

Canterbury Players Newsletter

October 2007

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Brenda Higham

We are sad to report the passing of a well known and much loved member of our society who died on Tuesday 9th October 2007 after a short illness.

Brenda became a member of Canterbury Players in 1952 and retired (the first time!) in 1980. During that period she was also actively involved with various Operatic Societies in the Manchester area. She caught the acting bug as a child and appeared in productions at Bolton Little Theatre and The Empress Hall on the same bill as Helen Cherry, the actress wife of the late Trevor Howard. Among her favourite acting parts were Janey Jenkins in "The Cure For Love", Mrs Puffin in "Goodnight, Mrs Puffin", Anna in "The King And I" (Matthew Kelly played 'Loius', her son), Dolly in "Hello Dolly" (twice!).

A retired Primary School teacher, Brenda was married to Laurie for 45 years until widowed. She has a daughter, Susan, son-in-law Philip, and two grandsons, Richard and Michael.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her family and many friends.

Forthcoming Production – Progress Report

Rehearsals are well under way for our next production, "**Cat's Cradle**". This is a mystery thriller by Leslie Sands and will run from Wednesday 14th November to Saturday 17th November. Jonathan Coupe, who is directing for the first time, says that rehearsals are going extremely well. Terry Walker, Stage Manager, reports that design and build of the set is also going well.

Posters are ready now so please get in touch if you can display one somewhere, programmes are being compiled so we're all set and hoping for another successful production.

Cat's Cradle – The Cast

Peggy Fletcher : Diane Cornes
Sam : Peter Mungovan
Miss Merton : Joan Wood
Sarah : Laura Cookson
Pamela Fulton : Christine Perry
Frost : Roger Finn
Bob Marriott : Steven Coupe
Sir Charles Cresswell : Chris Corry

From The Photo Archive



We'll try and make this a regular feature and thanks to Judy Coates for this one. We'll put larger versions in the gallery on our website in due course.

Subscriptions

Another (gentle) reminder for those that still haven't paid their subscription for 2007-2008.



The members' prize draw will be taking place soon and only those who have paid will be eligible, so if you're one of the guilty ones, please send a cheque for £10 made payable to **Canterbury Players** with your name, address, phone number (and email address if you have one) to the treasurer:

David Holstein
"The Villa"
22 Cornhill Road
Davyhulme
M41 5TJ
tel: 0161 747 9948

Priority Booking Form

To be sure of getting the best seats in the house for our forthcoming production, please complete the enclosed priority booking form and send it before Friday 26th October with a cheque, made payable to **Canterbury Players**, for the full amount, to the ticket secretary. You can use the form to reserve up to 6 priority seats plus any additional seats if required.

Paying in advance greatly assists us especially in reducing the congestion at the door on the night.

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Dinner at "La Piazza" (great title for play!)

Laura Cookson has kindly made arrangements for a social evening at "La Piazza" at Davyhulme Circle on Saturday 27th October 2007 at 8:30 pm. If you would like to come along, please book with Laura before Monday 22nd October. This is the menu that has been arranged, priced at £16.95 for four courses.

Laura Cookson
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Davyhulme
M41 8DW
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❖ Garlic Bread tomato (For All)

Starters

- ❖ Cocktail di Gamberetti Aurora
[Greenland prawns on a bed of crisp iceberg lettuce with Marie Rose sauce](#)
- ❖ Funghi al Aglio
[Sautéed button mushrooms in garlic, white wine and butter sauce](#)
- ❖ Minestrone
Freshly home made Italian Vegetable Soup

Main Courses

- ❖ Agnello Al Forno
[Tender leg of lamb cooked in a red wine, mint and garlic sauce](#)
- ❖ Lasagne Al Forno
[Layers of pasta filled and cooked with Bolognese sauce and topped with melted cheese](#)
- ❖ Salmone (salmon steak)
[Salmon cooked in a white wine, lemon, and basil sauce](#)
- ❖ Penne Pollo (chicken & pasta)
[Strips of chicken breast, cooked with tomato & garlic, mushrooms, in a white wine sauce with a hint of basil](#)
- ❖ Lasagne Vegeteriana
[Layers of spinach pasta filled and cooked with mix vegetable topped with melted cheese](#)

Desserts

- ❖ Fresh home made sweet of the day

Diary Dates

27th October 2007

La Piazza

contact Laura Cookson

14th to 17th November 2007

Canterbury Players

"Cat's Cradle" by Leslie Sands

21st to 27th October 2007

Northenden Players Theatre Club

"The Memory Of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson

2nd to 8th December 2007

Altrincham Club Theatre

"Yonder Peasant" by John Banks

5th to 9th December 2007

Barton Theatre Group

"Aladdin"

10th to 16th December 2007

Northenden Players Theatre Club

"Strangers on a Train" by Craig Warner

19th to 26th January 2008

Farnworth Little Theatre

"Funny Money" by Ray Cooney

23rd to 26th January 2008

Priestley Players (Swinton)

"Who Dies Wins" by Seymour Matthews

February 2008 (probably half term week)

Urmston Musical Theatre

"Snow White"

5th to 8th March 2008

Canterbury Players

"Blythe Spirit" by Noel Coward

(to be confirmed)

23rd to 26th April 2008

Priestley Players

"Good old Summertime" by Leslie Sands

What's On Next?

No firm decision yet for our March 2008 production, but under consideration is the classic comedy "Blythe Spirit" by Noel Coward. We'll confirm this and give more details at a later date.