

Canterbury Players Newsletter

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November 2009 Production

“Secondary Cause Of Death”

This play by Peter Gordon is a sequel to 'Murdered to Death' which we presented in November 2005. Even though it's a sequel, it can still be performed as a 'stand-alone' play to audiences who are unfamiliar with Murdered to Death.



Inspector Pratt arrives at Bagshot House with grim news for Colonel Craddock but that's just the beginning. Who is the strange Polish Count? Is Henrietta really an army Captain? And where does the thespian Longfellow fit into the scene? These are just some of the characters who make Pratt's return a chaotic nightmare as the bodies pile higher and higher! If you thought that Murdered to Death was funny, just wait until you see this one. Over 100 productions have already been performed world-wide.

Inspector Pratt also features in the third of the 'Pratt' plays; 'Death by Fatal Murder'.

Auditions will be held on 8th July at 7.30 pm; please contact Roger if you would like to attend. Also, we do not yet have a director for the play, so anyone who is interested; please contact Roger.

March 2010 Production

“Pools Paradise”

This wonderfully funny farce by Philip King is set in the vicarage of the small village of Merton-cum-Middlewick. The vicar's wife Penelope Toop, has been enticed by Ida, the maid and her doltish boy-friend Willie Briggs into a flutter on the football pools, which seem to have come up trumps. The win however is not a certainty. It must be checked and this is where the fun begins. In true farce tradition it has its protagonists, the Rev Lionel Toop and the sexually frustrated spinster Miss Skillon, who are both dead set against gambling. Throw in a clutch of clergymen and another pools coupon and you have a household in a high state of confusion as coupons are switched and switched again, trousers are lost and the inevitable breathless pursuits in and out of cup-boards occur that are so familiar to lovers of vicarage farces.



Canterbury Players last presented this play in February 1963.

November 2010 Production

The committee has decided that we should do a straight “whodunnit” and we want to start selecting a suitable play soon. To all those who expressed an interest in being involved in the choice of our productions, please contact Roger within the next week or so.

Grant Awarded

£4,500.00

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful with our application for a Grassroots Grant to the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester. This organisation is a community of donors committed to improving the quality of life and helping to build stronger communities across the county.



We are most grateful to CF as without the award, we would probably not been able to make some of these major purchases. Our application was for funds for replacing the track and curtains at Brook Road, the purchase of a colour A3 printer with supplies, and for some stage make-up. The cheque for £4,500.00 has now been received and banked and our purchases are imminent. You can find out more about the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester on their website:

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Annual General Meeting



This season's AGM will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st July 2009 in room 2 at Brook Road.

Unless we have any objections, we intend to adopt our usual practice of voting in the committee en masse. If anyone would like to stand for a position, they should do so with two signed sponsors.

In addition to the usual agenda items we will also vote on accepting the revised Constitution of which a copy is enclosed. If anyone has any comments regarding this, please put them in writing to the Chairman at least 14 days before the meeting. This should then allow us to just take a vote on the adoption of the amended constitution.

Looking For Stage Crew



After decades of service to the society, Gordon Wells has decided to stand down from his stage building activities at the end of next season (June 2010). In order that the society can continue to present quality productions on fantastic sets, it's imperative that we find someone to work with him

and the other members of the stage crew over the next year and then take on his work.

Not only are we grateful for all his efforts in the past, but also for the fact that he's given us plenty of notice so that we can look for someone who is willing to take on this role and who can learn from his skills and experience.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please contact the chairman.

Well Done Matt

Matt Fox ran the **2009 BUPA Great Manchester Run** in aid of Cancer Research UK on Sunday 17th May; here's his report:

I managed to do the run in 1hr 21 mins which was a little slower than I intended but still a fairly good effort; apparently. I finished 25,219th overall (a good ten thousand in front of the last finisher!), but most importantly have managed to raise £76.92 for Cancer Research UK. The website page is open until 17th Aug if anyone wants to donate, and I would like this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and came out to support me! (I'll endeavour to be faster next year!!)

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