

Posting Letters to the moon

Wartime letters between
CELIA JOHNSON
and her husband
PETER FLEMING
Read by their daughter
LUCY FLEMING & SIMON WILLIAMS



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“I had lunch with Mr Coward who read me his new film that he wants me to be in. There is no getting away from the fact that it is a very good part and one I should like to play....It’s about a woman, married and with two children who meets by chance a man in a railway waiting room and they fall in love. And It’s All No Good.”

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Wartime letters between the actress **Celia Johnson** and her husband **Peter Fleming** are read by their daughter, **Lucy Fleming**, with **Simon Williams**.

"It was a joy to discover these letters, and I hope you will find them as funny and moving as I do."

LUCY FLEMING

An evening of wartime letters between the actress Celia Johnson (Brief Encounter) and her husband Peter Fleming read by Lucy Fleming (their daughter) and Simon Williams.

These touching and amusing letters from Celia to her husband tell of her experiences during the war – from coping with a large isolated house full of evacuated children, learning to drive a tractor, dealing with rationing, becoming an auxiliary police-woman in Henley-on-Thames, and all the while accepting offers, when she

could get away, to act – for David Lean, Noel Coward, in wartime propaganda films, broadcasts, all sorts, and ultimately in 1945 starring in the classic film Brief Encounter for which she was Oscar-nominated. Peter Fleming was away for most of the war - he writes about his adventures and trials working on deception in India and the Far East.

Not only are the letters highly engaging, but they also provide a fascinating historical insight into that time of true austerity and fearfulness.

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CARNFORTH STATION HERITAGE CENTRE
SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

CINEMA MUSEUM LONDON SE11
SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

ATHELSTAN MUSEUM MALMESBURY
THURSDAY APRIL 23RD

POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE
THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

GAP FESTIVAL GORING
SUNDAY JUNE 21ST

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE
FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

TAMWORTH ARTS
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

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