehearsals are going very well for this year's Panto, the cast are having lots of fun and excitement is building for sharing what they've been working on with our wonderful audiences! If you want a sneak peak of what you have to look forward to check out our Facebook page or the new Instagram account @riverside_players_oldwindsor

Box office is now open!! You can buy your tickets at <https://www.riversideplayers.com/boxoffice.shtml>
Or call the box office on 07803705437.

We can't wait to see you there!

Set Builds and Wardrobe Clear Out

It's the moment you've all been waiting for, set build time!

Set builds for pantomime start this Sunday, 9th November, and all help behind the scenes is welcome, whether you fancy yourself as an artiste painting sets and designing props, a seamstress helping jazz up and make the costumes for our lovely cast, or you just like going up a ladder - we'll have a role for you. We'll be at the Memorial Hall from 10am on Sunday until approximately 2/3pm. This then continues each week on 16th, 23rd and 30th. In addition, we also have a Saturday set build on 29th which will start from midday for the rest of the afternoon, followed by a Puntos.

This Saturday, 8th November, we also have a Wardrobe clear out, yes you heard it here first folks, we will be tackling the treasure trove (or dusty cave) that is our wardrobe in the Memorial Hall. We'll be at the hall from 12pm, any help welcome but this will be purely costume sorting focussed, not a paint brush in sight.

Old Windsor Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival

This year we are planning to take part in the village Christmas tree festival, this is another opportunity to contribute to an annual Christmas event in the village and share some panto fun via a different channel. The event is what it says on the tin, we will be decorating a small Christmas tree with Pied Piper and Riverside theming, and it will be displayed in the Parish Church 22nd – 23rd and 29th – 30th November. Entry into the festival, or to view the lovely trees on display is free.

This is where you come in, if you have a small artificial tree, we could borrow we would be very grateful as ours is missing its top! Reach out to one of our committee members if you can spare a small tree this November, we promise you'll get it back.



Costume Return and Christmas Drinks

Whist we don't want to wish the rest of the year away, our last event of the year will be panto costume return, followed by Christmas drinks at the Fox and Castle Pub on 18th December. Everyone is welcome to join us for a drink, we'll be there from about 8.30 once we've packed away the final evidence of panto for the year.

Panto cast, please make sure you bring costumes back to the hall before going to the pub....

The Future

Currently we have nothing confirmed in the diary for 2026 or beyond so please let us know if you have any ideas! If we don't have a show in the diary for Summer 2026 by the end of 2025, we have made the decision we will move our focus straight to Panto for the year.

All slots are up for grabs from 2026 onwards, if you have an idea but aren't ready for next year you can get it in the diary for 2027, just speak to a member of the committee.

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 the resources below:

<https://www.lazybeescripts.co.uk/> (we love this one)

<http://www.josef-weinberger.com/>

<https://www.stageplays.com/plays-by-publisher/Samuel+French+Inc>

<https://limelightscripts.co.uk/>

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 are £20 and under-16s are £10. We will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Bank details are below (please include your name in the reference!)

Sort code :23-05-80 Account number :46799380

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