

Canterbury Players Newsletter

February 2014

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A Word From The Chairman

Dear Members,

NODA Gala Awards Dinner Area 1. Didn't we do well...our members Damian McHugh, Christine Perry, Heather Holstein and David Holstein all nominated for awards a wonderful achievement for our small society. I am thrilled to report that David won in the 'Unsung Hero' category and will go on to represent Canterbury Players at the NODA Gala Awards Dinner North West. Well done David, well deserved for all the hard work you do behind the scenes.

This year the dinner is to be held in Manchester so if you are interested in going along to support David get in touch with any committee member and we will contact you with ticket details.

Other information....rehearsals for our next production "*Curtain Up On Murder*" are going well, I am sure you will join me in wishing, 'all the very best' to our new director for this production, Victoria Coupe. It's going to be a fantastic show so get your ticket orders in ASAP.

Finally...this is your society so if you have any questions or comments on your society I would love to hear from you. You can ring or text me on 07805 427 794 or email me jonathan@davyhulme.net

I look forward to hearing from you...

Jonathan Coupe - Chairman

Urmston Musical Theatre's "*Songs from the Shows*" in which she'd been performing. Well done to Christine who is a regular cast member for our productions and a new Canterbury Players committee member.

April Johnson

Forthcoming Productions



Affiliated to National Operatic and Dramatic Association, and by arrangement with publishers Samuel French Ltd,

Canterbury Players
Amateur Dramatic Society
presents

Curtain Up On Murder

a comic thriller by Bettine Manktelow

on stage at
Davyhulme (Wesley) Methodist Church,
Brook Road, Flixton, M41 5RQ

doors: 7.00 pm curtain: 7.30 pm

Tickets: £7 (Group Discounts Available)

19 to 22 Mar 2014

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The Spotlight Awards



Our talented member Christine Perry has been nominated for The Spotlight Awards by The Association of Community Theatre. Christine has been nominated in the category of Most Original Comedy Performance 2013 for her role as Mrs Dilber in "*A Christmas Carol*" alongside Yvonne Bissett who played Mrs Filch for UMT.

Chris has had an excellent year, as in October 2013 she also gained her NODA, 25 year 'Long Service Award.' Kevin Proctor, our local NODA representative, presented it to Chris after

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.

Cast in order of appearance

Linda : Vikki Forshaw
Ginny : Laura Finn
Sandra : Laura Fetherston
Harry : Peter Mungovan
Alex : Brad Wigglesworth
Sylvia : Diane Cornes
Martin : Jonathan Coupe
Moppet : Christine Perry

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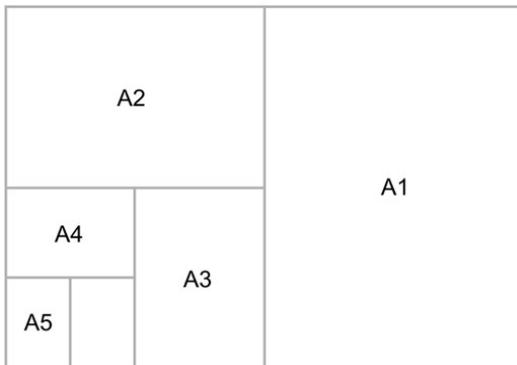
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Tickets On Sale Now!

Posters

Posters will be ready soon and will be available in sizes: A2, A3, A4, A5, A6. Please let us know your requirements.



Play week team needed

Is there anyone who would like to take on the role of 'Hall Manager' during play week?

This role is crucial to the production, support will be provided to anyone new. It's a really good opportunity to be involved hands on and work with a great team and get to know people. The Hall Manager works front of house play week, each night, however the role can be job-shared if need be.

Please also contact me if you are available for the rota on play week, for any night to help with raffle tickets, teas, ushering.

Your support is much appreciated,

Laura
fairyprincessloz83@hotmail.com/ 07739353958

Variety Night

A social and fund-raising event, jointly organised by members of Davyhulme (Wesley) Methodist Church and Canterbury Players Amateur Dramatic Society, was held at Brook Road, Flixton, on Saturday 8th February.

Members from both organisations presented a variety of enjoyable pieces which included, poems, monologues, a one-act play reading, and some music. A delicious buffet was served half way through the proceedings along with a perfect cup of tea.

These events have become something of a tradition and are always well attended and very much enjoyed by all concerned. Here's to the next!

David Holstein

NODA Awards Night





**NODA NW District One
Awards Gala: 25th Jan 2014**



**I am pleased to announce the nominations for
CANTERBURY PLAYERS**

BEST PROGRAMME (BASIC CLASS)
Canterbury Players – 'Look Who's Talking'
Canterbury Players – 'Something To Hide'

BEST FEMALE COMEDY PERFORMANCE
Heather Holstein for 'Miss Cunningham' in 'Something To Hide'

BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE IN A DRAMA
Chris Perry for 'Jane' in 'Look Who's Talking'

BEST ACTOR IN A DRAMA
Damian McHugh for 'Howard Holt' in 'Something To Hide'

UNsung HERO
David Holstein

*Congratulations to all and many thanks,
Kevin Proctor - NODA NW District One*

As President of Canterbury Players, I was very proud to attend the NODA North West District One Gala Dinner on January 25th 2014 and see David Holstein of Canterbury Players receive the 'Unsung Hero' Award.

David has always worked quietly in the background on a variety of activities. He is a committee member, our Treasurer and in play week can be seen in the foyer with a comprehensive display

that he has made about the society. Besides this, David updates the website he made for us, produces a newsletter for members and designs and prints our posters, programmes and tickets. David and his wife, Heather, also kindly invite us to use their home for meetings and social evenings.

Well done David! A worthy winner.

District One is now one of the largest in the North West with 28 societies, so it is an honour in itself to be nominated. To have four nominees from our society is wonderful!

Congratulations to you all!

Gordon Wells

Flixton Folk Festival

This year the festival will be from Saturday 12th July to Sunday 20th July. There are many community aims of the festival, one of which is to promote Flixton, Urmston and Davyhulme as an arts destination.

During the festival, **Canterbury Players** will be hosting a community event at our Brook Road "theatre." We hope to showcase the society and raise further interest in the community. More details will be available in our next Newsletter but if you would like to help in any way - acting, refreshments, making cakes . . . please contact Judy Coates **748 8403** or any member of the committee.

Society Social Meetings

Starting Tuesday 11th March from 7.00pm, we're starting regular get-togethers for all members of the society. There's no formal agenda, no minutes – simply a chance to have a chat and get to know each other. We could discuss our plays (past, present, & future), what we've seen elsewhere, ideas for social events etc. Interested potential new members will also be invited to come along and meet us. The meetings will be held at **The Swinging Bridge** on the 2nd Tuesday of every odd-numbered month, so for the rest of 2014, that's:

- Tuesday 11th March
- Tuesday 13th May
- Tuesday 8th July
- Tuesday 9th September
- Tuesday 11th November

It doesn't matter if you don't attend any or all, just turn up if you want to!

End Of Season Bash!



This year we are planning an end of season party. It will be an informal hot buffet and a dance. This is likely to be a **Saturday night in May**, to be held locally. More details to follow! Any questions, email Jon, jonathan.coupe@hotmail.com or Laura, fairyprincessloz83@hotmail.com

Diary Dates

Urmston Musical Theatre
"Snow White"
18th to 22nd February 2014

Altrincham Garrick
"The 39 Steps"
24th February to 1st March 2014

Canterbury Players Amateur Dramatic Society
"Curtain Up On Murder" by Bettine Manktelow
19th to 22nd March 2014

Altrincham Little Theatre
"The Deep Blue Sea" by Terence Rattigan
23rd to 29th March 2014

HATS Theatre Group
"Farndale Avenue Macbeth"
27th to 29th March 2014

Altrincham Garrick
"Run For Your Wife" by Ray Cooney
28th April to 3rd May 2014

This newsletter is compiled by David Holstein and approved by the committee prior to publication, which is usually every few months or as required. It is distributed to the entire membership by email or post as necessary. If you have an article or snippet of news which you would like to be considered for inclusion in a future newsletter, please send it to me, preferably by email. There's an archive of recent newsletters on our website: www.canterburyplayers.co.uk

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