



Riverside Players Newsletter

August 2026

We're well on our way through summer, the sun is shining, the gardens are brown (mine is anyway) and September is in sight... which means only 1 thing, we're getting into the mood for Pantomime!

THE GRINCH

Panto 2026: The Grinch

June was just the beginning! Our read-throughs had everyone buzzing with excitement, bringing this year's wonderfully wicked Grinchy characters to life and sparking some serious creative energy. The fun has only just started — and now it's YOUR turn to step into the spotlight!

We are excited to invite you to auditions on **Thursday 3rd September at the Memorial Hall**- trust us, you do not want to miss this one.

Whether you've always dreamed of playing the iconic Grinch, fancy your chances as the fabulous Ice Queen, maybe a mischievous bat, or anything in between — there's a role with your name on it. This show is packed with brilliant characters for **all ages from 10 upwards**, so bring the whole family along and get ready to get stuck in!

AUDITIONS
Thursday 3rd Sept, 8pm
@ Memorial Hall

AGE
10+
Parents welcome

The Grinch has been banished from the town of Whoville, but he eventually returns to wreak his revenge.

Armed with the Harry Potter Big Book Of Magic Spells and masquerading as Santa Claus, he sets out to cause mayhem and ruin Christmas. Santa enlists the Snow Queen's help, to save Christmas. However, the Grinch is finally won over by the wide-eyed innocence of a kind young girl, and a little help from the Spirit of Christmas.

A parody of the famous character created by Dr Seuss, woven into a traditional British-style pantomime.

The Future...

There's nothing yet confirmed for 2027 so we're open to ideas!

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.

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 £20	Under 16s £10
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We will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Please include your name in the reference.

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