



Newsletter Sep 2024

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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



Chair's Corner

Well it didn't feel like much of a Summer but it's over already! Rehearsals for *Blue Stockings* are well underway, tickets are already on sale so if you're not involved in this production why not get your seats booked and support your fellow RADS members that way!

As you may have noticed if you've been in the clubrooms lately, there is still set being stored upstairs and scaffolding up at the back. Unfortunately the repair work that needs to be undertaken has been more complicated than expected (because when are these things ever simple??) and we have had to liaise with a structural engineer as part of the process. The scaffolding is likely to be coming down shortly but will have to go up again, so please for the time being, do not go into the overhanging toilet.

A reminder that if you have not paid your membership following the AGM please get it paid ASAP. This is especially vital if you are involved in *Blue Stockings*, if you don't pay your membership you are not insured when you perform so no payment = no performance!

We have got some great clubnights coming up not least September's where we have guest David Lawrence coming along to chat about the possibility of putting on a Mummer's play in December. He came to a committee meeting last month and it sounds like a fun show to get involved with, but this only works if members are keen, so come along on Monday 9th to hear what he has to say.

And finally, remember it is the Sedgefield festival from the 10th to the 14th of September, with RADS performing *Bride Before a Fall* on Friday 13th (oooooh) it's always fantastic to see RADS members there to help support the cast and you can normally get tickets on the door, so why not get a car load of members together and head up the A1 for an entertaining evening?

Looking forward to catching up with members soon!

Beki Stevenson

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RADS Social Events

Clubnights

Monday 9th September - Mummers Play

David Lawrence will be hosting a readthrough and showing a DVD of his Mummers Play which we intend to perform at Christmas this year.

Monday 14th October - Games Night

Beki and Alex will be providing (and explaining) board games both usual and unusual - just turn up and play a selection from their eclectic collections!

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

Details will follow nearer the time - put the date in your diary!

Friends of RADS - New Benefits now incorporated

Following discussions within RADS Committee on how to make our Friends Scheme more attractive and beneficial to subscribers, we have come up with the following (first advertised in the *Nell Gwynn* programme):

Monthly newsletter

Your name(s) in our programme

10% discount on your ticket for RADS productions

Access to Club Nights and other activities

**Subscription £12 single or £20 per couple, due 1st June each year.
Help to keep Live Theatre in Richmond!**

To subscribe or for further details contact our Membership Secretary Gregan Davis on 01748 517051 or e-mail membership@richmond-ads.org.uk

We would also like to point out that current Members can also be Friends and further help to support us in our endeavours! We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our existing Friends and hope you will find the improved benefits useful.

Blue Stockings - Cast Announcement

After spreading the net far and wide, Gary is pleased to announce the following cast. A very warm welcome to new members Bryn, Steven, Ian, Chloe and Alex, and nice to see some members back that we haven't seen for a while. Congratulations to all those cast!

Tess Moffat	Charlotte Finn
Celia Willbond	Joanne Wilkinson
Carolyn Addison	Rachel Hall
Maeve Sullivan	Beki Stevenson
Ralph Mayhew	Scott Fenney
Will Bennett	Dan Westgarth
Lloyd	Bryn Turner
Holmes	Steven Berry
Edwards	Lee Bowles
Elizabeth Welsh	Gill Page
Dr Maudsley / Mr Peck	Charlie Grumbley
Mr Banks	Andy Spivey
Miss Blake	Debbie Barrigan
Professor Collins	Warnock Kerr
Professor Anderson	Ian Woods
Professor Radleigh	Howard Firth
Minnie / Waitress / Maid	Chloe Reid
Miss Bott	Susie Ordish
Billy Sullivan	Alex Charlton
Miss Lindley	Jackie McLeod
Librarian / Lady in Cafe	Jennifer Roberts

RADS at the Sedgefield Drama Festival 2024

Lee Bowles and his original cast are repeating *Bride Before A Fall* (Short Stories 2) for the 2024 Sedgefield Drama Festival, the performance taking place on Friday 13th September.

Please come and support Charlotte, Jennifer and Dan - ticket info was on the poster in last month's newsletter and there is also a link to online purchase on [Sedgefield Players](http://SedgefieldPlayers) website.