

The Worthy Players



present

CASH ON DELIVERY

A farce by Michael Cooney



13th, 14th, 20th & 21st May 2022
www.theworthyplayers.co.uk

Martin Pettigrew - Worthy Players Chairman



A big warm welcome to all our patrons and friends at this the first Worthy Players production of 2022, 'Cash on Delivery', written by Michael Cooney. This production is a hilarious farce which has been over two years in the making having had to stop rehearsals in March 2020 as the Country ground to a complete halt!

So a special thank you to Shirley Lovell for all her patience and bringing many years of directing expertise to our latest production, following on from past memorable Worthy Player shows, including 'Darling Buds of May' in 2006 and 'Allo! Allo!' in 2010.

Sadly since we re-started rehearsals in January, a member of our original cast, Angie Maundrell, passed away in February and I would like to personally thank Sarah Kesterson for stepping into play 'Brenda' in the most difficult of circumstances. Angie's untimely passing was only weeks after losing long-time Worthy Player and Musical Director Miriam Edmond.

Both will be sorely missed in the years ahead by all in the Worthies family.

Since Panto you will notice we have reintroduced a central aisle for this production and we're also pleased to confirm that all programmes are now included in the ticket price.

Our next major production will be a Pantomime in December 2022, now in the capable hands of David & Alison Woolford. More news on this production and other events will be available via our website: www.theworthyplayers.co.uk where you can also sign up to our mailing list.

On a final note, we are always seeking new members from budding Actors to backstage crew and willing helpers. Please send a message via the website if that is potentially you.

Have an enjoyable evening and we will see you all again very soon!

Martin Pettigrew

Director - Shirley Lovell



Shirley Lovell

I've danced, acted and directed - probably for far too long, even producing my own play with the Brownies, aged 8!

This production started its rehearsals in 2020, but, like so many other facets of life, came to a full stop owing to COVID 19.

We resumed with circumstances resulting in many cast changes and we're now ready to go. Probably my swan song.. ('Nooooo!' cries the Editor)

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Linda Swan

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Mr Jenkins

Uncle George

Sally Chessington

Doctor Chapman

Mr Forbright

Ms Cowper

Brenda Dixon

Peter Wooldridge

Kath McGrady

Martin Pettigrew

Mike Heseldin

Treive Nicholas

Clare Nicholas

Gina Bird

Nick Kearns

Barbara Kearns

Sarah Kesterson

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Setting - The living room of the Swan residence, 344 Chilton Road, just off the Mile End Road, East London.

Time - Just after 9 a.m. on a bleak October morning.

Era - A period when attitudes to political and social correctness were 'different' and certainly before Universal Credits!

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Programme Schedule - The action in Act 2 follows continuously from Act 1, after an Interval of 20 minutes, including Refreshments and the Raffle.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
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Thank you, our audience, for coming to see The Worthy Players in action with this long awaited production of 'Cash on Delivery'. It's a huge relief for Director and Cast that it's finally taking to the boards.

We'd also like to thank others who helped to bring it to your attention such as The Hampshire Drama Network and The Hampshire Chronicle. Our appreciation, too, goes to our friends in Winchester Theatre Arts who adjust their own rehearsal times to suit our performance dates.

Our F.o.H. Helpers on performance Nights:

Huge thanks to all our Front-of-House helpers, organised and led by Julie Pettigrew.

Nick & Barbara Kearns, David & Alison Woolford, Shirley Lovell, Andrew Bird, Richard Aldous, Janine Blackmore, Naomi Wooldridge, Kirsty Turner, Sheila Alderson, Sarah & Will Kesterson, Anna & Jenni Flight and Tim Ellwood (and any other brilliant volunteers whose names weren't forward when we went to print!)

With ushering, raffle sales, refreshment and bar sales, they all help to make your evening even more amenable.

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Next Production:
our December Pantomime
David and Alison Woolford's
'Panto Trek'

Welcome to the Jubilee Hall,
home of The Worthy Players.
As always, we are greatly indebted to the
Jubilee Hall Committee and Secretary for
their continued wholehearted support.
Many other groups hire the hall for group and
family events. You could too!
Go to
www.kingsworthy-pc.org.uk/halls/jubilee-hall
for details

The Cast



Peter Wooldridge - *Eric Swan*

To finally play Eric Swan after a 2 year wait in this very funny farce is fantastic!
Or am I Rupert Thompson?

Kath McGrady - *Linda Swan*

Linda spends most of the play in a state of total confusion. I feel I have a great deal in common with my character.



Martin Pettigrew - *Norman Bassett*

This is Martin's 22nd appearance in Worthy shows since 2003, most recently seen performing Elvis's 'Teddy Bear' in Sleeping Beauty and playing Birdboot in 'Inspector Hound'.

Mike Heseldin - *Mr Jenkins*

'Last appearing as the Dame in Sleeping Beauty, Mike takes on a more 'official' role as the DSS inspector. Not at all like 'Inspector Hound', in which he played the title character.



Treive Nicholas - *Uncle George*

After recent performances as Jingling Jerry in Panto and the caddish Simon Gascoigne in 'Hound', I now find myself centre-stage in my underwear as the wheeler-dealer and very confused Uncle George. Am I dead or alive; indeed, am I Uncle George or Mr Swan? Confused? So am I, but all will become clear.

The Cast



Clare Nicholas - *Sally Chessington*

Clare is enjoying being back on stage again with this good old fashioned farce, playing the ever- helpful but perpetually confused Sally Chessington, and gets to deliver some of the play's sauciest lines, all whilst trying to keep a straight face.

Gina Bird - *Doctor Chapman*

An ability to make a nice cup of tea and to get intermittently confused meant that I was a shoe-in for this part.

(Professional help always available!)



Nick Kearns - *Mr Forbright*

With fewer opportunities for an old codger, Nick's delighted to be undertaking the undertaker.

A Player since 1993, he loves a good comedy and hopes you do too.

Barbara Kearns - *Ms Cowper*

A very worthy player since 90...something, Barbara still loves a good part and this one's right up her street. She hopes you'll enjoy her frantic antics.



Sarah Kesterson - *Brenda Dixon*

A change from the usual fairy part, but how could I resist a play that lets me re-capture my teenage years of the 80's!

How much is

ENOUGH?

Everybody has their own unique 'number' in answer to this question. I have no right to talk to you about financial products until I have helped you identify this.

I see my role as helping people identify, achieve and then maintain the lifestyle they have always desired, whatever that may be!
Remember....

LIFE IS NOT A REHEARSAL

If you are interested in finding out what YOUR number is and hearing the truth about money, then please feel free to contact me for a no obligation chat or meeting.

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It's not all on the stage in front of you! So much more is involved.

Behind the scenes...

Director
Set Design
Stage Manager

Shirley Lovell
David Woolford
David Woolford



Julie Pettigrew

Front of House Manager
Bar Manager

Julie Pettigrew
Nick Kearns

Set Construction, Decor and Props
(and refreshments!)

David Woolford, David Early,
Martin Pettigrew, Mike Heseldin
Treive Nicholas, Clare Nicholas,
Dave Alderson, Gina Bird,
Kath McGrady, Kirsty Turner,
Nick Kearns, Barbara Kearns,
Julie Pettigrew, Alison Woolford.
Bridget Adebisi

Art Work

Box Office Enquiries

Richard Aldous

Website & Poster Design
Sound & Lighting Setup

Richard Aldous
Richard Aldous



David Woolford

Prompt
Sound & Lights Operation

Sheila Alderson
Dave Alderson



Richard Aldous



Sheila Alderson



Dave Alderson



David Early



Bridget Adebisi

Not so long till our Golden Jubilee!

Yes, in 2023, it will be 50 years since the Worthy Players put on their first performance - the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. We plan to celebrate with a special booklet of our history, together with a video of commentary and pictures from past performances.

Our audiences, too, can contribute with little anecdotes of their memories about favourite productions. These can be sent to our Enquiries page of our website, or pick up a form now at the Lighting / Sound desk.



Do you know someone who'd love to be a Worthy Player?

In this production, we hope you'll see how much fun we're having as members of The Worthy Players and perhaps you might even fancy joining in. We're always looking for new members, especially as some of our group advance in years and can't always realistically take on the roles of those 20 & 30 somethings, like they used to!

There are also plenty of activities behind the scenes with set-building, decorating, costumes and technical aspects which you can enjoy while being a member. Social activities include BBQs, quizzes and our annual dinner.

Speak to any member today or register interest on our Enquiries page on the Website:
www.theworthyplayers.co.uk

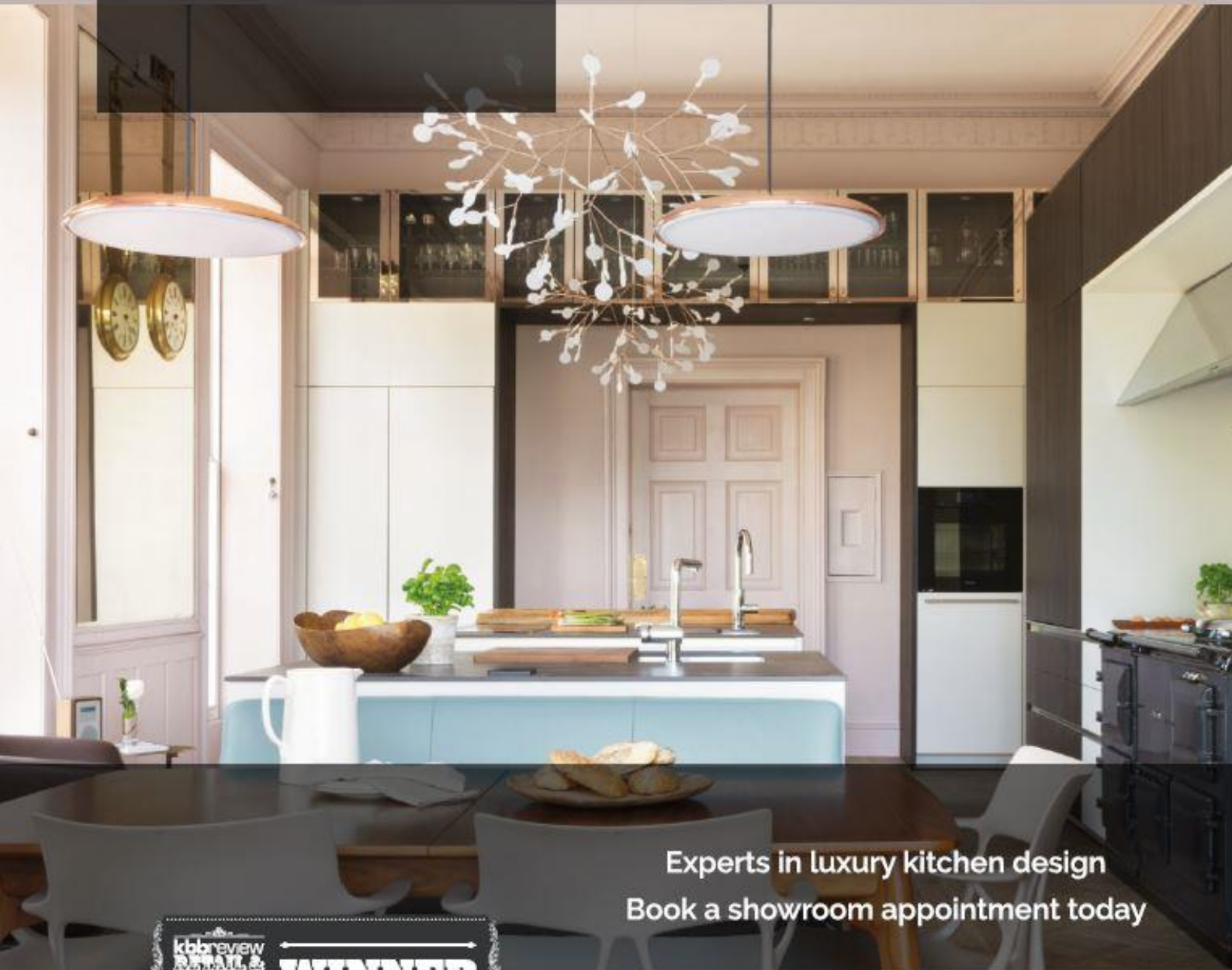
Past Performances

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|------|---|------|---|------|---|
| 1973 | Dick Whittington | 1988 | Something to Hide
Music Hall
There Goes the Bride
Pinocchio | 2003 | Bedroom Farce
Lettuce & Lovage
Robin Hood |
| 1974 | Double Bill
Mother Goose | 1989 | Blithe Spirit
Music Hall
3 One-act Plays
Jack and the Beanstalk | 2004 | It's Those Worthies Again
Laying The Ghost
Beauty And The Beast |
| 1975 | Swithun
Puss in Boots | 1990 | The Other Fellow's Oats
Music Hall
Pardon Me Prime Minister
Sinbad the Sailor | 2005 | Party Piece
Stage School (y)
Present Laughter
A Christmas Carol |
| 1976 | 2 One-act Plays
Bonaventure
St George and the Dragon
A Worthy Tale | 1991 | Confusions
Music Hall
Breeze Block Park
Robinson Crusoe | 2006 | The Darling Buds Of May
A Murder is Announced
Snow White |
| 1977 | 2 One-act Plays
Murder at Key Cottage
Jack and the Beanstalk | 1992 | 84 Charing Cross Road
Music Hall
The Secretary Bird
The Wizard of Oz | 2007 | Confusions
Youth III (y)
Kindly Keep It Covered
King Arthur & The Nuts |
| 1978 | Flat Spin
20's Revue
Deadly Record
Sleeping Beauty | 1993 | When We Are Married
Farndale Avenue - Murder Mystery
Music Hall | 2008 | The Importance of Being Earnest
A Bolt From The Blue
Jack and the Beanstalk |
| 1979 | Ladies in Retirement
Sailor Beware
3 One-act Plays
Pantomania | 1994 | A Month of Sundays
Farndale Ave. - S.S. We Found Love
Music Hall
Humpty Dumpty | 2009 | Holiday Snap
Robinson Crusoe |
| 1980 | When We Are Married
Music Hall
Suddenly At Home
Hickory Dickory Dock | 1995 | One For The Road
Living Together
Falling Off A Log
Music Hall | 2010 | 'Allo 'Allo
Once Upon A Time |
| 1981 | Nothing Legal / Black Comedy
Music Hall
The Edge of Darkness
Mother Goose's Golden Christmas | 1996 | Murder in Company
Local Affairs
Panto Trek | 2011 | Suddenly At Home
Music Hall |
| 1982 | Rose
Music Hall
Don't Just Lie There, Say Something
Dangerous Corner | 1997 | Gaslight
Mixed Doubles
Relatively Speaking
Music Hall | 2012 | How The Other Half Loves
The Snow Queen |
| 1983 | Revue, We'll Meet Again
Move Over Mrs Markham
Aladdin | 1998 | Farndale Avenue - Haunted
Breath of Spring
Music Hall | 2013 | Murdered To Death
Old Mother Hubbard |
| 1984 | Rock-A-Bye Sailor
Music Hall
Not Now Darling
A Right Christmas Caper | 1999 | Business of Murder
Educating Rita
The Last of the Red Hot Lovers
Music Hall | 2014 | The Militants
Aladdin |
| 1985 | End of the Honeymoon
Music Hall
Key for Two
Cinderella | 2000 | Cinderella and the Football Boots | 2015 | Todd the Barber
Murder by the Book
Robin Hood & the Knights of the
Flat Pack Table |
| 1986 | Table Manners
A Tomb With a View
Music Hall
Dick Whittington | 2001 | Outside Edge
Black Comedy / Red Letter Day
Dick Whittington | 2016 | Wyrd Sisters
Mother Goose |
| 1987 | The Chalk Garden
Music Hall
Do Not Disturb
Babes in the Magic Wood | 2002 | Play On
Visiting Hour
Aladdin | 2017 | Comedie Francaise
Radio Variety Show
Pantostein |
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Cinderella |
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Radio Variety Show
Jack and the Beanstalk |
| | | | | 2020 | Restricted Programme (COVID)
The 11 minute Cinderella (Video) |
| | | | | 2021 | A Pair of Shorts (Double Bill)
Sleeping Beauty |



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