



1934 - 2024

Clubrooms: 6 - 8 Castle Hill Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QP
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Summer 2024 25 - 27 July
and 31 July - 3 August

Nell Gwynn

by Jessica Swale

Directed by Max Walker

Autumn 2024 6 - 9 November

Blue Stockings

by Jessica Swale

Directed by Gary Winn

Spring 2025 20 - 22 March

Antigone

by Jean Anouilh,

translated by Lewis Galantière

Directed by Gregan Davis

Robin Hood - Cast Appeal!

Gill Page is looking for one more cast member for *Robin Hood & The Poor Knight*. Channel your inner Merry Man! Not a huge lot to learn and fun guaranteed. You can contact Gill direct at saracengill@me.com

Cast so far is:

Robin Hood - Scott Fenney

Maid Marion / Little John - Rachel Hall

Sir Richard - Charlie Grumbley **Abbot** - Lee Morris

Merry Man - to be confirmed

Spring 2025 Announcement

RADS Committee are pleased to announce that the Spring 2025 production will be *Antigone* to be directed by Gregan Davis. Jean Anouilh's version of *Antigone* was first performed in German-occupied France and its theme is resistance to oppression.

It is based on Sophocles' Greek tragedy of *Antigone*, who tried to bury her brother's corpse against the diktat of her uncle, Creon. Sadly, it is as relevant today as it was 2,000+ years ago.

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 8th April - Choral Speaking

CHORAL SPEAKING - led by Lynne Kerr. A well known actor once wrote - 'It is the duty of every actor to be heard'. The April club night will be devoted to using our voices. Come along and practise and hone your vocal skills in harmony with others in a choral speaking session. Fun vocal activities, working within a group and leading to a voice 'performance' to finish off the evening.

Monday 13th May - Radio Comedy

Charles Lambert will preside over a read-through of some fabulous radio comedy extracts which is likely to include segments from *Old Harry's Game*, *Cabin Pressure*, *Welcome to Our Village - Please Invade Carefully* and *Bleak Expectations*.

Monday 10th June - RADS AGM

Agenda and Nomination papers will be sent out in due course.



Chair's Corner

Happy Easter everyone, hope you are all well and full of chocolate. I'm so pleased to start my April chair's corner gushing again. Massive well done to our casts and directors of *Short Stories 2*. It was a wonderful night of comedy and I heard nothing but good feedback from everyone. It's fantastic to see the work of new RADS directors and I look forward to seeing what they produce in the future.

Auditions have already been held for our next two productions *Nell Gwynn* and *Robin Hood*, which is part of Mayfest. Make sure you get your tickets booked for *Nell Gwynn* they are already on sale, and like our usual Summer Shows I'm sure they will sell out fast so don't leave it too late!

Casts to be announced shortly! We are still on the lookout for backstage help for *Nell Gwynn*, in particular a stage manager - this will be a complicated show to call but I'm sure there is a RADS member out there who would love to rise to the challenge. If you're interested let us know ASAP.

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome Lee Bowles to our committee, who is taking on the vacant role of Social Secretary. So if you have any ideas for any future clubnights or social activities please let Lee know!

Remember as well we have our 90th anniversary ball coming up in June. We have put a lot of work into getting this organised, and it will be a wonderful evening. New and old members welcome and it's a fantastic excuse to get dressed up! Partners that are not RADS members are welcome.

Finally we've got some super fun and different clubnights coming up in the next couple of months so please head down and support our members that have taken the time to organise and put them on. Details to the left of this column!

Hopping into Spring,

Beki Stevenson

e-mail: chairman@richmond-ads.org.uk



90th Anniversary Dinner at The King's Head

A further reminder that as part of RADS 90th Anniversary year in 2024, we have arranged a ball to be held at The King's Head in Richmond on Saturday 15th June 2024. There will be a three-course dinner, a guest speaker, DJ and dancing. The price will be £38 per head.

If you haven't yet received a form with menu choices and payment details, contact our secretary Gregan Davis as they have to be returned by Wed 15th May. Members old and new are welcome, with their guests, but there is a maximum number for the occasion, so don't delay!

Mike Collingburn - Obituary

It is with great sadness that I write to let the society know that Mike Collingburn has died after a long illness. Lovingly cared for over these years by his wife, Maggie Collingburn, who is a past president and honorary member of RADS.

We remember how Mike was, at one time, very active in the society, both on-stage and back-stage, performing such roles as "Gosforth" in *Gosforth's Fete* by Alan Ayckbourn, as "Peter Quince" in our first production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and who can forget his wonderful portrayal of "the Old Oak Tree" in Maurice Maeterlink's play for young and old, *The Bluebird*.

We remember his ready wit, his sociable nature, his love of good company epitomised by Maggie and Mike hosting a memorable millennium party attended by many RADS members at the Collingburn's home at the turn of the century. He was a warm person who always looked on the bright side.

Our hearts go out to Maggie, James and Tom and we remember Mike with deep affection.

Warnock Kerr

USS Pinafore - ROS

Please support our friends at Richmond Operatic Society in what sounds like a hilarious take on G&S's HMS Pinafore, at the Georgian from Tues 21 - Sat 25 May 2024, boldly going where no Operatic Society has gone before...