Spring Grove Fringe - 2022

# Murder Most Foul

## Death At The Deanery.

by Jim Hollingsworth

A Murderous Quiz!

Friday 25th November at 8.00pm Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm

St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane, KT1 2SU

Reg. Charity No. 1150982

### **Death at the Deanery**

# A Miss Marbles Miss-Adventure by Jim Hollingsworth

Welcome to Spring Grove Fringe which has Murder on its mind tonight! And not a politician in sight!

The first act tonight is a clever and witty spoof combining Midsummer Murders and Miss Marple.

You are at the Dean's residence in St Martini Mead, a small village in 90s England. John Major is Prime Minister - a previous turbulent time in the UK. The body of General Stick-Monocle, an eccentric ex-army officer, is found in the Dean's chest, which leads to a lot of questions and intrigue. Excitable characters with plenty of motives come out of the woodwork. Meet the mad curate, the flighty wife of the Dean, the alcoholic busybody, the indifferent doctor, the incompetent inspector and the village sleuth - all the usual suspects in this amusing play. Can you guess 'Who Did It'?

After the case is solved it's time for the usual delicious Spring Grove supper followed by a devilish quiz on the theme of murder with a prize for the winning team. You may need to revisit Jayne at the bar to help with this quiz!

Finally, dear audience, this doesn't need to be taken too seriously so relax and let us entertain and tease you - it's just a farce!



Most importantly, we will be making a donation after this evening's fun to Mind in Kingston.

Thank you for supporting SGF and this important charity.

#### **Cast in order of appearance**

Natasha Smirnoff-Orlova, a Russian au-pair Lynn Charlton Sandie Glenny Barbi Dean, the Dean's unconventional wife The Revd Dr Dean D Dean, DD Laurie South The Revd Jonas Brazzle-Nutt, Curate Tony Tresigne Mrs Ginn-Sodden, a crony of Miss Marbles Val Boyle Miss Joan Marbles, amateur sleuth Janice Smith Linda Rhead Doctor 'Fishy' Turbot, GP Inspector Titus Tyte-Canby, CID Nigel Duffin The Revd Terry Pacey, Vicar Jo Need



Directed by Bethany Birley & Sandy Gavshon Adrian Treloar Lighting & Sound Sandy Gavshon Costumes Set Helen Dawson Jess Fuller, Amanda Shaw and Mary Webb Catering Jayne Britten Bar Quiz compiled by Roger Chown and Nigel Duffin **Quizmaster** Roger Chown

#### **Mind in Kingston**

We are an independent, registered charity, affiliated to National Mind and part of the Mind federated network. Operational since 1972, we provide a range of services to local people that experience mental health issues in and around the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames.



We aim to maintain and improve their mental wellbeing, increase their self-esteem and self-confidence, make meaningful connections with others and be able to live independently in their local community.

We are Mind in Kingston. We're fighting for mental health. For support. For respect. For you.

#### **10/11 February – Camelot the Panto**



After two years' agonising absence, the Spring Grove Fringe Panto is back. Irresistable as ever, do not fail to put the dates in your diary now. 10th & 11th February will be when your favourite SGF stars tread the boards again. Laugh a lot with Laughalot, swoon with delight at Prince Arthur or Guinevere (which ever takes your fancy) and tremble with fear at the antics of a whole host of baddies.

#### 12/13 May – 'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward



A comedy depicting a few days in the life of the successful and self-obsessed light comedy actor Garry Essendine as he prepares to travel for a touring commitment in Africa. Amid a series of events bordering on farce, Garry has to deal with women who want to seduce him, placate both his long-suffering secretary and his wife, cope with a crazed young playwright, and overcome his impending mid-life crisis.