

**THE  
BUTLER  
DID  
IT**

(OR DID SHE?)

# WHAT WE DO

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**THE BUTLER DID IT** produce entertaining and interactive murder mysteries, which are perfect for celebrations, dinners and corporate events. Each mystery has a clear plotline, a cast of dedicated actors and gives you the chance to play detective.

Everything is done in-house and because we have total creative control, we can offer you the option to preview, tailor and commission murder mysteries depending on how you want your event to unfold. Our experienced script writers will work with you to create the settings, characters and motives of your choice and if you're really keen to get involved, we can even write a part for you. We also offer a number of pre-written standard packages.

# HOW IT WORKS

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## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Our characters mingle with the guests from the beginning of the event.



## 2. MOTIVES

Scenes are played out which reveal secrets about each of the characters and bring to light some possible motives. Further written information is also provided.



## 3. MURDER

A death occurs...



## 4. INVESTIGATION

After the murder you will be guided through the investigation by our very own Inspector De'Ath who will give you the opportunity to interrogate the suspects and attempt to deduce whodunnit (although those who would rather just sit back and enjoy the action may, of course, do so).



## 5. SOLUTIONS

Solutions are submitted to the Inspector and the true murderer is revealed.



The action can be fitted around a meal, buffet, drinks evening or even a whole weekend  
Murder mysteries are suitable for 20-90 guests

# PACKAGES

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We have a selection of murder mysteries already written and tested, or you have the option of creating a bespoke script for your event.

Existing packages include:

## AN ENGAGEMENT WITH DEATH

Welcome to 1923 and to Lancelot Willerby-Smythe and Syllabub Scott's engagement party where there are fights, accusations and wrong-doings aplenty.

## THE LEXINGTON CHAIN MYSTERY

It's 1957, rock 'n' roll is in full swing and Tilly Spratt-Thomas is celebrating her seventeenth birthday with her nearest and dearest, but there's more to the Spratt-Thomas family than meets the eye.

## ACADEMIC ACTUALITIES

At the end of a long term in 1965, members of the University classics department gather together for a well-earned end of term drinks and, maybe, a murder.

## THE REDCLYFFE MURDER

Lord Redclyffe is throwing another decadent party but where is the Redclyffe treasure and is anyone who they really claim to be? Whilst this mystery is suitable for all year round, it is perfect for Halloween events. Beware the Redclyffe ghost.

## MURDER IN COMPANY

Join the members of the Biddlesford Amateur Dramatic Society as they celebrate their latest show in the same way that they have always done, but things are about to change – the new Society chair has big ideas.

## AN UNFORTUNATE FETE-TALITY

Enter the world of Lower Marshittle where the annual summer fete is the biggest event of the year and villagers will stop at nothing to gain the coveted title of Best Jam-maker.

# THE COMPANY

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**THE BUTLER DID IT** is part of Not Cricket Productions, a York-based theatre company with a proven record in providing entertaining and innovative productions. We're a close-knit team of actors, directors, writers and producers who love what we do and want to share it with as many people as possible.

As well as Murder Mysteries, we have taken shows to the Edinburgh Festival, toured Yorkshire multiple times with acclaimed productions and performed in unique locations such as York Guildhall and Malton Castle Gardens. Our members bring passion, enthusiasm and considerable experience in a wide range of creative and academic disciplines to the Company.

# SAMPLE CAST

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## HANNAH FORSYTH

**Previous roles include:** The Duchess [*The Duchess of Malfi*], Pat Green [*Breaking the Code*], Emma [*Jekyll and Hyde - the Musical*], Beatrice [*The Exam*], Yvette [*'Allo 'Allo*], Laura [*Bitchface - Short Film*], Jasmine [*Aladdin*], Helena [*A Midsummer Night's Dream*], Mrs Sowerby [*The Secret Garden*], Lady Marian [*Robin Hood*]



## KOSI CARTER

**Previous roles include:** Madame Giry [*Phantom of the Opera*], Kim [*Miss Saigon*], Laura [*Stage Lights - Short Film*], Lady MacDuff [*Macbeth*], Peter Quince/Cobweb [*A Midsummer Night's Dream*]



## ALEX MCLINTOCK

**Previous roles include:** Wisenhammer [*Our Country's Good*], Sam [*The Flick*], Thenardier [*Les Miserables*], The Cheshire Cat [*Alice in Wonderland*] Vasquez [*The Lighthouse at the End of the World*], Captain Farragut [*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*], Bottom [*A Midsummer Night's Dream*], Guy of Gisbourne [*Robin Hood*]



## JACK TINDLE

**Previous roles include:** Inspector Blore [*And Then There Were None*], the Attendant [*Medea*], Iago [*Aladdin*]



## JARED MORE

**Previous roles include:** Rooster Byron [*Jerusalem*], Claudius [*Hamlet*], Ferdinand [*The Duchess of Malfi*], Donalbain [*Macbeth*], Harry Villiers [*Posh*], Simon [*A Matter of Life and Death*], Cain [*The Manx Passion Plays*], Friar Tuck [*Robin Hood*], Lysander [*A Midsummer Night's Dream*]



## GRACE WOOD

**Previous roles include:** Beatrice [*Much Ado About Nothing*], The Fool [*King Lear*], Ensemble [*Annie*]



## KATE STEPHENSON

**Previous roles include:** Professor Arronax [*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*], Mother [*Damsels in Success*], Titania [*A Midsummer Night's Dream*], Nurse Boll/Lina Rose [*The Physicists*], Holfernes [*Loves' Labours' Lost*], Rachel [*Season's Greetings*], Lady Willoughby [*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*], Doctor Livesey [*Treasure Island*]

# PRICES

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## STANDARD EVENING

Choose from our existing packages  
6-7 actors, one murderer. Who did it?

**£495.00**

## BESPOKE EVENING

You choose the crime, location, characters and more.

**£695.00**

## OTHER OPTIONS

If you would like us for a longer event or require  
assistance organising catering or a venue, just ask.

**Price on request**

Prices include basic prizes and information packs but are exclusive of travel outside of York

“HIGH ENERGY, GLEEFUL AND SELF DEPRECIATING” – FEST

“SPLENDIDLY ATMOSPHERIC AND CLEVERLY STAGED” – STAGE

“A RIOTOUSLY FUN EVENING WITH A VERY PROFESSIONAL CAST” – THE DERAMORE ARMS

“TWISTS AND TURNS AND DRAMATIC PLOTLINES... A GREAT WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING ” – DERWENT COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF YORK

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