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Newsletter May 2025

Clubrooms: 6 - 8 Castle Hill Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QP
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Summer 2025 24 - 26 July
and 30 July - 2 August

Monstrous Regiment

by Terry Pratchett,

adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs

Directed by **Charles Lambert**

Monstrous Regiment - Cast Announcement

There are a couple of key roles still to cast, please contact Charles if you are interested (see [website](http://www.richmond-ads.org.uk) for details) and some minor roles (not listed below) which may be doubled. Also we are still looking for a prompt!

Polly	Chloe Reid
Maladict	Eleanor Harland
Shufti	Alex Caffery
Igor / Mary	Rachel Hall
Lofty	Not yet cast
Tonker	Georgie Robertson
Wazzer	Chloe Gillie
Carborundum	Howard Firth
Sgt. Jackrum	Mike Walker
Strappi	Lee Bowles
Lt. Blouse	Dan Westgarth
Major Clogson	Not yet cast
Vimes	Stewart Kerr
Scallot / Derbi	Gary Winn
Otto / Keep Guard / Land-lord	Joe Burke
Mrs Enid / General Froc	Dianne Hagan
Rust / Captain Horentz	Alan Paine
DeWorde / Keep Captain / Towering	Archie Amery
Angua	Not yet cast
Director	Charles Lambert
Stage Manager	Steph Williamson
Costume	Georgie Sale
	Rebecca Broadbent
Properties	Charles Lambert
Control Box	Scott Fenney
Prompt	Vacant

Autumn 2025 5 - 8 November

Bleak Expectations

by Mark Evans

Directed by **Scott Fenney**

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 12th May - 'Voice' with Kathryn Carrick

Kathryn is a qualified teacher of Speech & Drama and was a member of Hull Playgoers at the same time as Gregan. She will be leading a workshop on 'Voice' with the theme of Famous Speeches, focusing on things such as use of pauses, light & shade, clarity. It would be useful if anyone intending to attend could let Gregan know so that Kathryn has an idea of male/female balance.

Monday 9th June - RADS AGM

Our annual AGM during which you can hear how well (or badly!) we've done and ask any burning questions you might have. Pre-AGM documents will be sent out to all Members in the near future, please note carefully the date (Monday 26th May) by which nominations for committee and performance awards need to be returned to the Secretary.

Monday 14th July - Bleak Expectations Read-Through

Scott Fenney will be directing this extremely funny Dickensian romp for our Autumn 2025 production and will be hosting this read-through and no doubt conveying some of his proposed plans!

Monday 11th August - No Clubnight

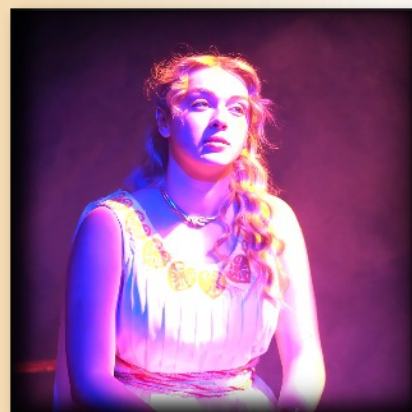
Bleak Expectations - Props

Our Autumn production, Bleak Expectations, is a very props-heavy show, so our director, Scott Fenney, is looking for some help with props relatively early in the production calendar. If you can help with making or sourcing props (you don't necessarily have to commit to being present during performance week) please contact Scott at publicity@richmond-ads.org.uk or via any committee member.

Directors Wanted!

As a society we feel it is healthy to encourage all our members to have a go at directing a play. We are now inviting submissions for the Sedgfield Festival Sept 2025 (one-act) and for 2026 and 2027, so if you would like to put yourself (and a play) forward, please contact the Chairman or any committee member ASAP.

If you have not previously directed for RADS you will be required to direct a one-act play first before being let loose on a full-length play.



Chair's Corner

It's May and it feels like we've actually had a bit of Summer!

We are heading towards our AGM and I wanted to highlight a bit of information for our newer members who might not realise how important this meeting is!

The RADS AGM is held once a year in June, and it is your chance as a member to raise any comments and concerns about how the society is being run. There is a reflection on the year from myself as chair, a report on society funds from Alex our treasurer, the election of the RADS committee for the coming year and the awards for performances.

Although it might not be the most thrilling of our clubnights, we do need a strong attendance from our membership to be able to vote in our new committee and pass any agenda points so please try and keep your diaries free to attend on the 9th June.

Gregan will be emailing out papers for the AGM in the next couple of weeks, so please keep an eye out for them. If you are wanting to stand for committee, the nomination papers will be a part of this, as well as the nominations for any of our society awards. If you also wish to raise any concerns under Any Other Business during the AGM, this is the point at which you need to let Gregan know. All the information must be received by Gregan no later than two weeks before the AGM takes place.

If you have any questions about how this process all works please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the committee!

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Beki Stevenson

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

Richmond Meet Monday 26/05/25

This year, for the first time in a short while, RADS will be taking part in the Whit Monday Richmond Meet float parade and are looking for members to come along and take part, dressing up in costumes and showing off RADS as a society, handing out flyers etc.

Naturally, we are looking for any members, past or present, who want to be involved to come along and be a part of the parade - please contact Beki or any committee member.