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Who Killed the Hotel Manager?

Westhoughton Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting the murder mystery evening, **Who Killed the Hotel Manager?** by Chris Martin on Saturday 16th November.

Rex Wilts is the manager and proud owner of the "Primrose Glade Hotel", situated in a quiet northern seaside town. Rex's vivacious wife, Delphinium, helps him to run the hotel, assisted by their friendly but inefficient maid, Cherry Blossom, and greasy-spoon chef, Toby Jugg. The "Primrose Glade" attracts few guests due to its location slightly off the beaten track. At the moment Susan Perslooth and Charles Cusspet are the only two guests, even though it is the middle of June. However, Sid Whittle, the lead singer of the rock-covers band "Cherokee" is about to check-in, with the rest of the band expected later in the afternoon.

What could possibly go wrong in such a quiet location? Surprisingly, shortly after 12 noon, a murder will be committed and everyone at the hotel will be a suspect. Detective Inspector Currie of Scotland Yard is already in the area and by late afternoon will be on the case. His investigations will quickly reveal that all those present have dark secrets and some of them may not be precisely who they appear to be. Tensions will rapidly rise as Inspector Currie ruthlessly interrogates the suspects. Potential motives will fly in all directions as the truth about the intrigue, double-dealing and deception is gradually uncovered. Before long all the evidence will be uncovered and Inspector Currie 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 Currie 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 £5 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) 811051 or by eMail from wmads@f2s.com.

Directed by David Fensome

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

Performance date is Saturday 16th November.

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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Murderplays.com