



1934 - 2025

Newsletter Jun 2025

Clubrooms: 6 - 8 Castle Hill Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QP
www.richmond-ads.org.uk

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 - Finally, Final Cast Finalised!

We are still looking for some backstage help, including a prompt. Please contact Charles Lambert for further details if you are interested.

Polly	Chloe Reid
Maladict	Eleanor Harland
Shufti	Alex Caffery
Igor / Mary	Rachel Hall
Lofly	Elijah Enbom
Tonker	Georgie Robertson
Wazzar	Chloe Gillie
Carborundum	Howard Firth
Sgt. Jackrum	Mike Walker
Strappi	Lee Bowles
Lt. Blouse	Dan Westgarth
Major Clogson / Angua	Belinda Curtis
Vimes	Stewart Kerr
Cpl. Scallot / Maj. Derbi	Gary Winn
Otto / Keep Guard / Land-lord	Joe Burke
Mrs Enid / General Ksupi	Dianne Hagan
Lord Rust / Capt Horentz	Alan Paine
DeWorde / Keep Captain / Towering	Archie Amery
Sgt. Lipschitz / Gen. Froc	Scott Fenney

Autumn 2025 5 - 8 November

Bleak Expectations

by Mark Evans

Directed by **Scott Fenney**

RADS Social Events

Clubnights

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

Monday 8th September - To Be Confirmed

Monday 13th October - Radio Sketches

Following on from last year's read-through of Radio Comedies, Charles Lambert will be conducting a similar read-through, but this time focusing on Radio Sketch shows - prepare for a highly amusing evening, if last year is anything to go by!

Subscription Reminder

Note that current Members should renew their subscription at the AGM, or by the end of August. The annual subscription fee is £20 (Students £5). Friends £12 (£20 / couple) membership is also due. Please send your cheque for continued membership - payable to RADs - as soon as possible after the AGM - to the Membership Secretary at the Clubrooms. We will have a card reader available for those who would like to pay at the AGM on the night, but it is also possible to pay by BACS using the following details:

Richmond Amateur Dramatic Society

Sort Code 20-25-29 Account No. 20024554

When paying by this method, please include as the reference: **Subscription + Surname** to enable the Treasurer to identify the payment.



Chair's Corner

Hi everyone, I can't quite believe I'm already writing my last chair's corner, the past 2 years seem to have flashed by!

Please please please make sure you attend our AGM on 9th June to vote in the new committee, we need to have as many members attend as possible to be quorate to pass the motions ready for the next year. If you can't attend please send your apologies to Gregan. Membership for the forthcoming year will be due then as well.

Make sure you have got your tickets booked in for *Monstrous Regiment*, I caught a bit of the rehearsal last week and it is laugh out loud funny already. The pit and the boxes are starting to fill up so if you want those prime seats get them booked before you miss out!

In case you missed it, a group of us were part of the Richmond Meet parade and we won second prize for best comic trailer! It was a great laugh being involved and also a good opportunity for us to advertise our upcoming shows. I hope it's something we can make a regular fixture in the RADs calendar so look out for it happening again next year. We are on the lookout for a director for next years Spring show, if you have a play in mind you'd love to direct please reach out to your nearest committee member.

Whilst I have the time and the space I would just like to say thank you. Thank you to the committee of the last 2 years, for bringing your expertise and knowledge to our discussions and moving the society forward in the way we have all felt is best. I know we are in safe hands as I hand over to the new chair and committee and I'm sure they'll continue on in the same vein we have been.

And finally I want to say thank you to you all, our society members. Whether you've been here a few months, years or even decades, the society doesn't run without you. We are so lucky to have such enthusiastic members that love to jump in and get involved not just performing in our shows but all the backstage involvement and the social events.

So I guess that's it from me! See you at the AGM and for a drink in the pub afterwards.

Over and out, **Beki Stevenson**

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

Bleak Expectations - Auditions

Following the read-through at July's Clubnight (Monday 14th), Scott will be holding auditions at 7:30pm on Friday 18th July. Character pen pictures are on the [Members Info](#) page of the website.

A provisional date of Monday 28th July has been set aside for further auditions if required. Please contact Scott at fenneyefc@googlemail.com for further info or if you cannot attend the Friday auditions.