

Who Killed the Football Manager?

Westhoughton Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting the murder mystery evening, **Who Killed the Football Manager?** by Chris Martin on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November.

Bob *the Hatchet* Slayer was the captain of the England team managed by the great Sir Eric Garner. But his football career took a downward slide and he has been forced to take a job as Football Tutor at the Willow-Garth Boarding School for Young Gentlemen in Bledgeworth. His forthcoming biography penned by celebrity biographer, Steve Swift, might improve his fortunes, but only if certain information stays buried.

May 21st 1974 is Bob's birthday but it is hardly a day for celebration, even with a birthday cake. The school football team has been thrashed 6-0 by their local rivals. He has substituted his star goalkeeper, Matt Dorr, who is not best pleased. The headmistress, Eileen Armstrong-Payne and Matt Dorr's mother, Patricia O Dorr want to kick Bob into touch. His PE assistant, Daisy Chain, is enthusiastic but hopeless. To make matters worse, two people from Bob's past who he would prefer not to meet, football agent Terry Towling and ex-Miss England Trudy Goodnight, are on their way to see him.

What could possibly go wrong in such a renown seat of learning? By late evening, a murder will be committed in the PE room that is Bob *the Hatchet* Slayer's office and everyone in the school will be a suspect. Detective Inspector Spence and Trainee Inspector Watkins are in the area and will soon be on the case. Their investigations will quickly reveal that all those present have dark secrets. Tensions will rapidly rise as Inspector Spence ruthlessly interrogates the suspects. There will be more football references than a whole season of Match of the Day. Potential motives will fly in all directions as the truth about the intrigue, double-dealing and deception is gradually revealed. Before long all the evidence will be uncovered and Inspector Spence will know who committed the murder.

The question is: do the audience know "Whodunnit"? Over a pastie and peas supper, the audience will have the opportunity to decide who carried out the murder and to answer a "Murder Mystery Quiz" based on what they have seen and heard. After the break, Inspector Spence will reveal the true identity of who committed the murder. Prizes will be awarded for the best answer to "Whodunnit", the funniest "Comedy Answer" and the highest score in the "Murder Mystery Quiz".

Westhoughton Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society put their tongues firmly in cheek in this light-hearted mystery which offers you the chance to demonstrate your powers of logical detective deduction.

Curtain up is at 7.30 pm prompt in the Westhoughton Methodist Church Hall on Wigan Road, Westhoughton. All Tickets are priced £6 including a pastie and peas supper, and are available from the Church Hall from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday mornings or by Tel. (01942) 812435 or by eMail from wmads@f2s.com.

Directed by David Fensome

"Who Killed the Football Manager" is not suitable for very young children.

Performance dates are Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November 2015.

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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Murderplays.com