



## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

You are probably thinking 'It's a long time since I saw a newsletter from the Dorset Theatre-Goers' Club'. Well, you are right. It was almost six months ago – October last year to be precise. However, that does not mean that we have been inactive. Since then we have offered four trips, to plays at Richmond, Bath, Chichester and Salisbury.

Unfortunately, I have missed the first three of these – and the reason why there has been a hiatus in newsletters – simply because I was out of the country on the other side of the world for most of the period. As well as broadening the mind – or so they say – I would maintain that travelling also serves to underline just how lucky we are in this country with our extensive network of theatres, large and small, continuing our long tradition of live performance.

As you would expect, our dedicated team have been busy arranging more attractive offerings for you to sample. Noel Coward's 'Private Lives' is on at Bath Theatre Royal on 19<sup>th</sup> March and Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Long Day's Journey Into Night' is at the Bristol Old Vic on St George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. And, for ballet lovers, through the good offices of our President, Graham Jenkins, our members have the opportunity to see The Royal Ballet perform 'The Winter's Tale' at Covent Garden on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Furthermore, as you will see from the booking forms accompanying this newsletter, on 14<sup>th</sup> May it's 'Singing in the Rain' at Salisbury and, on 30<sup>th</sup> June, we are again going to the ever-popular Mill Theatre at Sonning for 'It Runs in the Family'. The later excursion includes lunch.

I would urge you to book for both of these trips, but particularly Salisbury, since our 2016 Annual General Meeting will take place prior to the performance. See you there!

**Clive Willetts – Chairman**

### FROM THE OFFICE

**STOP PRESS:** The Winters Tale – Royal Ballet – Covent Garden on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Graham (our president) confirms a coach will be provided from all the usual pick up points and on going to press there are four seats left. Please contact Graham if interested - 0208 4222 751 / grahamjenkins99@yahoo.co.uk

Some Admin thoughts on booking shows: Between myself and Shirley (the treasurer) up to 6 months ahead, we juggle how many theatre seats we need to reserve against how many members we think will book them. It can be a tricky job and if members take too long to send their booking forms in, the club can either lose money, or some members may not get seats. Please try to help us by booking early every time! Huge thanks. **Katy Murrell - Booking Secretary**