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Newsletter Apr 2025

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Spring 2025 20 - 22 March

## Antigone

by Jean Anouilh,

translated by Lewis Galantière

Directed by **Gregan Davis**

### RADS Social Events

#### Clubnights

##### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - 1788: *Tryphosa* Workshop

Gary Winn will be having a read-through and workshoping a play which he has put together around the life of Tryphosa Butler - wife of Samuel Butler, the Georgian Theatre's first actor-manager.

##### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

##### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

### MayFest Casting

Following on from last year's successful RADS debut at MayFest, we are repeating the exercise with a short play called *Dr Reynard*, a hilarious and occasionally disgusting play for all the family, again directed by Gill Page. Performances will be Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Castle. After a read-through / auditions on March 24<sup>th</sup>, Gill has cast the following:

**Grimbert / Noble** - Archie Amery  
**Isengrim** - Charlie Grumbley  
**Narrator / Primaut** - Scott Fenney  
**Reynard** - Rachel Hall  
**Tibert the Cat** - Lee Bowles

### In memoriam - Avril Clarke

Having received the news in early February, we are sorry to report that Avril Clarke has passed away. Avril was a longstanding supporter, friend, and member of RADS. She was for many years, our membership secretary, and was always around to welcome new members to the fold.

She carried out her role with quiet efficiency which was appreciated by everyone, and we remember her with affection.

from **Warnock Kerr** (President)

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**

Autumn 2025 5 - 8 November

## Bleak Expectations

by Mark Evans

Directed by **Scott Fenney**

### Monstrous Regiment - Cast Announcement

As we go to press, Charles is en route back home after a well-earned holiday, and will be confirming the cast and crew for *Monstrous Regiment* on his return (jet-lag notwithstanding!). We will give a full list in the next newsletter and the details will also be available on our website as soon as practical.

There are a couple of key roles still to cast, please contact Charles if you are interested (playing age late teens to early 20's) and some minor roles which may be doubled.



### Chair's Corner

Hello one and all, and welcome to April's Chairs corner. Let's start off with a big congratulations to the cast and crew of *Antigone*. A complicated script so wonderfully handled and beautifully performed, perhaps we will see another NODA award or two on the horizon??

Moving on to our next show, *Monstrous Regiment* to be performed this Summer. We are still looking for some young ladies (playing age late teens / early 20s) to fill a couple of roles so if you know anyone or you fit this criteria please don't hesitate to reach out and we can get you a script to look at. We are also looking for some backstage help including a prompt so please if you can support this production let us know!

Also coming up performance-wise we have our now regular slot at Mayfest in the Castle. Why not come along and support the RADS members that will be braving whatever the elements choose to throw at them in Richmond Castle on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Locals to Richmond will know that on the late May Bank Holiday (This year on the 26<sup>th</sup> May) there is the annual Whit Monday parade through the town. I am hoping to put together a team with a float to be involved this year - if you are interested in donning a costume and handing out leaflets to advertise *Monstrous Regiment* please drop me an email!

We have some fun clubnights coming up so why not pop along to one? In April Gary will be doing a read through of his self-penned play *1788: Tryphosa*. We are so lucky to have RADS members running workshops for us so please try to get along to support them.

Just a note to say that due to lack of use and an increasingly toxic environment, RADS have decided to delete our X (formerly Twitter) account - we don't think it will be missed by many! We still have a presence on Facebook and Instagram.

And finally just a reminder that our AGM is on the horizon on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please try to keep the date free to come along, it's really important to have as many RADS members as possible attend. Paperwork will be sent out in due course.

Stay chilled, **Beki Stevenson**

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