

AGM RTC Chair's report 8th June 2025

It's been a very successful year, albeit a challenging year. Leaving the Priory Centre has made it harder to put on a show and finding an appropriate venue to perform in has been challenging, but the Eaton's Centre has worked out for us so far as a rehearsal venue. Great Gransden wasn't a bad venue, but being out of town may have affected our numbers. Time will tell with that. The New Priory Centre work is finally under way so our local home will eventually return.

Since our last AGM, we said goodbye to Rowan, and recruited a new Tutor, Jacqui, who has been great. Jacqui also took on the role of Safeguarding Officer so that Emma Went could step down. Sadly, we find ourselves in a similar situation of having to find a new tutor. Jacqui has kindly agreed to stay on and do the safeguarding role, as well as help with stage management if she can.

Last year I reported our committee had grown, but sadly it has shrunk again. It's not all bad news though as some parents have been willing to help more and we now have a parent rota in place that takes the pressure off the committee to have to provide cover every week. Perhaps one or two would be willing to join the committee with time.

We remain profitable and were able to benefit from being one of the mayors' chosen charities, receiving a giant cheque for £1875 last month. More on the finances from Jacqui shortly.

We performed a great Christmas show in December and then Beauty and the Beast with the Juniors and 13 with the Seniors back in May. These both received very positive NODA reviews, and I have to say, were absolutely brilliant shows. The children were all brilliant. My thanks go to the Tutors for putting these together and everyone else who worked their socks off to make it all happen – including unsung heroes like Tony Rawson who made the sound work for us in an unknown venue. Thank you to Siobhan for generously taking such professional photos for us to sell.

So, what's in store for the next academic year?

A new tutor will be joining us, in some shape or form. We will need to focus on how we attract new members, particularly to the Juniors. And look to book a venue for our Spring production next year.

A special note of thanks from me to the committee:

Claire, who did some brilliant work coordinating the gap between the Tutors and the Committee and quite simply, made things happen. You did an amazing job.

Jacqui, our Treasurer, was there every day at every show selling sweets and refreshments and helping to strike the stage and clear up after the final performance. The way you are so organised with it all is sublime.

To Sarah who has helped out in all departments, selling, chaperoning, keeping us all in check and taking over as secretary. You sorted out our Governance, ensured we are all legal and ship shape and are always willing to give a helping hand.

To Meera for sorting out the T-shirts, out-selling everyone with the raffles and just mucking in. I am sad you are leaving the committee. You will be missed, and there will always be a place for you here. Thank you for everything.

Finally, to Jenny, my Vice-Chair, and someone who can always find a solution to problems. Whether its props and costumes, fuelling our meetings with cakes/biscuits, you are always there rolling up your sleeves getting stuff done, putting together raffles and selling tickets through to playing the piano as part of the band.

To me you, are simply the best committee I could ask for and it's an honour to work with you. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who have supported us and continue to do so.

Riverside Theatre Company Financial Report and Accounts for the financial year ending 31st August 2024

Overview

During the financial year, a surplus was made of £3,295. This was based on

- consistent pupil numbers
- tight control on spending
- both shows making a surplus

Bank accounts

Lloyds

- opened November 2022
- sole account

Balance sheet

Current assets	Notes	2023-2024
Lloyds current account		£ 11,109
Total cash funds		£ 11,109

General Fund

Balance at start of period	£	7,814
Additions or losses to balance	£	3,295
Total Cash Funds	£	11,109

**Riverside Theatre Company
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the financial year ending 31st August 2024**

Receipts	Notes	2023-2024
Group income (pupil subs)	2	£ 18,740
Clothing		£ 30
Show income (Xmas and Spring)		£ 9,493
Donations and grants received	1	£ 199
Gift Aid Repayment		£ 4,602
Joining Fee		£ 195
Other income	3	£ -
Total Receipts		£ 33,259

Expenditure		
Tutor fees		£ 17,711
Insurance	4	£ 552
Room hire + storage charges		£ 4,480
Clothing		£ 183
Show expenses (Xmas and Spring)		£ 6,011
Finance Charges		£ -
Other expenses		£ 282
Subscriptions		£ -
Website		£ -
NODA		£ 145
Community Ambassador		£ 600
Total Payments		£ 29,964

SURPLUS PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS **£ 3,295**

Riverside Theatre Company
Notes to the accounts
for the financial year ending 31st August 2024

Note 1

Donation from Lalonde	£	197
Donation from parent overpay	£	2
	£	199

Note 2

During the year the trustees offered full or part sponsored places to certain children.
This amounted to £349.00

Note 3

DBS checks	£	92
Gift for Independent Examiner	£	40
Gifts for Rowan	£	150
	£	282

Note 4

Insurance for the company	£	289.00
Committee insurance (new theatre)	£	263.00
	£	552.00

Jacqui Huckle
Treasurer of Riverside Theatre Company

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Riverside Theatre Company		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1057219
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		Date:	16/04/2025
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Name: Holly Adams

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): N/A

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None