

Canterbury Players Newsletter

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A Word From The Chairman

Well here we are already, the last newsletter of 2010. I feel that we at Canterbury have had a very good year. I wish I could say the same for myself, but I live in hope that 2011, is a much better year.

We have produced two very successful plays in this calendar year. I would like to thank everyone that contributed in any way to these productions. No matter what time you were able to give, it is very appreciated by all the committee. Without you, our members help, we would genuinely struggle, especially on play week, to put our productions on. I hope that as we move into 2011 that I / we can rely on your continued efforts.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our joint Play read and Hotpot supper with the church. This was requested again by the church as it worked so well last time. I am indebted to Terry and Diane, for taking over all arrangements and "read through" As usual, I am looking for any raffle prizes donations.

Already, you will see later in this newsletter, that we are already holding auditions for our next play. Please, if you feel that you would like a part, even if you have not been on stage before, or you have just had a "rest" from performing for a while, attend the auditions, as you could be the next super star that we are looking for.

I would like to thank David for yet again producing this newsletter, I really don't know where he gets the time and energy to keep this quality product going. We are very lucky that we have some one with his talents prepared to do the newsletter for us.

All that is left for me, is to wish you and all your families a most wonderful Christmas and the happiest and prosperous 2011, aligned of course with good health.

Hope to see, you all very soon.

Roger

Diary Dates

4th December 2010

Play Reading & Hot Pot Supper at Brook Road

28th November to 4th December

Club Theatre (Altrincham)
"Separate Tables"

February 2011

HATS

6th to 11th December 2010

Northenden Players
"Abigail's Party"

13th to 16th April 2011

Canterbury Players
"Outside Edge" by Richard Harris

Another Great Review

from the online version of the [Messenger](#)

by Julia Taylor

I'm glad the Canterbury Players chose for their autumn production See How They Run, Philip King's comedy set in a vicarage in 1942. It features five dog-collared clergymen, three of whom are genuine, two not, which makes for an unusual and entertaining night out.

The play suits the society's talents and is tailor-made for their regulars whilst also giving a chance for newcomers to appear. I am very impressed with the debut performances of Kate Morris as Ida, the maid and Brad Wigglesworth as The Intruder. They have remarkable charisma and stage presence. I hope the Players will use them again.

The rest of the parts are played by experienced old hands. Vicar No. 1 is Lionel Toop, a part that fits Chris Corry like a glove. Equally appropriate is the choice of Laura Cookson as his young and sexy, ex-actress wife. Laura is appropriately theatrical when she meets up again with the pal who toured with her in Private Lives before she became a clergy wife. He is Clive Winton, played by an energetic Damian McHugh, who is forced to wear clerical garb to conceal his identity. He deservedly gets many laughs including mine.

But it isn't just the lower ranks of the clergy who are churned like butter in this fast moving, perfectly paced farce. There is a full-blown Bishop who, in the hands of Peter Mungovan is bewildered by the goings on at the Vicarage especially when the incumbent runs around in his underpants!

Heather Holstein's Miss Skillon is an audience favourite. She is a humourless churchgoer who criticises the Vicar's wife and, although a lifelong teetotaler becomes dis-gracefully drunk, a scene she plays particularly well.

The Canterbury Players make you forget the bad weather outside and give you a fun evening in one of their best productions.

At Davyhulme(Wesley) Methodist Church until 20 November.

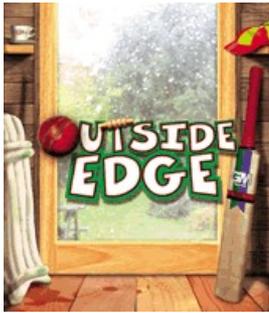
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Play Reading & Hot Pot Supper

Just a reminder that the society and the church are having a joint Hot Pot supper and Play Reading on Saturday 4th December at the church. Entrance is by ticket only, cost £7 and includes the supper. Numbers are strictly limited to 60 and tickets are selling fast, so if you want to come phone Terry Walker on 0161 748 7018.

“Outside Edge” Auditions



“Outside Edge” is a comedy play by Richard Harris about a cricket team trying to win a game of cricket whilst sorting out their various marital problems. It was first performed on stage in 1979 and adapted by the author into a TV sitcom series in the 1990s. We have presented this play once before in 1994.

Jonathan will be director and Heather will be producer. Auditions will be held at Cornhill Road on Thursday 16th December 2010 at 7.30 pm. Please contact Heather if you would like to have a go or if you need more information.

Script Appeal

This is an appeal to cast and crew who have been involved with any of our past productions. Please will you have a look to see if you have any old scripts on your bookshelves. Over the years the society has built quite a large library of scripts which we should like to maintain as complete as possible for the future. If you do have any, please hand them to any committee member.

Autumn 2011 Production



We still haven't chosen a play yet and remain open to suggestions from the membership. If you've got a favourite that you'd like to see, or would like to read through some scripts, have a chat with a committee member. As we seem to have had a run of farces and comedies in recent years, we're thinking of a straight drama or thriller, and preferably (not essentially) one we haven't done before. We'd like to hear your views.

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