

1934 - 2024

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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 - Mayfest

Gill Page has now fully cast *Robin Hood & The Poor Knight*. RADS performances will take place on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Richmond Castle, at 11:30 and 14:30h - come along and enjoy the fun!

Cast is:

**Robin Hood** - Scott Fenney **Merry Man** - Lee Bowles  
**Maid Marion / Little John** - Rachel Hall  
**Sir Richard** - Charlie Grumbley **Abbot** - Lee Morris

## Future Productions

RADS Committee can announce that we now have a full programme of productions extending up to Autumn 2025. The Spring 2025 production will be *Antigone* to be directed by Gregan Davis (see April Newsletter); Summer 2025 will be Stephen Briggs' adaptation of *Monstrous Regiment* by Terry Pratchett, to be directed by Charles Lambert; and Jodie Martin will be taking the helm in Autumn 2025 for *Bleak Expectations* by Mark Evans, a gloriously daft Dickensian romp based on the award-winning Radio 4 series. It is described as 'the story Charles Dickens might have written after drinking too much gin...'

## RADS Social Events

### Clubnights

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June - RADS AGM

Agenda and Nomination papers will be sent out in due course. Please don't miss your opportunity to vote for Best Actor and Actress for the Lindon Medals, and all members are welcome to apply for election to the Committee, you just need a proposer and seconder.

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - RADS Ramble

A short walk culminating in the opportunity to partake at a local watering hole. Details to follow!



### Chair's Corner

May already?! Where has the year gone? (Although the weather is still feeling distinctly wintery....)

It's been another busy month for RADS, *Nell Gwynn* is now cast and rehearsals are well underway. We are on the lookout for some backstage support in particular props and costume co-ordinators. If you are interested please let us know ASAP. We could also do with programme sellers for both weeks of the show, why not lend a hand for an evening before the performance? Remember to get your tickets booked they are on sale now!

Hope to see as many of you as possible supporting RADS as part of Mayfest on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Richmond Castle. The performance of *Robin Hood and the Poor Knight* is on at 11:30am and 2:30pm It's free entry, I'm sure it will be great fun! We have also entered a RADS duck in this years duck race, also on 6<sup>th</sup> May down at the Green Bridge at 2pm. If you haven't seen 1000s of plastic ducks thrown into the swale before definitely head down it's worth the watch!

Polite reminder that there is still work going on with the over-hanging toilet so please if you are in the clubrooms, do not go in there whilst this is happening.

There's not too much time left to get your ball tickets booked! The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> May to get your meal choices in to Gregan, payment can be made after this point if needs be but make sure you get your spot reserved, it's gonna be a great night of dinner and dancing!

Finally May's clubnight is going to be a look at radio comedy run by Charles Lambert, featuring extracts from *Bleak Expectations*, *Cabin Pressure* and more. It's great to see our clubnights well attended especially when our members have put lots of effort into organising them so please come along if you can.

Have a great month and I hope to see you around Richmond soon!

**Beki Stevenson**

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## Nell Gwynn - Help Required!

<b>Nell Gwynn</b>	Sam Morrison
<b>Rose Gwynn</b>	Helena Langford
<b>Nancy</b>	Nicola Stephenson
<b>Old Ma Gwynn</b>	Lou Sadler
<b>Queen Catherine</b>	Debbie Barrigan
<b>Lady Castlemaine</b>	Rachel Hall
<b>Louise de Keroualle</b>	Jenny Veitch
<b>King Charles II</b>	Dan Westgarth
<b>Charles Hart</b>	Mike Walker
<b>Thomas Killigrew</b>	James Sanderson
<b>Edward Kynaston</b>	Aidan MacFarlane
<b>John Dryden</b>	Graeme Mulvey
<b>Lord Arlington</b>	Gary Winn
<b>Ned Spiggett</b>	Lee Bowles
<b>Ensemble</b>	Julie Winn

Max Walker is delighted to announce the above cast - rehearsals are now well under way! Also onboard are Bev Owens (Stage Manager); Brian Rogers (Control Box); Suzy Brown (Wigs & Makeup); Kate Streatfield (Prompt); Georgie Sale (Costume Design).

We are still desperate for someone to take on Props and Costume co-ordination - please contact Max or any committee member asap if you can help.



## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at The King's Head

A further reminder that as part of RADS 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2024, we have arranged a ball to be held at The King's Head in Richmond on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May. Members old and new are welcome, with their guests, but there is a maximum number for the occasion, so don't delay!