



The Worthy Players

Amateur Dramatic Society
Presents

A Thriller by Francis Durbridge

'Suddenly at Home'



Venue: The Jubilee Hall

Date: 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st
May 2011

Time: 19:30

'Suddenly at Home'

Directed by Shirley Lovell



From the Producer

After a run of successful comedies and farces I felt it was time to direct a thriller, something I haven't tried for many years, but which one? After the group had read and rejected several, "Suddenly At Home" seemed the most suitable. Originally produced in 1971 it provided a challenge with regard to costume and furnishing the set.

References in the script set it well before the days of mobile phones, and so it had to be treated as the period piece it now is.

Francis Durbridge was a prolific writer of thrillers, selling his first radio play to the BBC at the age of 21. He is perhaps best remembered for creating the character Paul Temple, a crime writer and detective, who appeared first on radio, then films and eventually on TV. What is less well known is that he also wrote 43 novels, many of which were adaptations of his scripts. Characterisation was not Durbridge's strong point, but the cast in our production have tried to inject some life into the people they portray and avoid stereotyping. We hope you will enjoy this intricate web of lies and cunning.

Shirley Lovell

The Action Passes in the living-room of the Howards' mews flat and is set in 1970

Act One

**SCENE 1 – A Tuesday evening in
early January**

**SCENE 2 – The following
Afternoon**

SCENE 3 – Several hours later

SCENE 4 – Later the same night

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the acts during which the bar will be open and coffee and biscuits will also be on sale from the kitchen. Why not order your drinks beforehand?

The Raffle will be drawn during the interval

Act Two

SCENE 1 – Thursday morning

SCENE 2 – Thursday evening

This Evening's production

Director – Shirley Lovell

Director's Assistant – Alison Woolford

Stage Manager – Martin Pettigrew

Prompt – Alison Woolford

Lighting director—Richard Aldous

Lighting and Sound – Peter Nouwens

Set Construction – Peter Nouwens, Michael Edwards and members of the group

Set Painting – Michael Edwards and members of the group

Props – Nick Kearns, Michael Edwards and members of the group

Wardrobe Mistress – Shirley Lovell

Posters and Programme – David Woolford

Press Officer – Martin Pettigrew

Front of House Manager – Jackie Nouwens

Box Office—Michael Edwards

Bar Manager – Sarah Hammond

Charming Magpies, Winchester & Fab Vintage for their help with costumes.

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The Jubilee Hall Committee and Secretary for their help in many respects.

Theatre Art School for their help in moving Friday night classes.

All those other members of the group not yet mentioned for helping out backstage or front of house.

For more information about the Worthy Players, either contact our chairman, Nick Kearns (tel _____), or visit our website at www.theworthyplayers.co.uk You can also e-mail us:-

(address – theworthyplayers@btinternet.com).

CHAIRMANS RAMBLINGS

A very warm welcome to you all from the Worthy Players. We hope you'll enjoy tonight's show, a thriller which has been produced by our longest serving member, Shirley Lovell.

The Worthy Players were delighted to hear that two members had been nominated for the Southern Echo Curtain Call Awards in January of this year. Kirsty Turner WON for Best Performance in a Pantomime in 2010 and received her award amidst great cheering at the De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel in Southampton. Commiserations went to Phil Everest who just failed to pull off the Best Supporting Actor Award for his part in "Allo 'Allo", and to Kirsty again who just failed to win in the Best Supporting Actress category, in "Allo 'Allo". We can only hope for more nominations this year!

We have decided to put on an Old Time Music Hall in December. It will have been 12 years since the last one and we thought it would be good fun to resurrect some old favourites and introduce some younger members and audiences to the songs, dance, comedy and melodrama of the Victorian days.

As usual we are holding many social events within the group - visits to shows, quizzes, BBQ's and other outings all combine to create a friendly atmosphere and fun time for the members. As ever though, the Players are still looking for new recruits, so if you fancy joining a friendly group to do as much or little as you want, on stage, or behind the scenes, please feel free to contact me or any member of the front of house staff.

And finally, it just remains for me to thank you, our loyal patrons, for your generous support and to encourage you all to come back and see us again very soon.

Nick Kearns

Future Worthy Players Activities

The Worthy Players will have a stall at the Village and Church fete on the Church Green on Monday 30th May 2011.

Our annual **Table Quiz** will be on Saturday **24th September 2011**, and is, as always, open to all-comers.

We are pleased to announce the long anticipated return of :-

'The Worthy Players Old Time Music Hall'

on **2nd, 3rd, 9th & 10th December 2011**.

If you are interested in taking part or reserving your tickets for any of the above items, please contact Nick Kearns (Chairman) or Michael Edwards

In order of appearance:

The Cast

Helen Tenby



Kirsty Turner

Kirsty has had a very successful couple of years with the Worthy Players. She has starred as Mimi in 'Allo 'Allo and in Pantomime as The Wicked Evelyn for which she received the annual Curtain Call Award for Best Performance in a Pantomime in 2010. Kirsty is often seen wearing high heeled boots, only on stage of course !

Maggie Howard



Cherryl Martin

This is Cherryl's first full acting part with the Players, she was in the chorus for pantomime, where she played the parts of: a Pirate, Dwarf, Villager and wedding Guest, she had hoped to have had an invite to a higher profile wedding last month! Cherryl was previously involved with The St Cross Players.

Ruth Bechler



Hilary Nouwens

At nearly 18 years old Hilary is an 'Old stager' with the Players, she started in 'Aladdin' and has been in many productions since, culminating in last December's Pantomime with the part of 'The Mad Hatter' (typecast?). This part tests Hilary's command of accents which she has picked up from her travels to various countries.

Sam Blaine



David Woolford

David has been a Worthy Player for 28 years, playing parts varying from an old man with dementia through dames to King Rat. Over the years he has seen many comings and goings but has always over enjoyed the social aspect of the group. He is hoping to produce an Old Time music Hall later this year.

Sheila Wallis



Clare Walker

As our current treasurer, Clare is not only busy on stage but also in committee. After many years trying, she recently won the most coveted prize in the annual Worthy players D.A.F.T.A. awards, the Rod Hull award. Clare has been in many productions but has usually been cast as a woman with loose morals - no change here then!

Glen Howard



Nick Kearns

Nick has been a stalwart of the Players for many years. He is currently the Chairman and liaises with many local groups and societies. This part is the biggest one he has undertaken for many years. Before this, his most recent 'acting' part was as stage - manager in the Pantomime, where he got rapturous applause for his deft sign turning!

Appleton



Michael Edwards

Our odd job man, Michael, can turn his hand to almost anything from set design and painting to prop making and hairdressing! He has recently completed the archive of the Worthy Players' shows covering the last 30+ years, although he is always looking for more to add. This part makes a change from the seafaring roles he often gets!

Remick



Mike Heseldin

A member of the Worthy Players since 1994, Mike first appeared as a dame in Humpty Dumpty and was last seen as Rene in 'Allo 'Allo. Apart from over twenty shows for the players, he has also made appearances for many groups in the area. Mike is glad that he finally has the chance to wear the famous 'Players' Mackintosh!

A long, long time ago.....

The Worthy Players have been around for quite some time.

Here's a list of our past productions - maybe you can remember some of them.....

1973	DickWhittington	1987	The Chalk Garden	1999	Business Of Murder
1974	Double Bill		Music Hall		Educating Rita
	Mother Goose		Do Not Disturb		The Last Of The Red
1975	Swithun		Babies In The Magic		Hot Lovers
	Puss In Boots		Wood		Music Hall
1976	2 One Act Plays	1988	Something To Hide	2000	Cinderella And The
	Bonaventure		Music Hall		Football Boots
	St.George And The		There Goes The Bride	2001	Outside Edge
	Dragon		Pinoccio		Black Comedy/Red
	A Worthy Tale	1989	Blithe Spirit		Letter Day
1977	2 One Act Plays		Music Hall		Dick Whittington
	Murder At Key Cottage		3 One Act Plays	2002	Play On
	Jack And The Beanstalk		Jack And The Beanstalk		Visiting Hour
1978	FlatSpin	1990	The Other Fellow's Oats		Aladdin
	20's Revue		Music Hall	2003	Bedroom Farce
	Deadly Record		Pardon Me Prime		Lettice & Lovage
	Sleeping Beauty		Minister		Robin Hood
1979	Ladies In Retirement		Sinbad the Sailor	2004	It's Those Worthies
	Sailor Beware	1991	Confusions		Again (ITWA)
	3 One Act Plays		Music Hall		Laying The Ghost
	Pantomania		Breeze Block Park		Beauty And The Beast
1980	When We Are Married		Robinson Crusoe	2005	Party Piece
	Music Hall	1992	84 Charing Cross Road		Stage School (y)
	Suddenly At Home		Music Hall		Present Laughter
	Hickory Dickory Dock		The Secretary Bird		A Christmas Carol
1981	Nothing Legal/Black	1993	The Wizard of Oz	2006	The Darling Buds of
	Comedy		When We Are Married		May
	Music Hall		Farndale Ave-Murder		A Murder is
	The Edge Of Darkness		Mystery		Announced (y)
	Mother Goose's Golden		Music Hall		Snow White
	Christmas	1994	A Month Of Sundays	2007	Confusions
1982	Rose		Farndale Ave-S.S. We		Youth III (y)
	Music Hall		Found Love		Kindly Keep It
	Don't Just Lie There, Say		Music Hall		Covered
	Something		Humpty Dumpty		King Arthur & The
1983	Dangerous Corner	1995	One For The Road		Nuts
	Revue, We'll Meet Again		Living Together	2008	The Importance of
	Move Over Mrs Markham		Falling Off A Log		Being Ernest
	Aladdin		Music Hall		A Bolt From The Blue
1984	Rock-A-Bye Sailor	1996	Murder In Company		Jack & The Beanstalk
	Music Hall		Music Hall	2009	Holiday Snap
	Not Now Darling		Local Affairs		Robinson Crusoe
	A Right Christmas Caper		Panto Trek	2010	'Allo 'Allo
1985	End Of The Honeymoon	1997	Gaslight		Once upon a time
	Music Hall		Mixed Doubles	2011	Suddenly at Home
	Key For Two		Relatively Speaking		
	Cinderella		Music Hall		
1986	Table Manners	1998	Farndale Ave-Haunting		
	A Tomb With A View		Breath Of Spring		
	Music Hall		Music Hall		
	Dick Whittington				