



1934 - 2024

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Autumn 2024 6 - 9 November

Blue Stockings

by Jessica Swale

Directed by Gary Winn

Antigone - Readthrough and Audition Schedule

Gregan will be hosting a readthrough of *Antigone* on the November clubnight, **Monday 11th November 2024**. The auditions will be the following night, **Tuesday 12th** at 1930h, with **Thursday 14th** reserved for follow-up auditions if required. Production dates are 20-22 March 2025.

Character guidelines were given in the October newsletter and are available in the Member's Info section of our website.

In addition, Gregan has added the following date for anyone interested in helping out behind the scenes:

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Creatives Evening: All welcome to a sneak preview of what Gregan hopes will be the 'look' of the play. Anyone who has any expertise in / experience of set construction, making costumes or props is invited to cast an eye over Gregan's ideas and give him the benefit of their experience. There is NO COMMITMENT to become involved with the production by attending but... Enjoy some CAKE as well.

In addition, the show will need someone to PROMPT and someone to be in the CONTROL BOX [no experience required]

AND if anyone would like to learn the 'dark arts' of Stage Management ALEX CAFFERY, who will be stage managing the production, is willing to mentor an ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER. *Antigone* is not a technically demanding show and would be a good production to learn on for both Stage Manager and Control Box roles.

If you would like to audition but Monday, Tuesday or Thursday are not possible, please contact Gregan at dgregan@hotmail.com to arrange a mutually convenient time, or similarly if you would have liked to attend the Creatives Evening and are interested in helping out.

Spring 2025 20 - 22 March

Antigone

by Jean Anouilh,

translated by Lewis Galantière

Directed by Gregan Davis

RADS Costumes Coffee Morning - Saturday Dec 7th

Saturday December 7th Town Hall Richmond, 9am -12
Help provide fab costumes for RADS!

We have been offered this slot to run a coffee morning through a cancellation and it is one of the prime money making spots of the year!

Georgie desperately needs help with the event. It is the cakes and tombolas that always make the money at these do's. So please if you can :

1. Offer to help on the morning (need a team of 6+)
2. BAKE BAKE: cakes traybakes, mince pies, little cakes. These can either be sold as a whole cake or six little cakes on a paper plate, or cut up for people to have with their coffee.
3. Get rid of those unwanted presents and donate them as TOMBOLA or RAFFLE prizes. Perhaps your own business can donate something? Or bake a fancy cake? Or a bottle of something ?

It would be great if a few people could dress up.

The money from this will enable me to buy some fabrics rather than rely on old curtains for our productions. This is a great opportunity to make some money for RADS
PLEASE HELP!

You can contact Georgie direct with offers of help or for more information at georgiesale1@gmail.com or phone 07886 277675 asap.

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 11th November - *Antigone* Readthrough

Gregan will be conducting a readthrough of our Spring 2025 production prior to auditions on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th.

Monday 9th December - RADS Christmas Dinner

The Black Lion, Finkle Street, Richmond – 7pm for 7.30pm. Menu and booking details were attached to the October Newsletter, but please contact Gregan if you don't have them for whatever reason - menu choices and payment to be made before 30th November please. Come and reminisce over another fabulous calendar year for RADS, our productions, awards and plans for the immediate future. Partners welcome!

Monday 13th January 2025 - Quiz Night

Clear those mince-pie addled brains with a fun quiz from the fiendish mind of Alex Caffery. There may or may not be prizes, depending on whether we've paid the scaffolder yet...

Monday 10th February - National Theatre Showing

Dan Westgarth (RADS member and manager of the Station Cinema) has kindly offered to host a RADS club night at the Station Cinema for a private screening of one of the much-praised National Theatre productions, *Prima Facie* starring Jodie Comer in a virtuoso performance.

Monday 10th March - *Monstrous Regiment* Readthrough

Charles Lambert will be hosting a readthrough of our Summer 2025 production and delving into the devious mind of Terry Pratchett (probably).



Chair's Corner

Happy November! The smell of bonfires and fireworks is in the air, the nights are drawing in... I'm not sure where this year has gone!

I hope everyone has got their tickets booked for *Blue Stockings*, literally on this week! The rehearsals have been incredibly enjoyable and it is looking fantastic (if I do say so myself) big thank you to Gary for bringing such a wonderful show together.

Thank you everyone who came along to our games night, remember our upcoming clubnights are *Antigone* read-through (11th November) and then we have our Christmas meal as our December outing at the Black Lion (9th December). Partners are welcome to the Christmas meal (as they are to all clubnights) make sure you have sent Gregan your meal choices no later than 30th November.

If you have any suggestions for upcoming clubnights in the new year, whether it is something you would like to host or something you would like to see us do, please reach out!!

I normally talk about a range of things in my chairs corner but unfortunately between rehearsals and a small child I forgot about the deadline for this one.. (sorry Mike!) so I shall finish off with a funny poem I found online:

The Understudy

I'm an understudy, waiting in the wings,
for the chance to take the stage, and sing.
Knowing, one day, I'll be told, "it's time
to take the lead – get out and shine."
And a thousand puzzled faces will stare at me,
This stand-in up-and-coming wannabe,
And mutter, "where's the star we came to see...
And just exactly who is she?"

See you in the bar after the show!

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