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*The
MONKTON
Players*

LAST ORDERS

50p

**A Comedy By
Yvonne and John Eddlestone
Directed By Cathy Blacklock**

About The Monkton 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.

Our Past Productions

We have performed over 65 productions during the last 34 years. So many in fact we can't fit them in our programme. You can find the full list by visiting our website at monktonplayers.co.uk. Don't forget to also look at our scrapbooks located at the back of the hall.

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For all their hard work with set building, promoting the production, making the teas, and much more!

Monkton Elm

For sponsoring the programme and allowing us to put up a banner on their site.

Taunton Tourist Information Centre & Monkton Heathfield Stores

For selling tickets.

The Merry Monk

For the loan of the furniture on set.

Scenes

Setting

The Beaumont Arms Pub

Time

Present Day

Act 1

Scene 1 - Monday Morning

Scene 2 - Monday Afternoon

Scene 3 - Tuesday Morning

Act 2

Scene 1 - Tuesday Evening

Scene 2 - Wednesday Morning

Scene 3 - Wednesday Evening

Backstage

Director

Cathy Blacklock

Publicity

Tony Barratt

Set Design

Graham Pinney

Lighting

Colin Moakes

Sound

Tom Norton

Props

Tony Hiscock

Prompt

Debbie Arscott

Set Building

The Monkton Players 'Gang'

Programme & Posters

Tom Norton

Refreshments

'The Other Halves and Co'

Makeup

L'Oréal ('cos we are worth it)

Hair

Vidal Sassoon



Last Orders Cast



Director - Cathy Blacklock

Cathy has appeared in many Monkton Players productions over the years so can't claim that she didn't know what she was in for as director! She took on the challenge armed only with a whip and a chair plus a thick skin.

Owen - Terry Joiner

Terry is trying amateur dramatics for the first time in his life. He claims it is an itch he has long wanted to scratch (He has not yet realised that there is no escape!). His family were keen to hand out advice on how to play Owen, a man who thinks he knows more than he actually does, is afraid of his wife and pushes his staff and customers around. "Just be yourself" was their recommendation.



Pat - Ruth Jones

Ruth has been a member of the Monkton Players for more years than she can remember. From nagging Norma in the last production to domineering Pat this time - type cast again!

Jester - Tony Barratt

What can I say about playing Jester although he's a bit of plonker, bit of a lad, tries hard to please, especially with Tracy he has a heart of gold and terrible dress sense. Wait a minute that sounds a bit like me.



Roger - Tim Hiscock

I've played characters that were pursued by women in the past, so for a change, this time I thought 'why not Roger the barman'.



Tracy - Charlotte Hazelwood

Tracy is a sandwich short of a picnic....so luckily this role wasn't too challenging for me...

Wilf - Graham Pinney

Graham is proud of the fact that his pen portrait has remained the same for the last 12 years! He's our unsung hero of set building. Our very own Bob the Builder. Joined years ago as a dare and has been pleasing audiences ever since!



Mr Fanshaw M.P. - Tony Hiscock

When the director said she wanted something special for this play I assumed it was a couple of particular props that needed to be made. Not so, I find that I'm to be an honourable Member of Parliament. Now, how do I claim expenses for a duck house?

Mrs Fanshaw - Natalie Piper

This is my first time performing with the players, we moved to Monkton last Christmas and I wanted to find a local drama group, so this is perfect! The only thing I have done before was in panto a very long time ago! I love the fun and adrenaline rush of being a part of the group and I am looking forward to the play opening night with a mixture of trepidation and joy!



Mysterious Stranger - Colin Jones

Colin has been involved in amateur dramatics for over 61 years. From juvenile lead to enigmatic stranger via panto villain, jewel thief and bishop. He's still waiting for a call up to play the next Dr Who!