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PRESS RELEASE

“The Duchess”

The next showing at the Liphook Millennium Centre Cinema in Liphook will be “The Duchess” on Friday 9 January 2009.

The Duchess tells the story of Georgiana (Keira Knightly), an 18th Century noblewoman who embarks on a loveless marriage to the fifth Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes). Famed for her fashion, charm and charisma, Georgiana was quite the celebrity of her day - gambling, drinking and dancing. She was also involved in politics, even though as a woman, she could not vote. Although adored by her friends and the public, Georgiana fails to gain the love of her husband whose main concern is conceiving a male heir. As the story unfolds it is revealed that the Duke has had numerous affairs but it all comes to a head for the couple when he takes Georgiana’s best friend Elizabeth as his mistress. Distressed at the situation of her marriage, Georgiana falls in love with the young, idealistic politician Charles Grey (Dominic Cooper). The pair have an affair but when the Duke finds out Georgiana is forced to make an unbearable decision.

The film is an honest depiction of what life was like for this incredible woman, trapped in a loveless marriage. It bears a striking resemblance to the representation of the life of the late Princess Diana. The Duchess of the film’s title, Georgiana Spencer, was an ancestor of the Princess and like Diana, was loved and adored by the public, but there the parallels end.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the performance starts at 8.00 pm. Tickets are priced at £5 with a concession of £4 for OAP (60 and over) and children under the age of 15. Tickets are available from the Liphook Millennium Centre 01428 723889, Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council Office 01428 722988, and on the door. Tickets can also be ordered by email liphookmcentre@tiscali.co.uk for collection and payment on the night. A bar will be open and a range of refreshments will be on sale.

The film is classified as 12A; suitable for 12 years and over. No-one younger than 12 may see a “12A” film in a cinema unless accompanied by an adult. The Cinema Licence for the Liphook Millennium Hall requires that children under the age of 15 can only be admitted if accompanied by an adult.

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