



Funny Business



You're only Young Twice



Laughter in the Dark



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Beyond a Joke



They came from Mars...



Out of Focus



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Murdered to death



See how they run

Don't Get Your Vicars in a twist

A FARCE BY
**ANN GAWTHORPE
& LESLEY BOWN**

DIRECTED BY
TIM HISCOCK



50p

The
MONKTON
Players

About the players...

The Monkton Players were originally formed in 1949 and performed in the then Victory Village Hall (built on the site of the current Village Hall car park). The first ever Monkton Players production was the one act play 'The Proposal' by Anton Chekov. The Players were forced to disband in the 1960's. The village was left without a drama group until 1980, when the present Monkton Players were reformed. Since then we have performed over 60 plays and are still the only village hall group to have performed for a week at the Brewhouse, our successful 10th Anniversary production 'Outside Edge'.

We have 2 productions per year, 1 in March and the other in October. No sooner has the first one finished than the hunt is on for the next. We rehearse Tuesday nights from 8 pm in the Village Hall and, as the first night draws near, we have word rehearsals in the Annexe. When we are not rehearsing, we try and meet socially in the Merry Monk on Tuesdays from 9 pm.

If you would like to join this friendly and enthusiastic group, either backstage or on stage (or both!), we would love to hear from you. Simply e-mail us at info@monktonplayers.co.uk. It really doesn't matter if you have never been involved in amateur dramatics before as there are plenty of enthusiastic members to guide you through.

Alternatively, if you simply prefer to be an enthusiastic audience member, sign up for our newsletter and get to know about forthcoming productions, with just a hint of backstage gossip.

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Natural Causes
The Odd Couple
Run for Your Wife
An Inspector Calls
Laugh! I Nearly Went to Miami
Tons of Money
Pretty Pickle
Don't Misunderstand Me
Ski Whizz
Touch and Go
Key for Two
Off the Hook
Touch of Danger

Trivial Pursuit
House of Frankenstein
Holiday Snap
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See How They Run
Wild Goose Chase
Pen Friends
The Old Rust Bucket
Red Spy at Night
At the Changing of the Year
Curses Foiled Again
A Funny Kind of Day
Absent Friends
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Crystal Clear
Beyond a Joke
Love's a Luxury
Too Soon for Paisesis
Wanted One Body
Fool's Paradise
Strike Happy
Basinful of the Briny
Housekeeper Wanted



Scenes

Setting	The action takes place in the hall of a country vicarage in 1993, the first year that woman priests were ordained
Time	1993
Act 1	Mid-morning
Act 2	Moments later

Backstage

Director	Tim Hiscock
Publicity	Tony Barratt
Set Design	Graham Pinney
Lighting	Bob Pettitt and Jon Sparks
Sound	Tom Norton
Props	Tony Hiscock
Prompt	Lyn Batt
Set Building	The Monkton Players 'Gang'
Programme	Tom Norton
Refreshments	'The Other Halves and Co'
Makeup	Max Factor

Thank You!

A big thank you to all of the backstage crew!
Thanks to Monkton Heathfield Stores for selling tickets

Cast - In order of Appearance



Director - Tim Hiscock

At 27, this is my début as director - when the play is over I'm sure I'll look 47! Luckily, I have a brilliant cast who have made the whole experience great fun!

George - John Furse

John joined the group in 1982. He has done two stints as Chairman, acted, directed and written. As Chairman he took the group into the Brewhouse for their 10th Anniversary production.



Caroline - Jayde Coate

This is my second play and I'm praying I do a good job. I've decided to wear an old pair of socks during the performance....as they are holey!

Dickie - Tony Barratt

Tony has been acting for over 40 years. He has done monologues, double acts, reviews, farces and pantomime dame. He joined in 1989 and is a committee member.



Alan - Adam Hiscock

Adam had hoped to go through life without ever having to take orders from his baby brother. After failing in an attempt to overthrow his Directorship, Adam reluctantly takes orders and appears in his 7th Monkton Players production!!!

Ronald - Colin Jones

Colin has been a member of the Monkton Players for fifteen years although he first went into amateur dramatics when he was fifteen. He has never done Shakespeare although he says he met him once. This is the third role in which he has played a 'has been' and finds that it is a role that suits him.



Marigold - Victoria Warr

This is Victoria's second production with the Monkton Players. Her character has a far too high opinion of herself and likes Gin too much.



Maddie - Cathy Blacklock

Cathy joined the Monkton Players in 2000. She started with the usual wife/girlfriend/fiancée parts but hopes this play will help to make up for the fact that she can no longer be the juvenile lead. She will try and uphold the great Monkton Players tradition of wrapping herself around some poor, unsuspecting young man. It's a thankless job, but somebody has to do it.



Charles - Tony Hiscock

There is a well known saying in theatrical circles "Never act with children or animals!" I think they should add being directed by one of them..... Only Joking!!



Freda - Ruth Jones

Ruth has been a member of the Monkton Players for more years than she cares to remember. She has directed, prompted, done props and made the tea and has built up an extensive wardrobe of tweed skirts for the glamorous parts that she now plays.



Angela - Debbie Arscott

Debbie is delighted with her outfit for this production. Yes another all time great, and no it is not a look she will be adopting! Thanks Mum though for the loan of the shoes and handbag!



Bishop Herbert - Graham Pinney

Our unsung hero of set building. Our very own Bob The Builder. Joined 12 years ago as a dare and has been pleasing audiences ever since!

