



# Skipton's Little Theatre

Season 2006-2007

Skipton Players

Presents



# Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime

by David Tristram

Directed by Chris Birch

Tuesday 19th to Saturday 23rd  
June 2007 at 7.30pm

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## **WANTED**

**Actors, Actresses, Stage Hands, Make Up Artists,  
Lighting Technicians, Programme Sellers,  
Set Designers, Costume makers,  
Scenery Shifters, Sound Engineers, Painters...etc,etc.**

**Skipton Players have just the 'part' for you!**

**If you would like to get involved, on stage, backstage or front of house, please contact Beryl Binns Tel 01756 791552**



# Notes from the Green Room

It is June already and as we look back on the season which as always seems to rush past with hardly a pause to draw breath between productions, what a fine and funny series of plays have been produced. The wonderfully funny well known comedy "Dry Rot" opened the season back in October, and this was followed by the dramatic thriller "I'll Be Back Before Midnight", in which no less than three quarters of the cast met their grisly end by the final curtain. The beautifully produced classic Venetian comedy "Servant Of Two Masters" showed us how the origins of Pantomime arose from Italian commedia dell'arte; and Noel Coward's delightfully observed "Blithe Spirit" tickled us with Twenties humour.

The last play of the current season is a splendidly silly romp through one of David Tristram's "Inspector Drake" detective spoofs, and I'm sure you will enjoy its maniacal twists and turns. No prize for guessing the solution (as a matter of fact the cast themselves haven't quite worked that one out). We welcome a new face in the cast – Sarah Parkinson who comes to us fresh from dramatic training at the Mart. We were in fact getting a little late to cast her part as, unusually, we ran out of our usual supply of ladies, and were contemplating getting up someone of the male persuasion in drag to cover the part. Luckily for him (and you) Sarah offered her services in the nick of time. A mounted and stuffed warthog features prominently as part of the set, and acquiring such an article seemed impossible – even with an appeal in the local paper – but in the end a very amusing model was skilfully constructed by Seren Cole, no mean actress herself but alas living too far from Skipton to appear here.



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# Cast



In Order of Appearance

Mrs Short

Wendy Milner

Dr Short

Richard Wilkinson

Sergeant Plod

Martin Cole Inspec

Drake

Chris Cundell Sabrina

Short

Julie Smith

Miss Short

Sara Parkinson in



# Synopsis

When a genius commits a murder, the plan is perfect. But is it foolproof? The legendary Inspector Drake is back to face his greatest ever challenge, as he attempts to unravel a plot with more twists in it than, well, a really twisty thing. Who is the mysterious Doctor Short? Has he murdered his fourth wife - or did she murder him first? Has he really got two daughters called Sabrina? Where is Frank the taxi driver? What was the Pope doing in the woods? And, perhaps most importantly of all, why is there a lamppost in the living room? These are just some of the questions facing the world's most famous detective, as he gropes for the answer to the perfect crime.

The action of the play takes place  
in the delightful country residence  
of Doctor Short



There will be a short intermission of  
approximately 15 minutes between  
Act 1 and Act 2



## Production Team



Lighting and Sound Effects  
Prompt  
Set Construction  
Set Design  
Props  
Poster and Programme  
Costumes

Tom Cox & Andrew Oaks  
Angela Freeman  
Martin Cole  
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Wendy Milner  
Neil Hellewell  
Skipton Little Theatre

Warthog constructed by Seren Cole

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before the performance



## Notes from the Green Room (cont)

We rightly appreciate the hard work that underpins each Player's stage performance; hours spent laboriously learning lines and moves, but I also want to give a big "Thank You" to all the backstage people without which we could not operate. A mention in the programmes is their only public reward, yet they are the vital part of the Little Theatre. Sets do not build, nor get painted, themselves; essential props do not acquire themselves from attics, junkshops and workshops; costumes do not appear by magic; lights and sound are not thought into existence. The same is true for prompting, coffee making, programme production, posters, the list goes on, and it is all just as necessary as a cast. So Thanks ! again to our Production Team.

We will all enjoy our (short) summer break before our new season begins in October, and all of us at the Little Theatre wish all of our audience a happy and enjoyable summer. You are the most vital part of all!



Martin Cole

The Next Production in The Little Theatre

### **Run For Your Wife**

9th to 13th October 2007

First 'Read Through' Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30

New members always welcome for both  
onstage and backstage parts

Please contact Philip Smith for more information  
Tel 07786074795



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- thus saving you a massive £12.50!

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Membership also entitles you to get involved in the many social events organised by Skipton Players

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# Skipton's Little Theatre

Next Season!!

2007-2008

October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2007

## ***Run For Your Wife***

By Ray Cooney

Directed by Phil Smith

December 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2007

## An Agatha Christie Mystery

Title to Be Announced

Directed by Thelma Hebden

February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008

## A Play from the Pen of Alan Ayckbourne

Title to Be Announced

Directed by Ann Busfield

April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2007

## **TEACHERS**

By John Godber

Directed by Jay Livingstone

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

Title to Be Announced

Directed by Sue Clements

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