



1934 - 2026 | Clubrooms: 6-8 Castle Hill Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QP

Current and Future Productions

Summer 2026 23 - 25 July and 29 July - 1 August | **The Tempest**

by William Shakespeare | Directed by Beki Stevenson

Sedgefield Festival 2026 7 - 12 September | **Check Please**

by Jonathan Rand | Directed by Chloe Reid | and **To be, or not to bother?**

by David Tristram | Directed by Anthony Monarch

Autumn 2026 5 - 7 November | **The Cavern**

by Jean Anouilh | Directed by Gregan Davis



RADS Social Events

Monday 8th June - RADS AGM

Notices and documentation have been sent out - please send apologies to Gregan if you are unable to attend.

Monday 13th July - The Cavern read-through

Our Autumn 2026 production is *The Cavern* by Jean Anouilh, a very different play indeed from Spring 2025's *Antigone*. Gregan Davis will host a read-through and attempt to explain the play and his vision for it. Audition info opposite and on the website.

Monday 10th August - No Club Night

Monday 14th September - Treasure Hunt

Details to follow nearer the time!

Monday 12th October - NT Live Showing

Another showing of one of the fabulous plays in the National Theatre catalogue, details to follow.

Monday 9th November - Read through of Spring production

Selection of the March 2026 play is in progress, it will be known by the time of this club night!

Monday 14th December - RADS Xmas Dinner

Make a note in your diaries, venue and details to follow.

The Tempest - Cast Change

Unfortunately, Charlie Grumbley has had to retire from the part of Gonzalo, but Beki is pleased to announce that James Sanderson has stepped into the breach. She is also still looking for a prompt, a flyman and one or more people to be in the control box - please contact her direct or through any committee member.

Ticket sales are slow at the moment (although our advertising campaign is still in its infancy), so please buy tickets asap and push what is going to be another great show to your family and friends!

Sedgefield Casts Confirmed

Two well-attended audition sessions meant our new directors were spoilt for choice and have selected the casts below. The productions are getting underway and we wish both of our casts the best of luck at Sedgefield for what promises to be two very fun sets of rehearsals!

Our two plays are likely to be performing on the same night at Sedgefield - look out for the confirmed date(s).

Check Please - directed by Chloe Reid	
Girl	Suzie Merritt
Guy	Cameron Wallace
Female Dates	Coral Lincoln
Male Dates	Archie Amery
To be, or not to bother? - directed by Anthony Monarch	
Gordon	Andrew Spivey
Margaret	Karen Davies
Bernard	Charles Lambert
Joyce	Rachel Hall
Stage Manager (both)	Alex Caffery

The Cavern - Audition Info

Following the read-through on Mon 13th July, Gregan will be holding auditions on Wed 15th July, with possible further auditions on Fri 17th July, all at 1930h. Further character info on the website [here](#):

THE AUTHOR: gender and age blind.

ALEXIS / ALEXA: 13 years. **THE COUNT:** 60s.

THE COUNTESS: 30s. **THE SEMINARIST:** 20.

THE SUPERINTENDENT: 40-mid 50s.

ROMAIN: the butler, 70s.

MARIE JEANNE: the cook, 47.

LEON: the coachman, late 40s+.

MARCEL: the valet, late 20s-early 40s.

HUGUELINE, the chambermaid, mid 20s-mid 30s.

ADELE, the kitchen maid, late teens.

Chair's Corner

I hope you've all managed to have a wonderful last week of May, which in stark contrast to the previous 3 weeks has been absolutely glorious! Above are the guys who won First Prize representing RADS in the late May Bank Holiday Parade in Richmond - thanks to them for their efforts!

It continues to be all go at RADS as we enjoyed a good time at Mayfest with *Robin Hood*. *The Tempest* is in full swing of its rehearsals - make sure you get those tickets booked, we always enjoy putting on shows for the wider audiences but there's nothing like your fellow members coming and enjoying what you've pulled together. We unfortunately lost a cast member, but they were quickly replaced, which is testament to the great team ethic we have here at RADS. Beki is still on the lookout for a prompt and someone for the lighting box, so please reach out if you are available for either of those.

Our AGM is just around the corner, so please make sure you come along to that on Monday 8th June, to start at 7.30pm; it's a great time to get together and hear how the last year has been and to have your say and vote on any issues. We'll also be crowning this year's Best Actress and Actor awards, alongside the Youth award as usual, and with four great plays put on this year, the competition there was fierce!

We are now also looking forward to two entries this year at the Sedgefield Drama Festival and I wish every bit of success to our first time directors, Anthony and Chloe as they start on their journeys this month.

Now, it's about 28 degrees whist I'm writing this, so I'm off to get an ice cream. See you on the 8th!

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