

# Canterbury Players Newsletter

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## A Word From The Chairman

Hi, I expect everyone is now getting ready for the Christmas period. This just shows how fast this year has gone.

We have had another good year at Canterbury, which was rounded off with an excellent performance from Jonathan and his cast. They gave a really professional and polished performance, and for this I really thank and congratulate them. It is refreshing that we have so many new members coming through, thus ensuring that we can celebrate our 60th year with a renewed optimism, as we are in good hands.

This nicely brings me on to our celebration of our 60 years. I am glad to report that we have a full house on the 24th of January. I thank David and Heather for all their hard work in putting this event together. I am looking forward to seeing you all there on the night, and in true society cheek, can I ask you all to bring an unwanted Christmas gift on the night, so we can have a raffle to raise a little funds for our coffers.

On Saturday January 17th, Sue has arranged a play read at Brook Road. As all funds are going to the Church, I really would like as many members and friends of the society to try and attend. This is a lovely way of helping out our friends at Brook Road. The full details of this event will be listed further into this newsletter.

I would like to end by thanking everyone who has contributed to this great society during the course of 2008. No matter how little of your time you have been able to give, it is very much appreciated by both our committee and my good self. I do hope that we can again count on all your help during 2009, because without it we would not be able to function.

I do hope that you and all your families have a really Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the two events in January.

Kindest of regards,

Roger.

## Diary Dates

Please take a look in our Diary Dates section on page 2.

## Our Next Production



## Party To Murder

Our next play, which will be presented in March, is "Party To Murder" written by Olive Chase and Stewart Burke and it will be directed by Diane Cornes.

### Synopsis

When the attractive, but not altogether admirable NORMA BRENT is killed (by the unusual method of a manipulated hair-dryer) there are a number of people who would seemingly have reason to welcome her departure. The cold eye of suspicion glances from one member of the cast to another, not excluding STEPHEN himself, and the appearance of mysterious typed notes hidden in - of all places - a copy of Plato's Republic - adds to the general unease.

### Auditions

Auditions for the 4 male and 3 female parts will take place at 7.30pm on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008**. Please ring Diane on 0161 747 5489 for venue details if you would like to try for a part.

### Play Coordinator

The committee has decided that from now on we will have a **Play Coordinator** who will help with production arrangements and to ensure that tasks are allocated on time and to willing helpers.

*If you would like to take on this job for the next production, please speak to a member of the committee as soon as possible.*

## Members' Draw

Our annual members' draw took place at the recent committee meeting and the following lucky winners will be receiving cheques in the next few days:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £25 to Diane Coupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £15 to Hannah Ballard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £5 to Pat Saunders

## Play Reading

The society has been invited to perform a play reading at the Church on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009** at 7.30 p.m. Sue Carlson will be directing the three short plays and all proceeds will go to Church funds. These play readings are always good fun and light refreshments are included, so please try to come along.

Tickets are £3 or pay on the door.

## Diary Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Stockport Garrick "Comfort and Joy" by Mike Harding	25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Wilmslow Guild Players "A Woman Of No Importance" by Oscar Wilde
7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Bedroom Farce" by Alan Ayckbourn	29 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> March to 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Breaking the Code" by Hugh Whitmore
13 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	CHADS Theatre Company, Cheadle "John Willy And The Bee People" by Alan Cullen	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham "Dark River" by Alex Romanes
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2009</b>	<b>Canterbury Players Play Reading Methodist Church, Brook Road, Flixton</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> April to 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009	Stockport Garrick "Death Of A Salesman" by Arthur Miller
17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2008	Wilmslow Guild Players "Goody Two Shoes" by Paul Reakes	4 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "The Canterbury Tales" by by Martin Starkie and Neville Coghill
9 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Sale Nomads (at The Robert Bolt Theatre, Sale Waterside) "Aladdin"	5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Sale Gilbert & Sullivan Society (Altrincham Garrick) "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert & Sullivan
17 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "The Prisoner Of Second Avenue" by Neil Simon	16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "Murdered To Death" by Peter Gordon
17 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "Babes In The Wood" by Peter Denyer	16 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009	Heald Green Theatre Company "See How They Run" by Phillip King
19 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Edgefold Players, Walkden "Mother Goose"	17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Daisy Pulls it Off" by Denise Deegan
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January 2009</b>	<b>Canterbury Players Theatre Dinner at Smiths</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009	Wilmslow Guild Players The Wilmslow Festival Of One Act Plays
24 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Heald Green Theatre Company "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" by Frank McGuinness	20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009	Edgefold Players, Walkden "Caught In The Net" by Ray Cooney
24 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Stockport Garrick "Iron" by Rona Munro	24 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham "Blythe Spirit" by Noel Coward
25 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham "An Inspector Calls" by J.B.Priestley	6 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Stockport Garrick "The Servant Of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni
29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	HATS Theatre Group, Stretford "Bonaventure" by Charlotte Hastings	15 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham Hale One Act Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2009	Northenden Players Theatre Club "When We Are Married" by J B Priestley	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "Death and the Maiden" by Ariel Dorfman
9 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "Mrs Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw		
14 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare		
15 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham "A Sting In The Tail" by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner		
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	Edgefold Players, Walkden "Hobson's Choice" by Harold Brighouse		
21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Heald Green Theatre Company "Private Lives" by Noel Coward		
21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Stockport Garrick "Haywire" by Eric Chappell		
21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	CHADS Theatre Company, Cheadle "The Life Of Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht		