

# Canterbury Players Newsletter

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## 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 in the afternoon on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. It is primarily a social event and open to all members, and 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 on 0161 747 9948.

## November 2012 Production

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.

Rehearsals are well under way and are going well, and set construction is in the final stages. Don't forget to reserve your tickets in plenty of time.

Posters will be ready in the next week or so, please let us know your requirements (sizes and quantities).

## March 2013 Production

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013  
**"Curtain Up On 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 ..

## Auditions

Even though March 2013 seems a long way off yet, preparations for our Spring production have already started! An audition has been arranged for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Urmston Cricket Club. If anyone has any questions they are free to email me: [torcoupe@gmail.com](mailto:torcoupe@gmail.com) or phone on me 07971 291197.

### Characters (5 Female and 3 Male)

Linda: attractive, smart, capable, 28 years  
Ginny: naive, prim, rather gauche, 18 years  
Sandra: earnest, bright, confident, 20 years  
Harry: caretaker, a bit dim and gossipy, elderly  
Alex: attractive, conceited, self interested, 28 years  
Sylvia: attractive, impractical, a daydreamer, 35 years  
Martin: super-confident, full of himself, but with charm  
40 years plus  
Moppet: messy, untidy, sweet, likeable, 50ish

The ages of the characters are not set in stone but they can move slightly depending on the people who are best for the role but as with all plays there will need to be an age difference in some of the characters as this is what makes them. See you at the auditions.

Tor Coupe (Director)

## Member Subscriptions



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.

## New to the Archives

"We have an 8mm film reel of the 1973/4 Canterbury Players 25th Season and Bill has kindly said he will transfer it to a disc for us. Hopefully David may be able to put something from it onto our website! Not only are there excerpts from *'The Bride and the Bachelor'* and *'The Happiest Days of your Life'* but you can see the backstage staff at work - it'll be interesting to see if we recognize anyone!"



Photo: "Madame Tic-Tac was also produced in the 25th season and there is a recorded radio interview about the play on our website archive page."

Obviously no laughing matter for the cast during this scene of Canterbury Players' latest presentation, "Madam Tic - Tac" — a strong drama which marked the beginning of the Davyhulme drama group's new season. The play was presented in the school hall of Canterbury Road Junior School, Davyhulme, last week.

Judy Coates

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th Oct to Saturday 3rd November  
**"A Christmas Carol"**  
 Urmston Musical Theatre

14th to 17th November 2012  
**"Look Who's Talking"** by Derek Benfield  
 Canterbury Players

20th to 23rd March 2013  
**"Curtain Up For Murder"** by Bettine Manktelow  
 Canterbury Players

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