



Chairman's Report



As I write this in late August the Everyman Theatre is dark, but a range of work is going on to improve the building. We look forward to the start of the new season in September. Earlier in the summer, ETA members enjoyed a number of successful events, not least those associated with the Everyman's own production in June of Bernard Shaw's *Mrs Warren's Profession*. We were privileged to be allowed by Paul Milton, the Director, to attend one of the early rehearsals, and later on, after the first night, we met the cast again at a very happy Meet the Cast Party at which there was an air of excitement that the first performance of this in-house production had gone so well. Sue Holderness and Emily Woodward, on the ETA's behalf, presented a cheque for £10,000 to Geoffrey Rowe, the Chief Executive. Also in June,

members enjoyed a non-theatrical event - a visit to the asparagus growing area north of Evesham and to Revill's Farm and Shop, with a cookery demonstration and tasting, followed by afternoon tea. In July Rupert Rhymes OBE, Chairman of the Frank Matcham Society, spoke at our Frank Matcham lunch - another very pleasant occasion at which the lunch menu was sourced from the early 20th Century.

Our forthcoming events (see Dates for your Diary) include some old favourites which we know you enjoy, especially at Christmas. Following their introduction and success last year, we are also repeating our Pantomime Workshop for Children and the Panto Wardrobe Talk and Tour. Our next Meet the Cast Party will be after *Handbagged* in which Susie Blake will be appearing. Fans of *EastEnders* will want to book for *The Perfect Murder* and come to the post show party. The following plays which may go to Malvern Theatre will also be performed here at the Everyman: *Charles III*; *The Mousetrap*; *Single Spies*; *The 39 Steps*.

Our website has recently been updated and you will find details there of our events, plus photos in the Gallery. There are also links to Facebook and Twitter (@EverymanFriends). Our ETA board in the theatre also has event details and photographs.

To avoid queues in the Arcade car park you can register with Park Reg in order to pay ONLINE before or up to 24 hours after leaving the car park. There are details on the Everyman website under "Box Office/A few things you should know". I understand that this system works well. The Box Office Manager reminds you that ETA members have a special login for booking on line. To get the ETA discount and priority booking you must use your ETA account.

We currently have 1643 members. In May and June subscriptions were the best for those months since 2010. So far this year £22,500 has been handed over at our Meet the Cast parties and we hope to hand over at least another £5,000 before the end of our financial year in October. Thank you for supporting the ETA. Please encourage your friends to join us! We very much look forward to seeing you at our future events.

Janet Limb, Chairman

Help us to keep you up to date: Although we try hard via our Newsletters to keep you informed well in advance about forthcoming events, there are times when an e-mail to members, between Newsletters, helps us to tell you about unexpected events. If you have e-mail, *please let the Box Office have your address* - and keep the Box Office informed of any *change* of e-mail address. Please also look out for details of any new events on our ETA notice board outside the Cafe Bar and on our website.



Members sample asparagus at Revill's Farm



Meet the Cast Party: *Mrs Warren's Profession*



Presentation to Rupert Rhymes at the Frank Matcham Lunch

Dates for your Diary

Monday, October 12th **7.30 - 9.30 p.m.**

Visit to Battledown Brewery

Visit Cheltenham's oldest working brewery. A guided tour with tastings will be followed by a Ploughman's supper. N.B. there is no parking on the site. All participants must be 18+ years. Please send cheques (payable to ETA) for £17 per person, and a SAE, to Margaret Edwards, 1 Verney Close, Cheltenham GL53 7DD (Tel. 01242 581187)

Saturday, October 24th **11.35 a.m.**

Brochure Launch in Matcham's

Join us for the new season's brochure launch. Tea and coffee will be served from 11.15 a.m.

Saturday, November 14th **2.30 p.m.**

Free Pantomime Workshop for Children

Following last year's Pantomime Workshop which the children enjoyed so much, Joe Hackett will be holding a similar event in the Studio this year when the pantomime will be *Cinderella*. Book up to four tickets via Francesca Goddard (francesca.goddard@everymantheatre.org.uk). Children must be accompanied by an ETA member.

Monday, November 16th

Meet the Cast Party

Please join us in Matcham's after the first performance of *Handbagged*, to meet the cast, which includes Susie Blake. These parties are always very enjoyable occasions.

Friday, December 4th **7.30 for 8 p.m.**

Christmas Dinner with Guest Speaker

The dinner in Matcham's will be a traditional turkey meal, with vegetarian option, plus dessert. A glass of wine and coffee will be included. Sally Hadfield, the Catering Manager, will carve the turkey in the restaurant. The speaker will be our own Creative Director, Paul Milton. To book your place, please send a SAE, with your cheque for £24 (payable to ETA), to Margaret Edwards (address as above) by 23rd November. Do join us on this festive occasion!

Thursday, December 10th **7.45 p.m.**

Exclusive ETA Christmas Event

The Everyman's own production of John Godber's *Teechers*, directed by Paul Milton and performed in the Studio, is the chosen show for our exclusive event this year. We look forward to seeing you, along with Paul and the cast, for some festive refreshment after this popular event. Tickets (£13) are available, two per member, from the Box Office.

Saturday, January 9th **10.00 a.m.**

Pantomime Wardrobe Talk and Tour

Take a look behind the scenes with Hayley Spicer. She will guide you through the Everyman's wardrobe, taking a look at the panto costumes, and will talk about her role at the theatre. Tickets from the Box Office are £10, to include tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards. Limited availability due to restricted space behind the scenes.

February

Meet the Cast Party

We hope to arrange a Meet the Cast Party in Matcham's after a performance of *The Perfect Murder*, in which Jessie Wallace and Shane Richie of *EastEnders* will be appearing. Look out for further details later.

Sunday, March 13th **11.30 a.m.**

Annual General Meeting and Lunch

Monday, April 18th

Meet the Cast Party (*Merry Wives of Windsor*)

Your ETA Committee

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