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Spring 2026 18 - 21 March

THE MIRROR CRACK'D

by Agatha Christie

New adaptation by Rachel Wagstaff

Directed by **Lee Bowles & Gregan Davis**

Summer 2026 23 - 25 July
and 29 July - 1 August

The Tempest

by William Shakespeare

Directed by **Beki Stevenson**

Autumn 2026 5 - 7 November

The Cavern

by Jean Anouilh

Directed by **Gregan Davis**



Chair's Corner

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and that 2026 brings health, wealth and happiness for us all!

A big thank you in particular to Chloe, our social secretary, for organising the RADS Christmas Meal - I'm very sorry to have missed it due to being hit by the flu quite spectacularly.

The Mirror Crack'd, directed by Lee Bowles and Gregan Davis, is underway and tickets will be on sale for the general public from 21st of January so make sure you get them bought as soon as you can! I'm reliably informed that Friends of the GTR can get them from the 14th of January.

As has become a temporary tradition for these Chair's Corners: Beki is still on the lookout for driftwood (large). If you're taking some winter-walks along the coast (which I would argue is a lovely way to spend a Saturday!) please do keep your eye out for it.

Chloe has released two podcast episodes since I last mentioned them (I couldn't quite figure out how to get "Whodunnit?" into Seussian verse), please give them a listen as they're both very entertaining:

Episode 5 - 'Whodunnit?' - Lee Bowles talks with Chloe about all things Christie and the exciting nature of bringing *The Mirror Crack'd* to the stage.

Episode 6 - 'One Final Hrrumble' - in a special "Reunion" episode, Chloe and director Scott Fenney having a post-show catch-up to talk about the backstage chaos and fun, and reflect on what made *Bleak Expectations* such a special production. Please give these episodes (and the others, if you're not caught up yet) a listen, and subscribe to the YouTube channel "Backstage at the Clubrooms" so you don't miss an episode!

On Monday 12th January, Bill Kates will be holding an evening of Improv and Theatre Games so please do come along - it's sure to be informative and good fun!

Once again, Happy New Year to you all, let's make it a good one!

Max Walker
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RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 12th January - An Evening of Improvisation and Theatre Games with Bill Kates

Bill Kates is an American actor, voice artist, and audio theatre specialist with decades of training and experience in improvisational theatre. One of Bill's mentors was the late Gary Austin, founder of Hollywood's famous Groundlings, and a prime catalyst in the career of Paul "Pee-Wee" Reubens, among many others. Bill will offer us a chance to stretch our bodies and our limits as actors (no experience necessary) with a freewheeling night of improv exercises and games, designed to explore the possibilities within you, as yourself... and who knows what character may emerge? Please come prepared to participate and have fun!

Monday 9th February - NT Live Showing at The Station Cinema

Courtesy of Dan Westgarth, details to be confirmed.

Monday 9th March - To Be Confirmed

Monday 13th April - The Tempest Workshop

Prior to the main auditions on Wednesday 15th April, Beki Stevenson will direct a workshop to familiarise everyone with Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and her vision for this Summer's production.



It's Your Newsletter

A reminder that this is YOUR Newsletter - if there is anything that you would like to see, or publicise, please let us know. We get very little feedback or response to Newsletter content, so it would be good to learn if there are things that members are unhappy with or suggestions for future content!

You can email Mike Walker (Media Manager) at webmaster@richmond-ads.org.uk or contact any committee member.

Backstage at the Clubrooms - Podcast List

Most of you will be aware that our Social Secretary Chloe Reid has been producing a podcast about all things RADS since August 2025. Below is a link to the YouTube page and a list of all the currently available episodes, so you can catch up if you've missed one. Subscribe to the YouTube channel to ensure you don't miss any future episodes!

Backstage at the Clubrooms

- Episode 1: 'Monstrous Energy'
- Episode 2: 'Hrrumble'
- Episode 3: 'Perks, that's an Order'
- Episode 4: 'Transmogrification'
- Episode 5: 'Whodunnit'
- Episode 6: 'One Final Hrrumble'

NODA Summer School - Bursaries 2026

NODA's annual Summer School runs this year from Saturday 1st - 8th August at Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire. Course information for 2026 has been available from Monday 17th November.

NODA Theatre Summer School provides residential training to NODA members aged 18 and over using professional theatre practitioners. Booking for 2026 opened on 1st December 2025.

Support available for 2026

National Bursaries - worth £385
Training grants - available to NODA Regional Committee Members - worth £385
The Stephanie Sorgo-Hudson Benevolent Fund Student-funded bursaries - for first timers regardless of age
If you'd like to apply, simply let them know when you book and they'll send you an application form via email.

Applications for Bursaries/Training Grants opened on 1st December 2025 and close on 13th January 2026. Full details available on the [Summer School website](#).