



1934 - 2023

Clubrooms: 6 - 8 Castle Hill Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QP
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Summer 2023 27 - 29 July
and 3 - 5 August

MACBETH

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Clare Allen

Autumn 2023 9 - 11 November

WHISKY GALORE

by Compton Mackenzie / Philip Goulding

Directed by Mike Walker

Strictly Sex Factor (On Ice) - Second Read-through

Little Grimley Presents:
STRICTLY SEX FACTOR (ON ICE)

Max Walker is resurrecting this (Covid-postponed) one-act comedy for the Sedgefield Drama Festival (12 - 16 September 2023) and will be holding a second read-through / audition on **Sunday 9th July at 1600h**.

Characters are:

Gordon - Chairman of LGADS, frustrated by incompetence but full of (not very well thought-out) ideas.

Margaret - Leading lady of LGADS because, well, there isn't anyone else...

Joyce - LGADS Treasurer, not the sharpest tool in the box, and full of cold to boot. **NB:** Will be on roller skates at one point but only needs to be able to stand up!

Bernard - LGADS handyman / prompt - sardonic and unenthusiastic.

Could be pretty much any age over 30 but Joyce is a bit younger than the other three. Max will also be needing a Stage Manager - if you are interested please come to the auditions or contact him on 07703 137225

90th Anniversary Dinner Save the Date!

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 and welcoming drinks. The price and arrangements will be confirmed nearer the date but will be around the £35 per head mark.

So please save the date in your diaries as we wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

RADS Refresh of Membership Information

Attached to the email containing this newsletter will be a RADS Membership Application form. We would like to request all Members (not Friends) to fill in one of these forms and email it back to our Membership Secretary, Gregan Davis.

The reason behind this is to make sure our membership records are up to date and to include older members who may never have provided the information contained in the form such as email addresses, phone numbers and theatre-related interests.

Any member who has joined post-Covid doesn't need to send us a new form unless you know that any of your addresses or contact details have changed.

Going forward, it would be greatly appreciated by the Membership Secretary if you could let us know when any of your contact details change, so that we can maintain the database to be as current as possible. Thank you.



Chair's Corner

Hello Everyone,
Hope we have all been surviving the heat of the past few weeks. I am so grateful to be taking over as Chair of RADS and look forward to upcoming events both this year and next as we go into our 90th Anniversary year. Thank you to everyone that came along to our AGM - this is your society and it's so important to have your say in how things are run. Remember that anyone on our committee is available to chat and can bring any issues, suggestions or ideas you may have to a meeting throughout the year, it doesn't have to wait for the AGM itself.

A massive congratulations to our casts of *Stepping Out* and *Swive [Elizabeth]* who have both been nominated for Best Play at the NODA awards in October. An extra special congratulations to Jodie Martin who has been nominated for an Individual Adult Award for her role as Sylvia in *Stepping Out* and to Charlotte Finn who has been nominated for an Individual Youth Award for her role as Princess Elizabeth in *Swive [Elizabeth]*. These are completely deserved and it's fantastic to see the hard work our casts put into these productions to be rewarded in this way. Fingers crossed for some new silverware come 7th October!

Looking ahead I'm very excited to see our Summer production of *Macbeth*, I've heard great things. Ticket sales are ramping up so make sure you get yours booked if you haven't already. Beyond *Macbeth* we have auditions for our Autumn production, *Whisky Galore* and for one of our entries for the Sedgefield One Act Play Festival - *Little Grimley Presents: Strictly Sex Factor (On Ice)*. Both these shows will be looking for backstage help as well so if you want to be involved but don't fancy treading the boards do get in touch.

Remember even if you aren't involved in the current production there are clubnights every month (except August) and these are a great way to catch up with society members both old and new. Our September event is a trip to Newcastle to see *Noises Off*, and there are spaces still available so drop Gregan a message if you want to come along and I'll hopefully see you there!

Stay Amazing, **Beki Stevenson**
e-mail: chairman@richmond-ads.org.uk

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 10th July 2023 - National Theatre Play

We will be showing *No Man's Land* from the National Theatre's vast back catalogue in the Club Rooms, using our new projector and screen. Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart lead the cast in this glorious revival of Harold Pinter's comic classic.

One summer's evening, two ageing writers, Hirst and Spooner, meet in a Hampstead pub and continue their drinking into the night at Hirst's stately house nearby. As the pair become increasingly inebriated, and their stories increasingly unbelievable, the lively conversations turns into a revealing power game, further complicated by the return home of two sinister younger men.

Prompt start at 1930h, bring your own popcorn! There is no charge for this event.

Saturday 15th September 2023 14:30pm - 'Noises Off'

NOISES OFF by Michael Frayn
NEWCASTLE THEATRE ROYAL
2.30pm SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

The September Clubnight will be a trip to see the Saturday matinee performance. We have tickets in the Grand Circle which are priced at £37. Tickets have to be paid for by Friday 7 July. Details were given in the May newsletter.

If you would like to add your name to the list of RADS members attending, please email Gregan - secretary@richmond-ads.org.uk

Whisky Galore - Read-through and Auditions

After a bit of a delay waiting to hear from the rights-holders, we can finally announce that RADS Autumn 2023 production will be *Whisky Galore*, to be directed by Mike Walker. There will be a readthrough on Tuesday 15th August followed by Auditions on Thursday 17th August, both in the club rooms at 1930h. Contact Mike if you would like to be considered but are unavailable on these dates. Please note this is an all-female production, we will have something for our gentlemen to do in the near future!

Character information has been emailed with this newsletter and is now available on the website Member's Information page. In the meantime, Mike will be pleased to receive any offers of backstage help on 07866 436611 or email webmaster@richmond-ads.org.uk

Mike will also be in need of empty whisky bottles, so please bring any clean, clear, cork-stoppered (not screw-cap or unusually shaped) bottles to the club rooms. Support RADS! Drink Whisky!