

# Best foot forward for Playgoers show

WORKINGTON Playgoers will be hoping that nobody breaks a leg as they take to the stage from May 13 to 17 for their first production of the season.

The classic Alan Ayckbourn comedy *How The Other Half Loves* will be performed at the Theatre Royal, more than three months after it was originally planned.

The show was postponed in January after Jane Douglas, one of its stars, tripped during rehearsals and broke her foot, leaving her on crutches.

She is now fit to take her role in the play, which is set in the 1970s when social climbing was in its earnest form and exploring the lives of three couples.

Jane plays Fiona, the sophisticated wife of boss Frank (Ron Dickens). They perform alongside middle management Romeo Bob (Andy Greenwood) and his slobbish wife Teresa, a role played by Nicola Woodier as original actor Joanne Ritson was not available for the new dates.

The play also features up-and-coming accountant



**HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES:** Jane Douglas as Fiona Foster and Ron Dickens as Frank Foster

Picture: Gordon Rushton

William (Callum Jackson) and his chronically shy, unsophisticated wife Mary (Kelly Davis).

Bob and Fiona try to hide their adulterous relationship from their partners, in due course involving the unwitting William and Mary.

A cornerstone of the play is the set as the flats of Frank and Bob occupy the same space and the couples interact in their own homes at the same time, often passing without being aware of each other.

The first half's climax comes when Frank and Fiona, and Bob and Teresa each invite William and Mary, who are unwittingly used as alibis by the adulterers, to dinner.

The second half continues as the adulterous couple try to extricate themselves from their predicament.

The play, directed by Brian Young, will be performed from Tuesday until Saturday at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 (£7 concessions). Call the box office on 01900 602122.