



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2014

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT Isn't it amazing how the years roll by? I am sure I'm not the only person who feels that time speeds up as one gets older. It seems only last week that I was urging you to renew your subscriptions for 2013/14 – and here I am saying the same thing about 2014/15! The only difference this year is that you have a choice in the method of payment. You can, of course, still pay by cheque in the normal way or, alternatively, you can set up a Standing Order, which means that the subscription will automatically be taken from your bank account each year without you needing to do anything else. Our Membership Secretary, Sonja Sparrow, can let you have a form to enable you to do this. You can contact her on 01202 801285 or e-mail sonja@keystrokes.go-plus.net.

Another new facility we are offering this year is the option of receiving information and booking forms for shows by e-mail rather than by post. This speeds up the process and helps us to keep costs down through savings on postage. So, if you have internet access and you have not already done so, please provide Sonja (contact details above) with your e-mail address and a request that you would like to be kept informed by e-mail in future.

Finally, Anne Jonathan has regretfully decided to give up her role as Publicity Officer due to other commitments. Anne has done a great job over the past four years in publicising the Club and the trips we organise, and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to express our thanks to Anne for the professional way she has carried out her duties. We are now searching for a successor (or successors) to take on this key role. If you, or someone you know, would fancy playing a more active part in the promotion and running of the Club, then do please contact me or any member of the committee for further details, or just for an informal discussion, of the tasks involved. We look forward to hearing from you.

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FROM THE OFFICE We hope you will join us for a return to Salisbury Playhouse on 17th May for the musical 'Bette Blue Eyes'. Preceding the show between 11.00am and 12 noon we will hold our AGM in the main theatre which you are very welcome to attend. We have also planned an excursion to The Watermill Theatre, Bagnor near Newbury on 31st May (officially the June show) for a 'Dinner Theatre' experience. The show- a play adapted by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman is called 'A Bunch of Amateurs'. We have been asked to choose our choice of culinary delights in advance. Therefore if you would like to book this one please be sure to fill in the 'lunch options' spaces at the bottom of the booking form.

Finally we have managed to acquire some very reasonably priced seats for 'The Pajama Game', a musical comedy, on 16th July at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London. The stipulation is we pay for the seats by 28th February. Therefore for this booking only- your cheques will be processed earlier than usual. Happy Theatre Going!

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