

VISIT TO RICHMOND THEATRE ON 16th MARCH 2011 TO SEE A  
PERFORMANCE OF  
"THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE"

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Individually fine weather, smooth transport and the promise of an enjoyable play are harbingers of a good day out. When all three coincide as they did recently, a perfect day results. The March social activity of the Club saw 43 members and guests travel to Richmond to see this excellent romantic comedy by William Douglas-Home, first staged in the mid-fifties with Celia Johnson and Wilfred Hyde-White in the roles of the anxious parents. The play could have been rather dated with its theme of the now forgotten 'Season' but the sharpness of the wit and the pace of the production captivated the audience. Jane Asher delighted as the mother while Clive Francis turned in an exceptional performance as the father of the 'deb'. Indeed those who had seen the original production - there were quite a few - felt that the modern version was better than they expected. Amazingly the motorway was relatively quiet, even leaving the theatre in rush hour. Perhaps there are good sides to the recession!!