

Canterbury Players Newsletter

August 2007

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A Word From The Chairman

Our new chairman, Roger Finn, introduces this newsletter:

Welcome to our new-style newsletter and the start of our new season. This new format is down to our new treasurer, David, and for this I thank him.

I am very privileged to be writing as your new chairman. I am well aware that I have a very difficult job to follow Andy, who has been a terrific chairman, who as you all know put his heart and soul into Canterbury Players. If I manage to achieve half of what Andy, and his good lady Judith, achieved, I will be a very happy man, and know that I will be passing over to the next chairman a very successful society. Both Andy and Judith have sent me a letter wishing me good luck and at the same time thanking the society for their "leaving" gifts.

There will be one or two differences in the way that I intend to carry out my duties. I am very lucky that I have working with me a very talented committee, who are keen to work to ensure that we go from strength to strength. As in real time, "new" to this great society, I will be expecting our "older" and wiser members to keep me always on the right track. I am conscious that all the members should be involved at all times to ensure that we leave a good legacy to the next generation.

I intend to ensure that we keep the social side going, so please all those that have ideas, just give me a ring any time, and I will be more than happy to help. We are more than just a society, we are all friends, and that is what has kept me coming back time and time again to make a fool of myself on the stage. The beautiful thing about us, is that we are from all different walks of life, thus ensuring when we do meet at these social occasions there is plenty of banter to be had.

If you feel that you want to contribute to this newsletter on a regular basis, then please contact David direct or, or If you feel that you have other gifts that you want to share and help the society, then please contact me any time.

Well, here's to a good season, and on your behalf, I wish Jonathan, a great success in his first production (I bet he will be a hard task master Ha Ha) Looking forward to meeting you all real soon.

Judith and Andy, thanks, goodbye and (erm...) see you soon?



This year's AGM saw the resignation from the committee of two long-serving, hard-working and dedicated members of our society. Of course this was sad but not unexpected and to mark the occasion, Judith and Andy were presented

with a parting gift comprising a pair of cut-glass brandy glasses and something to put in them! We thanked them for all their hard work over the years and gave them our best wishes for the future. Everyone's feelings on the subject were summed up by Sue Carlson reading out a very witty ode "wot she have wrote". We have great pleasure in reproducing her piece in this newsletter. Judith and Andy are not leaving the area immediately and until they do they have kindly offered, and we have gratefully accepted, their help and expertise to the society in any capacity, whenever they can.

Subscriptions



Thank you to all members who have already paid their subscriptions; there's a receipt enclosed if you haven't already been given one. For those who have not yet paid, please send a cheque for £10 made payable to **Canterbury Players** with your name, address, phone number and email address to the treasurer:

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Officials & Committee 2007–2008

At the society's recently held AGM, the following committee members were elected or re-elected.

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What's On Next?

It's a while since we have done a thriller, so from Tuesday 14th to Saturday 17th of November 2007, Jonathan Coupe will be directing **Cat's Cradle** by Leslie Sands. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd (copyright owner).



In a last desperate attempt to resurrect his career in the CID, Inspector Frost re-opens the case that ruined him - a kidnap and possible murder he failed to solve some years before. With a new piece of evidence, he returns to the village in which the disappearance occurred. Where he was once a welcome guest, he now finds the villagers are no longer interested in reliving the past and in seeing old faces. As it becomes increasingly apparent he is facing a conspiracy of silence and hostility, he enlists the assistance of a local ambitious journalist to help him with his investigations. The guilty and terrible secrets of those who have spent years shouldering the burden of the truth is finally resolved in a series of startling revelations, much to the Inspector's horror and the surprise of the audience.

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Poster Preview

established in Davyhulme in 1949
Canterbury Players Amateur Dramatic Society
presents

Cat's Cradle

A Mystery Thriller
written by
Leslie Sands
directed by
Jonathan Coupe

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

on stage at
Davyhulme (Wesley) Methodist Church
Brook Road, Flixton

November 14th to 17th

Curtain Rises: 7:30 pm • Tickets: Adult £6 Child £3

 **0161 748 8403**

find out more about Canterbury Players on our website:
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Here's a preview (draft version) of the poster for the next play. We hope to produce it in colour A3 and A4 sizes, so we'll need to know well in advance how many to order.

If you can display one or more for a 6 week period leading up to play week, that is, from the beginning of October, please let Heather or David know ASAP. We will need to think about ordering them in September and, frighteningly, that's only a couple of weeks away!

Auditions

Auditions for the forthcoming play 'Cats Cradle' are to be held at 8, Westminster Road Davyhulme at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 6th September. Could all members who took a script and are not able, or not interested, in a part please return them a.s.a.p. If anyone is interested in a part but cannot make the auditions please let me know by Wed. 5th September, if they wish to be considered.

Jonathan Coupe

Other Local Productions

- H.A.T.S. Theatre group are presenting **Love Begins At Fifty** by Raymond Hopkins on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th September at 7:30 pm and on Saturday 15th at 8:00 pm
website: www.hatsstheatregroup.org.uk
phone: 0161 748 1051
- Altrincham Garrick Playhouse are putting on **The Full Monty** from 7th September to 15th September 2007.

website: www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk

phone: 0161 928 1677

- The Urmston Musical Theatre are presenting the musical **Calamity Jane** at The Poolside Theatre, Bowfell Road from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th October 2007 at 7:30 pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:30 pm
website: www.umat.org.uk
phone: 0161 408 1288
- Chads Theatre Company will be performing **Barefoot In The Park**, a comedy by Neil Simon from 15th to 22nd September 2007.
website: www.chads.co.uk
phone: 0161 485 2784
- The Guide Bridge Theatre in Audenshaw perform several plays per season.
website: www.gbtheatre.co.uk
phone: 0161 330 8078

Canterbury Players Online Archive

We are planning to create an online archive (as part of our website) of photographs and documents relating to our history. We hope to bring further details about this in a future newsletter. In the meantime, dig out those old photos, programmes, news cuttings etc. If you have the facilities please scan them into your computer and email them to david@davyhulme.net



Canterbury Players Need You!



You can contribute to the continued success of our society in many ways. Here's a brief list in no particular order.

- If you have a friend, relative, or employer who runs a business serving the local community, ask them if they would place an advertisement in our next programme. It costs £25 for half a page and the same advert will appear on the Canterbury Players website. What a bargain!
 - In the few weeks running up to a production, display one of our posters in your house, car, shop, office notice board, (sandwich board?) etc.
 - Help with pasting posters on the public notice boards in our neighbourhood.
 - Persuade local shops to display a poster in the run up to a play. (With regard to posters, let us know as far in advance as possible so we'll know how many to produce.)
 - Make the tea at rehearsals, and set construction sessions.
 - Contribute ideas, articles, photos etc for use in future newsletters and for use on our website.
 - Photographer required. We need good digital photos of rehearsals, formal portraits of the cast and other members of the society, and to get permission from the subjects for their inclusion in programmes, posters, and the website.
- Contact a member of the committee if you can help in any way.

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Ode to Judith and Andy

*I thought I'd write a little ditty,
I'll do my best to make it witty.
The roles you've played too great to mention,
Without an index link-ed pension.
You've trod the boards and learned the lines,
With Andy usually just in time.
You've directed us and shown us hope,
With massive parts you've had to cope.
You've always done it with a smile,
And always gone that extra mile.
We cannot thank you both enough,
For all the things you've done for us.
The jobs you've done are oh so many,
And never were you paid a penny.
You've prompted, hosted, paid the fees,
You've read the minutes, made the teas.
And we will miss you both so much,
Do promise that you'll keep in touch.*

*The gap you leave behind is vast,
It really is an onerous task.
For you are very talented folk,
We've laughed and cried and shared a joke.
Rehearsals will not be the same
Without you there to share our fame.
We cannot leave without a note,
About the plays what you have wrote.
At "Aphrodite's Dream" we gazed,
We all were truly quite amazed.
In "It's a Snip" we had to cheer
To see Jon lose those parts so dear.
So off to Cornwall you must go,
To dine at Rick's place in Padstow.
The time has come to say farewell,
To two good friends we know so well.
It's time to fly to pastures new,
And so we say a fond adieu.*

Sue Carlson July 2007