

About Canterbury Players

Formed in Davyhulme in 1949 and now in our 60th year, Canterbury Players is affiliated to Greater Manchester Drama Federation, Trafford Arts Association and the National Operatic And Drama Association.

We started out as a parent-teacher group rehearsing and performing on stage in the hall at Canterbury Road Junior School in Davyhulme and occasionally at other locations in the area for other events such as play readings. However, since 2007 our new home has been **Davyhulme (Wesley) Methodist Church** which is located in Brook Road, Flixton.

Canterbury Players is a non-profit making and open society which is managed by an elected committee. We always welcome new members (over 16), so whether you wish to act, produce, direct or get involved backstage there is a place for you in the group. In addition, you can participate in our fundraising and social events such as quiz nights, BBQs, trips etc. We have recently introduced our Patron Scheme, which provides a way for those who wish to assist the society financially but without actually taking part in play productions. Patrons receive our regular newsletters, priority booking forms and invitations to social and fundraising events.

Members and patrons pay just £10 per year which goes towards funding some of our unavoidable costs such as rent, insurance, royalties etc. If you would like to join us or become a patron, please pick up an application form during the interval or contact our secretary Heather Holstein on 0161 747 9948 or send an email to heather@davyhulme.net



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Dates For Your Diary

29 th & 31 st March to 4 th April 2009	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Breaking the Code" by Hugh Whitmore
30 th March 2009 to 4 th April 2009	Altrincham Garrick "A Man For All Seasons" by Robert Bolt
2 nd to 4 th April 2009	The Club Theatre, Altrincham "Dark River" by Alex Romanes
20 th to 25 th April 2009	Altrincham Garrick "The Shell-Seekers" by Terrence Brady and Charlotte Bingham. The cast includes a "Canterbury Players" member: Christine Perry.
25 th April to 2 nd May 2009	Stockport Garrick "Death Of A Salesman" by Arthur Miller
4 th to 9 th May 2009	Partington Theatre (Glossop) "The Canterbury Tales" by by Martin Starkie and Neville Coghill
5 th to 9 th May 2009	Sale Gilbert & Sullivan Society (Altrincham Garrick) "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert & Sullivan
16 th to 19 th May 2009	Players Dramatic Society, Cheadle Hulme "Murdered To Death" by Peter Gordon
18 th to 23 rd May 2009	Altrincham Garrick "Little Shop Of Horrors" by Ashman and Menken
16 th to 23 rd May 2009	Heald Green Theatre Company "See How They Run" by Phillip King
17 th & 19 th to 23 rd May 2009	Northenden Players Theatre Club "Daisy Pulls it Off" by Denise Deegan
20 th to 23 rd May 2009	Wilmslow Guild Players The Wilmslow Festival Of One Act Plays
20 th to 23 rd May 2009	Edgefold Players, Walkden "Caught In The Net" by Ray Cooney

PROGRAMME

Cast (in order of appearance)

Ray Lewis : Thomas Mungovan
Sheila Hilton : Hannah Ballard
Tony Marshall : Chris Corry
Norma Brent : Laura Cookson
Stephen Brent, M.A. : Matt Fox
Cliff Prior : Steven Coupe
Joan Prior : Jenny Coupe
Diane Winslow : Laura Cookson

Behind the Scenes

Director : Diane Cornes
Producer : Roger Finn
Stage Manager : Terry Walker
Sound and Lighting : Bill Palmer
Set Design & Construction : Terry Walker, Gordon Wells
Additional Artwork : Norma Walker
Secretary to the Director : Victoria Connolly
Stage Properties : Eleanor Fox
Hall Manager : Roger Finn
Ticket Sales : Judy Coates
Refreshments : Gail O'Brien
Programmes, posters, website : David Holstein

Members of the audience are reminded that it is against the law to smoke on the premises. We would also request that you switch off mobile phones and not take photographs during the performance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Director's Notes

I was delighted and honoured when I was asked to direct this latest production. With a certain amount of trepidation I took up the challenge and have found myself rewarded with a thoroughly committed and focused cast who have supported me in my role on the other side of the footlights. My thanks go to our fabulous backstage crew - with a wonderful set and super lighting and sound.

I sincerely hope you enjoy our performance of "Party To Murder" and trust that we have done justice to our predecessors who performed this play in 1989.

Diane Cornes

Synopsis Of Scenes

The action takes place in the Lounge Hall of Tudor Gables, the home of Professor Stephen Brent and his wife Norma, in a new university town. Time: the early 1970s.

Act 1, Scene 1: 10 p.m., a Tuesday in October

Scene 2: 9.15 a.m., Wednesday

Scene 3: Early evening, one week later

Main Interval

Act 2, Scene 1: Four hours later

Scene 2: Midnight, the following night

Scene 3: Fifteen minutes later

Short Interval (raffle)

Scene 4: The next evening



During the main interval, tea, coffee, orange juice and biscuits will be served in room 2.

There's no charge but donations are welcome.

List Of Past Productions

1949 Dec Ladies In Retirement	1967 Feb The Willow And I	1986 Nov When We Are Married
1950 Mar Charity Begins	1967 May Strike Happy	1987 Apr Blithe Spirit
1950 Nov The Torch Bearers	1967 Oct The House On The Cliff	1987 Nov A Murder Is Announced
1951 May Bonaventure	1968 Jan Saturday Night At The Crown	1988 Mar Boeing-Boeing
1951 Oct Duet For Two Hands	1968 Apr Rock-A-Bye, Sailor	1988 Nov Midsummer Mink
1952 Apr School For Spinsters	1968 Nov The Shop At Sly Corner	1989 Mar Party To Murder
1952 Nov Black Chiffon	1969 Feb Boeing-Boeing	1989 Nov Bedroom Farce
1953 Jan Queen Elizabeth Slept Here	1969 Apr Separate Tables	1990 Mar Deadly Nightcap
1953 Apr Suspect	1969 Nov I'll Get My Man	1990 Nov Key For Two
1953 Nov After My Fashion	1970 Feb Spring And Port Wine	1991 Apr Daughter Of The Left Hand
1954 Jan See How They Run	1970 Apr Witness For The Prosecution	1991 Nov Holiday Snap
1954 Apr Night Must Fall	1970 Dec Mist Over The Mistletoe	1992 Mar Spring & Port Wine
1954 Nov Double Door	1971 Feb The Brides Of March	1992 Nov Person Unknown
1955 Mar The Cure For Love	1971 May Uncertain Joy	1993 Mar Table Manners
1955 Nov Madame Louise	1971 Nov Big Bad Mouse	1993 Nov Shut Your Eyes And Think Of England
1956 Mar The Secret Tent	1972 Apr Jane Eyre	1994 Apr It Must've Been Murder
1956 Dec Beside The Seaside	1972 Nov Busy Body	1994 Nov Outside Edge
1957 Mar Night Was Our Friend	1973 Nov The Bride And The Bachelor	1995 Apr An Inspector Calls
1958 Feb Ring For Catty	1974 Mar The Happiest Days Of Your Life	1995 Dec Move Over Mrs Markham
1958 Apr Cat Among The Pigeons	1974 Nov Madame Tic-Tac	1996 Mar Strictly For The Birds
1958 Nov Our Wife	1975 Nov Return To Victoria	1996 Nov Off The Hook
1959 Feb The House By The Lake	1976 Mar Bonaventure	1997 Mar House Guest
1959 Nov And This Was Odd	1976 Nov Surprise Package	1997 Nov No Sex Please We're British
1960 Feb The Paper Chain	1977 Mar Murder At Midnight	1998 Mar And Then There Were None
1960 Apr One Wild Oat	1977 Nov Not Now Darling	1999 Apr Rebecca
1960 Dec The Day Is Gone	1978 Apr The Militants	2001 Nov Love Begins At Fifty
1961 Feb Friends And Neighbours	1978 Nov Move Over Mrs Markham	2002 Feb Don't Dress For Dinner
1961 May Fool's Paradise	1979 Mar Restless Evil	2002 Nov The Ghost Train
1961 Nov Blithe Spirit	1979 Nov The Late Mrs Early	2003 Mar Suddenly At Home
1962 Feb And Then There Were None	1980 Feb Driven To Murder	2004 Mar Inspector Drake & The Perfekt Crime
1962 Apr When We Are Married	1980 May No Room For Love	2004 Oct Haywire
1962 Nov A Letter From The General	1980 Nov Scarlet Ribbon	2005 Feb Out Of Order
1963 Feb Pool's Paradise	1981 Mar Caught On The Hop	2005 Nov Murdered To Death
1963 Apr Waiting In The Wings	1981 Nov Celebration	2006 Mar Cash On Delivery
1963 Nov Watch It Sailor	1982 Mar Tomb With A View	2007 Mar Holiday Snap
1964 Feb Distinguished Gathering	1982 Dec Pardon Me Prime Minister	2007 Nov Cat's Cradle
1964 Apr Dear Octopus	1983 Apr The Late Mr Larrington	2008 Jun Blithe Spirit
1964 Nov Shadow In The Sun	1983 Nov On The Verge	2008 Nov Caught On The Hop
1965 Apr Mystery At Blackwater	1984 Mar The Soft September Air	2009 Mar Party To Murder
1965 Nov Breath Of Spring	1984 Nov Death Walked In	
1966 Jan Goodnight Mrs Puffin	1985 Apr Hobson's Choice	
1966 Feb Hawk Island	1985 Nov See How They Run	
1966 Apr The Wishing Well	1986 Apr The Whole Truth	
1966 Nov Here We Come Gathering		

Canterbury Players

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About The Authors

Olive Chase's first love, after her family, is theatre, then travel. She has attended Brighton's Theatre Royal regularly since 1945, little realising that she was to see three of her plays performed there. The first was *Person Unkown* with Anna Neagle; the second was *Countercrime*, written with Stanley Clayton, starring Glynn Houston, and later Raymond Francis. She has written many one-act plays and sketches, gaining experience from watching other people's plays when she was drama critic for the *Brighton and Hove Gazette*. Mrs Chase has travelled to some forty countries and her ambition is a long run in London and New York... of course!

Stewart Burke is a full-time author of six stage plays, three novels, four film scripts and 110 radio dramas, broadcast throughout the world. Using several pen-names Stewart Burke has acted in and directed plays, and especially enjoys the companionship of friends in the literary and theatrical scene.



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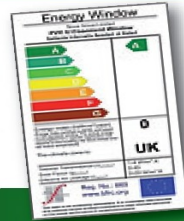
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