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Newsletter Aug 2025

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Autumn 2025 5 - 8 November

Bleak Expectations

by Mark Evans

Directed by **Scott Fenney**

Bleak Expectations - Cast

Sir Philip Bin	James Sanderson
Pip Bin	Archie Amery
Harry Biscuit / Skinflint	Aaron Harland
Pippa	Coral Lincoln
Poppy	Caitlin Paterson
Gently Benevolent	Mike Walker
Hardthashers	Lee Morris
Agnes	Debbie Bowman
Bakewell / Guard	Elijah Enbom
Thomas / Broadly Fecund	Charlie Grumbley
Ripely Fecund	Rachel Hall
Director	Scott Fenney
Stage Manager	Beki Stevenson
Deputy Stage Manager	Kate Streatfield
Control Box	Alex Caffery
Costumes	Georgie Sale
Backstage	Chloe Reid, Bryn Turner Jack Davies, Karen Davies,
Properties	Amber Bell

Following two sets of auditions Scott has selected the above cast - congratulations to all! Smaller parts will be played by a mixture of the above Backstage Crew.

Scott is also searching for help with prompting - contact him or any committee member if you can assist in any way.

Richmond Town Hall Coffee Mornings 2025 - 26

Last year we ran a very successful coffee morning in the Town Hall where we made just short of £500- it was a 'fill in' rather than a regular spot.

This year I think it would be a good idea to apply for two in a year. But I can't do it on my own! They are from 9-12 Thursday and Saturdays.

I'll be coming around to ask for help- the punters loved it when we all dressed up to add flavour. Oh, and we always need BAKERS.

Keep any unwanted gifts for raffle and tombola prizes please!

So please help if you can. Watch this space.

Georgie Sale

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 11th August - No Clubnight

Monday 8th September - Snap and Solve Treasure Hunt

Dust off your detective hat and clear some space in your camera roll! Teams will scour the Clubrooms (and nearby haunts), cracking cryptic clues and snapping photo evidence at each stop. Expect riddles, dramatic re-enactments, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments as you race to piece together the final mystery. Less than a miles walk (if you get the clues right!) Phones charged, thinking caps on - see you at the starting line! Further details in the September newsletter.

Monday 13th October - Radio Sketches

Following on from last year's read-through of Radio Comedies, Charles Lambert will be conducting a similar read-through, but this time focusing on Radio Sketch shows - prepare for a highly amusing evening, if last year is anything to go by!

Sedgefield 2025

SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

THE 47TH SEDGEFIELD DRAMA FESTIVAL OF ONE ACT PLAYS 2025

PERFORMED AT SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL.
TUES 9TH - SAT 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

TUES 9TH SEPTEMBER SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS YOUTH SECTION 'TWELFTH NIGHT' by William Shakespeare SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS 'BUCKETS' by Adam Bonnard	FRI 12TH SEPTEMBER SALTBURN '53 DRAMA GROUP 'DRAG QUEEN'S STORY HOUR' by Craig Mannford BANANADRAMA 'HISTORY MAN' by Shari Gledhill
WEDS 10TH SEPTEMBER SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS 'MY BEST FRIEND' by Tomisin Ogilady RICHMOND AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY 'ANGER MANAGEMENT' by Robert Scott	SAT 13TH SEPTEMBER DRAMA AT A DISTANCE GROUP 'INSANE BARRYS' by Henry Logan FINAL ADJUDICATION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY BEN HUMPHREY, GODA
THURS 11TH SEPTEMBER BISHOP AUCKLAND THEATRE SOCIETY 'ALL BY MYSELF' by Robert Scott	TICKET PRICES Tickets for each night: £10.00 Final adjudication night ticket: £5.00 Season ticket: £30 (includes final night buffet)

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Lee Bowles will be directing *Anger Management* - a comedy by Robert Scott at Sedgefield Drama Festival, the week of 9 - 13 September. Our performance will be on Wed 10th September. Lee has had to amend the cast, which is now as follows:

Dr Clarke Karen Davies	McGowan Anthony Monarch
Losh Eleanor Harland	Polston Jennifer Roberts
Knifton Elijah Enbom	Ford Amy McBrearty

It would be great if you could support both RADS and our good friends at Sedgefield by attending on Wednesday and any other nights that take your fancy!



Chair's Corner

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What a whirlwind this summer has been so far! I hope those of you with kids are finding ways to keep them entertained, don't worry - the new school year isn't too far away!

First off, a huge congratulations to Charles and the entire *Monstrous Regiment* cast and crew. I saw it last Saturday alongside NODA's national president - Graham Liverton and his wife Ann, both were absolutely blown away by the show and had a fantastic time in Richmond. I spoke at length with Graham and he said that RADS was a real credit to NODA, to the town and to am-dram generally. John Holliday was similarly impressed and was full of praise for the whole production from cast to crew. Well done to all involved, you've done yourselves and the society proud!

Everything from the props, to costume, to the great light and sound cues, and of course the show itself was brilliant and I hope the new faces we've garnered for *Monstrous* will continue to be involved in the society! Audience numbers were great and their responses similarly positive, and there's been a great camaraderie amongst the cast and crew as they've brought this very challenging production to life, and to success. Well done all!

Up next we have '*Anger Management*' entered into the Sedgefield festival, please come along on September 10th to support Lee Bowles and his cast, let's keep our award streak going!

We're also now about to kick things off for the next major RADS production - *Bleak Expectations*, directed by Scott Fenney and showing in November. Whether you've read/seen the play already or not, this is one not to miss. Scott has indicated his directorial vision to me and I know that we're in safe hands. It's hilarious, ridiculous and all-round fantastic entertainment. Good luck to Scott, and the cast and crew as you embark on this very ambitious journey!

Our first RADS podcast episode has been released and can be viewed on YouTube here: Episode One - '*Monstrous Energy*' '*Backstage at the Clubrooms*' is a new podcast created by Chloe, our social secretary, and we're always on the lookout for new guests and specialist subjects! You can get into contact with her via the social secretary email or by approaching any member of the committee. Make sure to follow the YouTube channel so you never miss an episode!

Max Walker

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