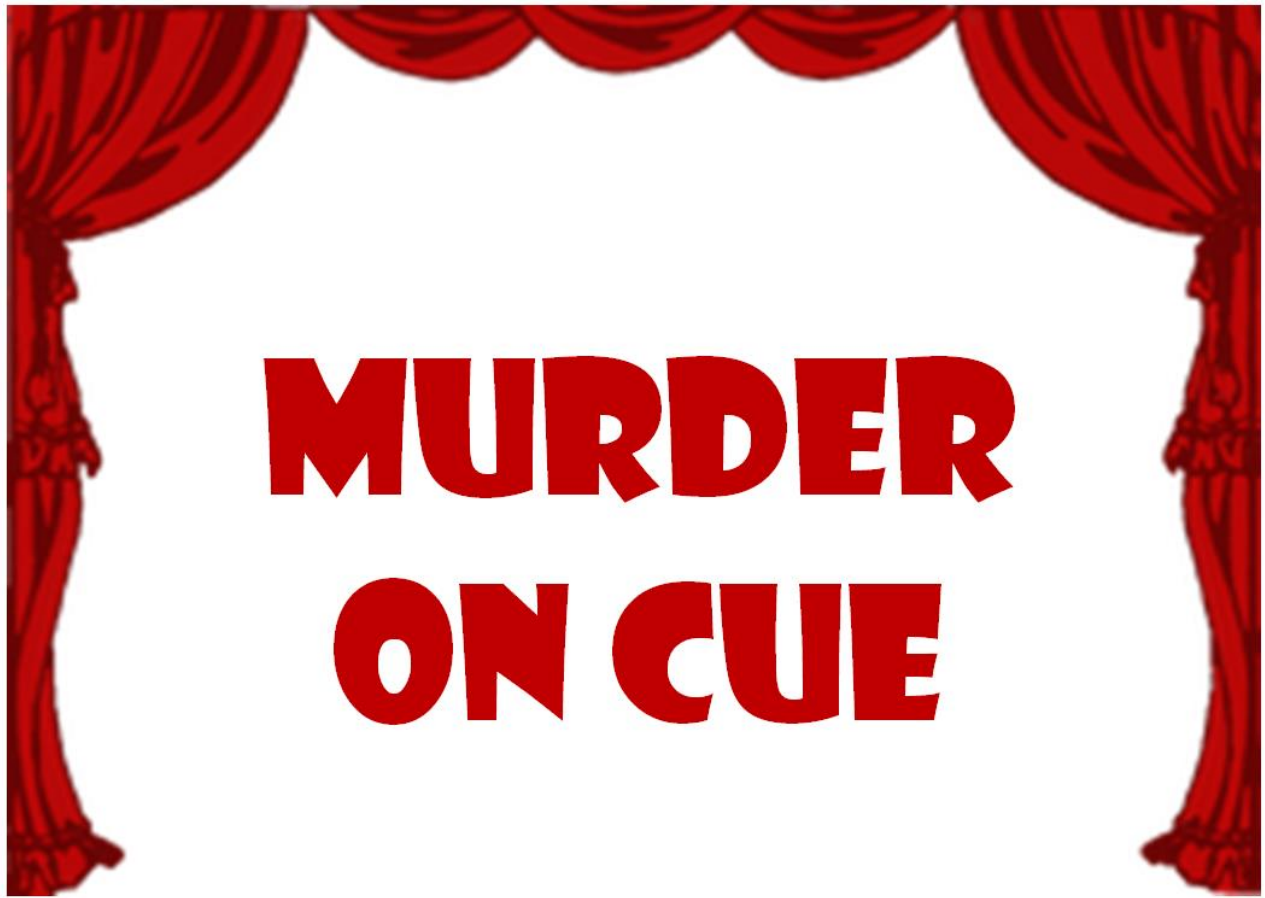


Charing Guild of Players



A murder mystery by Robin Jennifer Miller

*Performed in The Church Barn on the
17th, 18th, 19th May 2018 at 7:30pm*

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| PATRON | Rev Sheila Cox |
| CHAIRMAN | Carolyn Banham |
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| <i>Produced and directed by</i> | Carolyn Banham (with assistance!!) |
| <i>Prompt</i> | Peter Lilley (Anton Banham on Saturday) |
| <i>Stage manager</i> | Allan Bone |
| <i>Set design</i> | Allan Bone |
| <i>Set, built and decorated by</i> | Allan Bone, Jean Latter, Ray Davidson, Brian White, Anton Banham |
| <i>Lighting and Sound</i> | Anton Banham/Ray Davidson |
| <i>Publicity/Poster/Programme</i> | Gill Barton and Carolyn Banham |
| <i>Properties</i> | Cast and crew |
| <i>Costume</i> | Cast |
| <i>Front of House</i> | Jean Latter, Brian White |
| <i>Box Office</i> | Saddlers Estate Agents, Charing |

MURDER ON CUE

by Robin Jennifer Miller

'Murder On Cue' is a murder mystery set in Maple Lodge, a retirement home for actors, where gossip and old rivalries sustain the residents as much as the dry sherry and shepherd's pie. A fall of snow means the home is cut off from the outside world. No-one can leave, including Gareth, the young solicitor who arrived that afternoon to re-do the will of his waspish Aunt Sybil. Sue, the manager, and Judy, her assistant, discuss the problem that the home is under threat of closure and what to do about a spate of poison pen letters, that Sue means to get to the bottom of. There are many rivalries between, and old grudges held by, the other residents: sensible Molly, camp Larry, ditzzy Desiree, gentlemanly Charles and grande dame Olivia. It would appear that everyone has cause to dislike one of the residents, namely bitchy Sybil.

Act 1

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| Scene 1 | About 5pm on Winter's afternoon |
| Scene 2 | A couple of hours later |
| Scene 3 | The next morning—about 9 am |

There will be an interval of 15 minutes between acts

Act 2

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| Scene 1 | About 15 minutes later |
| Scene 2 | About 30 minutes later |
| Scene 3 | A few minutes later |

The Cast

The Staff



Carolyn Banham
Sue—the manager of Maple Lodge



Shivaun Davidson
Judy—Sue's assistant

The Guest



Rob Francis
Gareth—a Solicitor, and nephew

The Residents



Valerie Parsons
Molly



Louise Payne
Sybil



Margueritte Morris
Desiree



Gill Barton
Olivia



John Easun
Charles



John West
Larry

Head Honcho's ramblings

This production very nearly wasn't, as we didn't have anyone to direct us! (some may still think we didn't!). Luckily for us, much of the groundwork had already been done by Richard Austin ; scripts bought and paid for, it had been cast, the set more or less designed, including the wonderful scene through the window, rehearsals scheduled etc.etc.,- but unfortunately other commitments meant that Richard was unable to continue. So it became a sort of collective directorship!! The cast all worked well together; sourcing and sorting their own props and costumes, making suggestions (mostly appropriate!) as and when required and I reckon we've pulled it off and done Richard proud!! It's been fun and that's the most important thing.

On a sad note though, we have to say Bon Voyage to Shivaun and Ray Davidson! They are off on their travels overseas again. They may have only been with us for a few short years but they have made a real impact and have both been terrific members of the Guild. We will miss them both very, very much. We do hope, however, that they'll be back when they're England bound again. We'll welcome them with open arms but until then, we all wish you both.....a very fond farewell and keep in touch!! xxxx

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Many thanks again to all who have helped with this production, especially Saddlers for being our Booking Office again and the lovely Anita and Dennis (yes, you're lovely too Dennis!!) on the wine!! not literally heehee!!

And to Geoff Dale for the loan of his voice!

You are all very much appreciated!!!

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