

Canterbury Players Newsletter

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Forthcoming Productions

Affiliated to National Operatic and Dramatic Association
Canterbury Players
Amateur Dramatic Society

Following last year's sell-out success with our 'Allo 'Allo event, and as part of this year's **Flixton Folk Festival**

we are delighted to present rehearsed readings of two episodes from the hilarious 1970s BBC TV series:

FAWLTY TOWERS

by Connie Booth and John Cleese

"Communication Problems" and "A Touch Of Class" (from *Fawlty Towers*) are presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD

at Urmston Sports Club,
Moorside Road, M41 5UU
(formerly Urmston Cricket Club)
at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
("no riff-raff please")

Wednesday 16th July 2014
Thursday 17th July 2014
Saturday 19th July 2014

Home-made supper included.
Licensed bar until midnight.
Seaside attire optional (prize for the best).
Tickets: **£10** (advance purchase only) tel: **0161 748 8403**
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As part of this year's Flixton Folk Festival, Canterbury Players Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting a rehearsed reading of two episodes from the 1970s BBC TV series "*Fawlty Towers*" by Connie Booth and John Cleese. It will be held at Urmston Sports Club on Wednesday 16th July, Thursday 17th July and Saturday 19th July at 7.30 pm. The ticket price includes a delicious home-made supper which will be served during the interval, and the bar will be open throughout the performance and until midnight. Further details and menu will appear on our website soon. Tickets are £10 and must be purchased in advance by contacting Judy Coates on 0161 748 8403. From the proceeds of the event, the society will make a donation to the locally-based charity Cancer Aid Listening Line (CALL) - an organisation at which our late member Wendy Herbert was a dedicated volunteer.



A rehearsed reading is more than just a play reading, but not quite a full production. A full performing licence is bought, and stage props, costumes, sound and lighting are used. The main difference is that some of the cast will have scripts and may read some of their lines. The idea is to make it more of a fun social event and a chance for those who don't normally appear on stage to have a go. This will be the second event of this type for the locally based group; last year they presented a special stage version of the popular 'Allo 'Allo which was extremely well enjoyed by audiences and all those involved. In fact, it was a sell-out, so tickets for "Fawlty" are expected to be in great demand.

(there are more rehearsal photos on our website)

Tickets On Sale Now!

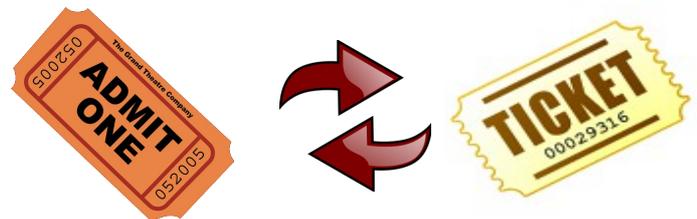
Society Social Meetings

Just a reminder about our regular get-togethers for all members of the society. There's no formal agenda, no minutes – simply a chance to have a chat and about our plays (past, present, & future), what we've seen elsewhere, ideas for social events etc. Interested potential new members are also welcome to come along as well. We meet at **The Swinging Bridge** on the 2nd Tuesday of every odd-numbered month, so for the rest of 2014, that's:

- **Tuesday 8th July**
- **Tuesday 9th September**
- **Tuesday 11th November**

There's no need to say whether or not you're coming, just turn up!

Ticket Exchange Scheme



Look out for more dates!

The **Ticket Exchange Scheme** was originally with the intention to increase our Wednesday night audience. The idea was that, on our traditional 'quiet night' we would have an audience (made up of other societies members) to give the cast a boost. Then in return, we would provide a supportive audience for their quiet nights. After sending out thirty plus emails to amateur groups, we had a handful of interested parties. The opening night of 'Curtain Up on Murder' was subsequently very atmospheric, with really high audience numbers. This was followed by a gathering in the church to meet the other societies involved in the exchange.

Earlier this month was the last of the ticket exchange evenings. Since March, members have had the opportunity to go and watch plays for free; performed by HATs, Altrincham Little Theatre, Dunham Thespians and Barton Players. The feedback

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has been that the evenings were all very enjoyable and people felt that it was a great learning experience too, to see what other societies do differently and to consider if the plays are ones that would suit us. We also had great feedback from our production and compliments on the front of house and whole organisation of our society, from the other societies involved. So well done to everyone, we are doing a great job and everyone's efforts go to make the productions enjoyable! We even got a mention in Dunham Thespians programme!

We are currently in the process of arranging for more exchanges, with more societies expressing an interest in doing so. So please look out for dates to be announced and come and enjoy some local entertainment. Tickets are given on first come first served basis and subject to availability, two tickets are available to each member.

If anyone has any questions or if anyone knows of other societies, (whether its drama, dance or music) that would be interested in the exchange, please contact me at fairypriincessloz83@hotmail.com

Laura Fetherston - Vice Chairperson

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 newsletters on our website: www.canterburyplayers.co.uk

email: david@davyhulme.net phone: 0161 747 9948

Membership Subscriptions

Member subscriptions are due at the start of our new season which is 1st July 2014. If you pay on or before the AGM, your name will go into the annual members' cash draw and you could win £30!

Annual General Meeting

The society's annual general meeting will be held at Urmston Sports Club, Moorside Road on Thursday 31st July 2014. After the formal business has been conducted, members are invited to stay behind and enjoy a drink, a chat and some cheese and biscuits. We'll also be having another "official" group photo taken which will appear in the banner of our website. Please let Judy know if you are attending, and don't forget to bring your £10 member subscription for the forthcoming season (cheque preferred, thanks).

Diary Dates

Members Social Meeting

The Swinging Bridge
Tuesday 8th July 2014 - 7.00 p.m.

Fawlty Towers with supper

Canterbury Players at Urmston Sports Club
Wednesday 16th July 2014
Thursday 17th July 2014
Saturday 19th July 2014

Canterbury Players Annual General Meeting

(followed by cheese & biscuits)
Urmston Sports Club
Thursday 31st July 2014 at 8.00 pm