

Who Killed the Caretaker?

Westhoughton Methodist Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting the murder mystery evening, **Who Killed the Caretaker?** by Chris Martin on Saturday 15th November.

Jasper Ricketts is the caretaker of Blinkton-on-Sea Comprehensive School. However, his assistant Bob does all the work whilst Jasper schemes with local builder Trunk Scaffold and flirts with Shirley Knott the school librarian and wife of William Knott the drama teacher. Headmistress Miss Clarissa Apprehension has her suspicions and carefully monitors the CCTV cameras she has had installed in strategic parts of the school. It is Friday 13th May, a school training day so only a few of the teachers have come in, including Rosemary Gardener the art teacher who is helping Bob prepare the set for the forthcoming production of "The Threepenny Opera" under the direction of William Knott.

What could possibly go wrong in such a quiet seat of learning? Surprisingly, shortly before 12 noon, a murder will be committed in the basement room that Jasper Ricketts calls "his office" and everyone in the school will be a suspect. Detective Inspector Swann 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. Tensions will rapidly rise as Inspector Swann ruthlessly interrogates the suspects. 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 Swann 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 Swann 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 order by calling 01942 811051 or emailing wmads@f2s.com.

Directed by David Fensome

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

Performance date is Saturday 15th November.

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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Murderplays.com