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APRIL 2026

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

6th & 7th and 11th, 12TH & 13th JUNE 2026

Rehearsals are now well under way and tickets selling fast. Our 2 wonderfully talented and enthusiastic teams of children and our nuns chorus, who are already sounding incredible, are working hard with the rest of the very strong cast to ensure that this is going to be an amazing show.

It's worth booking tickets early to ensure that you're not disappointed. You can book tickets in the usual way via the Rotherfield Players website

Production Team:

- Director: Kate Organ
- Choreographer: Victoria Field
- MD: Sue Burnett
- Producer: Caroline Fish




Team Broadway



Team Hollywood



Rotherfield Players' 50th Anniversary Production



ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

6 & 7 June - 11, 12 & 13 June 2026

Performances: 7.30pm with matinees at 2pm on 6th (Sat), 7th (Sun) and 13th (Sat)

This amateur production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

“OUT OF ORDER”

1st—3rd October 2026

Production Team:

- Director: Derek Holland

Derek has provided the following information about the play:

The Story - Set in the late 80's so no mobile phones.

Richard Wiley, a Government Junior Minister, plans to spend the evening with Jane Worthington, one of the Opposition's typists. Things go disastrously wrong, beginning with the discovery of a “body” trapped in the hotel's only unreliable sash window. Desperately trying to get out of a sticky situation, Richard calls for his PPS, George Pigden who, through Richard's lies, sinks further and further into trouble with everybody and ends up going through an identity crisis. Things go from bad to worse with the arrival of Ronnie, Jane's distraught husband and with the addition of an unscrupulous waiter, Mrs Wiley and Nurse Foster, things really come to a head.

This is a well written and hilarious farce. It is hard to make me laugh out loud but this play still reduces me to helpless tears of laughter and I can't wait to direct it

CAST:

- Richard Wiley -A suave and successful man. Junior Minister.
 - ◊ Large part. Age 35 - 50
- The Manager. A severe man. Fairly small part. Age 45 - 70
- The Waiter -A nimble and wiley old servant. Medium part Age 55 - 80
- The Maid - A plump Italian woman. Small part. Age middle aged
- Jane Worthington- an attractive but dizzy young lady.
- A body - A nondescript middle aged man. Hilarious medium part. Few words near the end but on stage a lot.
 - ◊ Medium to large part. Age 25 - 35
- George Pigden - An upright pleasant man of nervous disposition.
 - ◊ Large part. Age 25 - 45
- Ronnie - An angry young man. Medium part. Age 25 - 45
- Pamela - An attractive sophisticated woman in her forties. Small part
- Gladys (Nurse Foster)A bossy but attractive woman in her forties. Small but hilarious part

NOTE It is possible to double up some characters like Gladys and the Maid

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Helen Barnaby and the 50th anniversary sub-committee are continuing to plan a celebration for later in the year.

Currently the proposed dates are early September. Watch this space for further information.



MEMBERS NEWS

Annual General Meeting:

The Players Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May 2026 in the committee room of The Rotherfield Memorial Hall at 8pm.

This is a great opportunity to hear what is planned and understand a bit more about how the players are run. It is also where next year's committee will be appointed. Everyone is welcome.

Membership renewal

Membership annual renewal / subs will also be due soon (obviously this isn't applicable to members who have joined for the current production).

Dates for your diary	
The Sound of Music	6th—13th June 2026
AGM	6th May 2026
50th Anniversary Celebration	Early September 2026
Autumn Production "Out of Order"	1st—3rd October 2026
Panto 2027 "Aladdin"	January 2027