

# DORSET THEATRE GOERS' CLUB



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

So, it's 2015. Yet another new year! It's amazing to consider that it is 45 years since our President, Graham Jenkins, founded the Dorset Theatre-Goers' Club. While he readily admits that he never anticipated the Club would continue for so long, he is rightly extremely proud that his creation has achieved such longevity. In order to mark this momentous occasion, Graham is hoping to arrange a special event later in the year. I can't say more at this early stage, other than that, for reasons outside our control, numbers will, of necessity, be restricted. Keep a look-out for further details.

On a separate matter, in recent years about 75 per cent of our administration costs – paper, printing, postages, the Bookings Secretary's remuneration and so on – have been covered by our annual subscriptions, the balance coming from ticket sales. During the last financial year, however, a rise in expenses was accompanied by a fall in subscription income, with the result that the proportion being met from subscriptions is now less than half. In an attempt to redress the balance, the committee has reluctantly decided to increase annual subscriptions for 2015/16 by £2 – making joint membership £20 and single membership £14. I hope you will agree that this is a small price to pay for the chance to continue to see top-class live theatre at a variety of venues throughout the south of England at an affordable price.

Finally, may I, on behalf of the committee, take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy, healthy, prosperous and enjoyable theatre-going New Year!

**Clive Willetts - Chairman**

### FROM THE OFFICE

We have an exciting variety of shows on offer so far in 2015! And with this batch of mail you will receive the late spring and summer booking forms. As you may well know, it's always a good idea to book early to ensure you get a seat; however because of the inevitable cancellations which come in, quite often it matters not if you book later!

It's always a good idea to keep an eye on the website, especially if you are a new member. You can find out what shows are on offer, members' recommended restaurants etc. Non-members can also see a listing of shows booked going back several years, as well as download a membership application form.

Seats are available for 'Twelve Angry Men' at the Theatre Royal – Windsor on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you are interested please contact Katy - 01305 262253. I look forward to seeing you on an excursion soon!

**Katy Murrell - Booking Secretary**

### WANTED!

Someone to write short press releases on behalf of the Club for insertion in local newspapers and magazines. Relevant experience and knowledge of local media would be helpful but not as essential as enthusiasm! Please get in touch if you are interested.

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