

Canterbury Players Newsletter

August 2012

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A Word From The Chairman

I do hope I find you all well?

Just a few words from me this time, as it has only been a few weeks since the AGM. Thank you to all who attended the AGM. We managed to cover several topics that needed discussion. Since then we have agreed on the March 2013 play. This is a thriller, which Tor Coupe will be directing. We have also a play in the "reading stage" for our November 2013 production. If it gets accepted, it will see the return for the third time of a Canterbury favourite character in a brand new play.

Diane has been in contact with Wendy re the sponsored poetry afternoon, and I am sure by the next newsletter, they will be able to give you a full update, with venue and dates.

Gail is well on with getting numbers for our meal on September 22nd, but we are still waiting for a few more to reply, as we are still a little short on numbers, to make sure that we have the dining room to ourselves. If you haven't let Gail know you are going, please do as soon as you can.

I am writing this as I prepare to go on holiday, there is only so much rain that you can take. Margaret and I are going to Tenerife for a week, it was not in the Finn budget this year, but thank God for the invention of credit cards. If you have yet to go on your summer break, I really do hope that you enjoy it and come back ready to take on our British winter.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the "president's" meal in September.

Roger

Actors Needed For November Play

Sadly, Damian and Aidan have had to withdraw from taking part in our November production of **"Look Who's Talking"** due to personal commitments. Therefore, we need to find two actors who can play the parts of Brian – a cheeky and charming 30 to 40 year old, and Andrew – a pompous solicitor aged late forties. We'll be holding auditions for these parts and a partial read-through of the play on Wednesday 22nd August 2012 at 7.30 pm. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact Heather ASAP, phone 0161 747 9948.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 18th July 2012 and following the usual voting procedures, the committee remains unchanged as follows:-

Chairman:	Roger Finn
Vice Chairman:	Jonathan Coupe
Treasurer:	David Holstein
General Secretary:	Judy Coates
Stage Manager:	April Johnson
Minute Secretary:	Diane Cornes
Membership Secretary:	Heather Holstein
Pre-production Secretary:	Laura Fetherston
	Gail O'Brien
	Bill Palmer
	Terry Walker

Secretaries' Roles - July 2012

Last year the role of secretary was changed, as it was really too much for one person to do. Well done to those, who in the past, managed to do it all! We thought it would be helpful to inform members of the various responsibilities of each secretary. The roles below bear in mind the people involved at present and may need to be altered when new officials are appointed.

General Secretary – Judy Coates

- Liaise with other committee members when re-arranging meetings.
- Book committee meetings at UCC, as required.
- Book rooms at Church for meetings, rehearsals and performances.
- Compose, type and send miscellaneous letters or emails on behalf of the Committee.
- Reply to all correspondence and telephone communications received - forward or action as required.
- Compile and type committee meeting agendas and distribute one week before a meeting.
- Prepare Secretary's Report for committee meetings and also distribute one week before a meeting.
- Prepare AGM and Members' Renewal Notice. Distribute by email/post – four weeks before AGM, together with previous year's AGM minutes.
- Maintain stamp book as a spreadsheet.
- Apply for, then complete and return a Mayor Invitation Form, from Trafford's website - then complete and return the After Event Questionnaire. Arrange parking, refreshments and someone to sit next to guests - with our chairman.
- Invite The Reverend Stuart, NODA representatives, Julia Taylor (Messenger) and Bethan Dorsett (*The Advertiser*) - two complimentary tickets each.

Membership Secretary – Heather Holstein

- Assist Treasurer with collection of members' subscriptions. Follow up slow payers.
- Receive, acknowledge and respond to enquiries from potential new members.
- Offer to meet new members before their first meeting/rehearsal etc.
- Maintain a society address book and mailing lists on spreadsheets.
- Assist with printing and distributing members' newsletters by email/post.
- Liaise with programme advertisers to confirm their wish to re-advertise. Create and send invoices, together with a free ticket voucher; collect payments and follow up slow payers.
- Liaise with Treasurer with regard to prompt payment of insurance, NODA and Trafford Arts membership etc.

Minutes Secretary – Diane Cornes

- Take minutes at committee meetings and AGM.
- Receive and record in minutes, apologies from non-attendees.

- Receive written reports from Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Construction Team and Stage Manager, for inclusion in the minutes – at least one week before the meeting.
- Following meetings, write up minutes in full and distribute them by email to committee or society members. Judy to send hard copies.

Publicity Secretaries – April Johnson and Judy Coates

- Update Internet with publicity information for both the Society and each production. Refer to attached list.
- Organise team to place posters on public notice boards, Trafford libraries, local shops etc.
- Liaise with Urmston Library – display board.
- Create and maintain links with local drama departments and offer discounts.
- Write press releases and submit regularly to local newspapers.

Pre - Production Secretary – Laura Fetherston

- Purchase scripts, usually by phone and pay by personal credit/debit card. Reimbursement from Treasurer.
- Make provisional enquiries with copyright holders for performances
- Apply for and complete formal royalty applications.
- Liaise with Director, actors and other stage crew with regard to rehearsal dates.

Judy

Member's Prize Draw

The following people were the lucky winners in the Members' Cash Draw which was held at the AGM.

- 1st prize of £30 to Terry Walker
- 2nd prize of £20 to Jeanette Freeman
- 3rd prize of £10 to Wendy Herbert

Member Subscriptions Now Due



Member Subscriptions (still only £10) for the 2012 – 2013 season were due on 1st July. If you haven't already paid yours, please send a cheque to David made payable to **Canterbury Players**, as soon as possible.

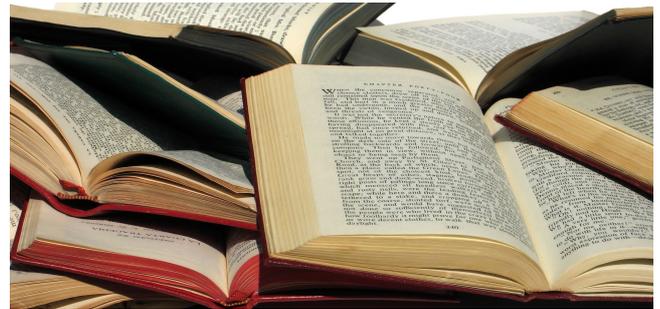
Charitable Donations

Following discussion and a vote at our recent AGM, we now have agreement in principle for the society to make an

occasional charitable donation following a financially successful production. The recipient will be a local charity or other worthy cause chosen by the committee from suggestions made by members. The amount will be a proportion of any surplus after all expenses have been deducted.

If you have a suggestion for a suitable recipient, please speak to any member of the committee.

Play Reading Event



In recent months we've held a couple of play readings which turned out to be very successful and enjoyable events, both for the readers and onlookers. So, we're planning another to be held on a Saturday afternoon in October (exact date to be advised, but probably 6th or 13th). It's primarily a social event and open to all members, but there is no requirement to read a part. If you want to you can just listen and your opinion will be welcomed at the end. The event is not a "play selection meeting", however, if a play is read which is considered by all to be suitable for a main production, a recommendation can be made to the play selection committee.

Please let us know if you would like to attend and if you are prepared to read a part. To avoid possible confusion, especially for those not reading, we won't be switching readers during the play.

We're planning some light refreshments and you can bring a "bottle" if you wish. The plan will be to hold it at Cornhill Road, but we may change that to the Cricket Club depending on numbers. Contact Heather or David as soon as possible. 0161 747 9948

Future Productions

14th to 17th November 2012
"Look Who's Talking!"
 a comedy by Derek Benfield

When two unexpected guests, Jane and Brian, drop in on Sheila and Andrew, a devoted middle-age couple, what ensues is a complicated and hilarious series of misunderstandings and mistaken identities as Sheila and Andrew begin to weave an elaborate web of lies and half-truths to hide their own possible infidelities.

Posters will be ready late September.

March 2013

“Curtain Up For Murder”

a murder mystery by Bettine Manktelow

An amateur drama company is rehearsing in the theatre at the end of the pier. Storms rage overhead and the doors are locked — they are trapped! Then a mysterious, ghostly presence passes across the stage, and when the Assistant Stage Manager falls to certain death through a trapdoor, the remaining actors are thrown into disarray. Their panic increases when one of the actresses is poisoned and it becomes evident that a murderer is in their midst ..

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th August 2012

“Love On The Dole” by Ronald Gow and Walter Greenwood
Chorlton Players

Monday 3rd Sep to 8th Sep 2012

“Calendar Girls” by Tim Firth
Altrincham Garrick

Monday 17th Sep to Saturday 22nd Sep 2012

“Teechers” by John Godber
Altrincham Garrick

Wednesday 19th September 2012 (one night)

“September Serenade”
Urmston Choral Society at Brook Road Methodist Church, at 7.30pm

Saturday September 22nd 2012

“President's Dinner”
Smiths Restaurant, 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd September 2012 (one night)

“September Serenade”
Urmston Choral Society at Cadishead Primary School, 7.30pm

Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th September 2012

“Gaslight” by Patrick Hamilton
HATS (Stretford)

Tuesday 30th Oct to Saturday 3rd November

“A Christmas Carol”
Urmston Musical Theatre

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For more events in the North West visit - amdram.co.uk

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