



# Riverside Players Newsletter

## February 2026

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 Riverside Players – Old Windsor UK

Happy New Year!!! (maybe a little late). We hope you all had a restful Christmas period and a great start to 2026. Where has the time gone, it's already almost 2 months since we scurried into the spotlight for Panto.

### Pantomime - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

The Pied Piper of Hamelin was a great success! We received fantastic feedback from audience members and NODA alike and as usual we all had a brilliant time performing and producing the show.

Congratulations to the lovely new members and crew who joined us. You all did amazingly well and we look forward to seeing you much more in the future.

If you didn't get to see us in 2025 do not fear, for we will return to a stage near you (if you live near Old Windsor) in 2026. You can also head to the website to see some fabulous photography from the show by Jeff Whitehall.

### Carnival Quiz

As has become quite the tradition we will be participating in the Old Windsor Carnival Quiz on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This is held at the Old Windsor Memorial Hall and tickets will include a quiz as well as Fish and Chips, you can also choose to opt out of the meal if you'd prefer to bring your own or simply quiz. Ticket prices will be £18.50 for Quiz + Fish and Chips or £8.50 to Quiz without food included.

If you'd like to be on the team reach out to a member of the committee to let us know, teams are up to 8 but there's nothing stopping us having more than 1 team.

### Old Windsor Carnival 2026

And on the carnival note this year's carnival weekend will be **5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

As usual we will be participating in events across the weekend and plan to have both a stall and walking party in the procession on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. As well as hosting Old Windsor's Got Talent on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to be involved pleased let us know, we'll need people manning the stall, having fun dressed up as something silly in the procession or as judges on Sunday, there really is something for everyone.

The carnival theme this year is: **The Year of the Horse**, think Nags Head, mounted police, hobby horses or even a pantomime horse. We haven't decided on our specific horsing around the village yet so if you have ideas on theme let us know.

### The AGM

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 8.15pm. If you are interested in joining the committee or any of the officer positions this is your opportunity! More information to come.

### Panto 2026

Oh yes, we're already looking to the Panto's of the future with read **throughs lined up for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June**, 8pm at the Memorial Hall. We can't share full details just yet but get it in your diaries.

### The Future ....

Currently we do not have anything confirmed for 2027 or beyond so please let us know if you have any ideas!

We're open to all ideas just get in touch with the committee. 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 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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