

# Canterbury Players Newsletter

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## A Play Is Announced

We have now decided that our November production will be the very funny comedy "Caught On The Hop" by Derek Benfield who is one of the best writers of the genre. Many may remember our last production of this play in 1981 and more recently, we performed his "Off The Hook" in 1996. We're making plans and looking forward to presenting this on:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008

## Auditions

Auditions for the 4 male and 4 female parts will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Please ring Heather on 0161 747 9948 for venue details if you would like to try for a part.

## Posters

**Canterbury Players**  
Amateur Dramatic Society

est. 1949 President: June Lucas 125<sup>th</sup> Production  
Affiliated to Trafford Arts Association and National Operatic and Dramatic Association

**CAUGHT ON THE HOP**

A FARCE BY  
DEREK  
BENFIELD

on stage for 4 nights only, at Davyhulme (Wesley) Methodist Church, Brook Road, Flixton, Manchester, M41 5RQ

**19th to 22nd November 2008**  
curtain rises at 7.30 pm

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

**tickets: 0161 748 8403**  
Adult: £6 Child: £3 Programme: free

website: [www.davyhulme.net/canterburyplayers](http://www.davyhulme.net/canterburyplayers)

Can you (or anyone you know) display one or more of our lovely colourful posters in your house, car, shop window or office notice-board? If you can please let us know, as soon as possible, how many you would

like and what size (A3 or A4). Contact any committee member.

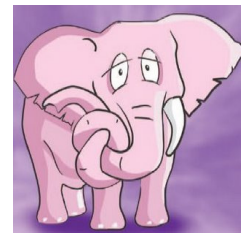
## Officials & Committee 2008–2009

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

Chairman: Roger Finn  
Vice Chairman: Jonathan Coupe  
Treasurer: David Holstein  
Secretary: Heather Holstein  
Stage Manager: Terry Walker  
Member: Sue Carlson  
Member: Diane Cornes  
Member: Eleanor Fox  
Member: Gail O'Brien  
Member: Bill Palmer  
Member: Gordon Wells

## Forgotten Your Subscription?

Thank you to all members who have already paid their subscriptions. For those who haven't 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. Late payers may not be eligible for the Members' Draw (see below).



## Members' Draw

As you know, we have managed to keep our membership subscriptions at £10 for a few years now and in order to stave off a future increase for as long as possible the committee has decided to reduce the number of members' cash draws from two a year to just one which will take place during the next committee meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and the lucky winners will receive their prizes by cheque shortly afterwards. Of course, only the names of paid-up members will go into the hat. So if you haven't already paid your 2008-2009 subscription yet, please send it now!

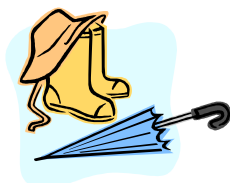


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## Social Events

### Summer Garden Party

This hasn't happened yet due to the uncertain weather conditions which we have endured during the "Summer". As soon as we have a settled period and can confidently expect a dry Sunday afternoon, we'll contact everyone personally with invitations, giving at least one week's notice. (Those who have already paid deposits haven't been forgotten!)



### Joint Social BBQ Event With UMT and HATS

Plans are in place for joint social event with Urmston Musical Theatre, HATS and Canterbury Players. It's a "food and drink BYO", i.e. bring your beer, wine, meat etc and also bring your own gazebo if you have one! The BBQ and other equipment will be provided by the organisers. This will be a great opportunity for friends old and new to meet up for a drink and a chat, so why not come along – the more the merrier.

When: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm  
Where: Pennybridge  
Cost: £3 per person

### Canterbury Players 60<sup>th</sup> Year (soon)

As from 2009 we (*the Society* I hasten to add) will officially be in our 60<sup>th</sup> year and as part of the celebrations we have arranged a theatre dinner on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Smiths Restaurant in Eccles. There will be a specialty arranged performance of an appreciation act called "Margaret Rutherford Recalled" written and performed by Jacqueline Pilton. (Cornation Street, Emmerdale, The Royal, Heartbeat, Shipman and many others)

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The cost of the act will be met from society funds and the cost of the 3 course dinner will be approximately £19 per person, excluding drinks. Places are limited so it's first come first served, and a non-refundable deposit of £10 per person is required to secure a place. Please contact Heather on 0161 747 9948 if you'd like to go.



Smiths Restaurant in Eccles has been established about 10 years and serve very good food in a very pleasant environment.

They have jazz / dinner evenings on Tuesday nights and have recently introduced theatre dinners at which a small

theatrical act is presented to diners. This has been extremely successful and a recent act was the Margaret Rutherford appreciation.

Find out more about Smiths restaurant on their website: [www.smithsrestaurant.net](http://www.smithsrestaurant.net)

Find out more about Jacqueline Pilton on her website: [www.sharronashcroft.com/cv\\_pilton\\_jacqueline.htm](http://www.sharronashcroft.com/cv_pilton_jacqueline.htm)

## Diary Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Farnworth Little Theatre "Pardon Me Prime Minister" by Edward Taylor & John Graham
7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	<b>HATS Theatre Group, Stretford</b> <b>"A Tomb With A View" by Norman Robbins</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Stockport Garrick "The Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon
20 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Heald Green Theatre Company "September Tide" by Daphne Du Maurier
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	<b>Canterbury Players, HATS, UMT</b> <b>Joint BBQ</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> September to 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "Albert Nobbs" by Gordon Steel
15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Edgefold Players, Walkden "Hobson's Choice" by Harold Brighouse
20 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Sale And Altrincham Musical Theatre (Altrincham Garrick) "Kiss Me Kate"
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	<b>Urmston Musical Theatre</b> <b>"Fiddler On The Roof"</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2008	Stockport Garrick "Journey's End" by R. C. Sherriff
26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2008	Northenden Players Theatre Club "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde
15 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2008	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "Cat's Cradle" by Leslie Sands
19 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2008	<b>Canterbury Players</b> <b>"Caught On The Hop" by Derek Benfield</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Sale Nomads "Proof"
24 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "Strangers On A Train" by Craig Warner
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	<b>Canterbury Players Theatre Dinner at Smiths</b>