INTRODUCTION AND A WORD FROM THE PRODUCER

THE WORTHY PLAYERS
AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

JUBILEE HALL KINGS WORTHY
14th 15th 21st & 22nd August 2015
7-30 pm
‘Murder by The Book’

By Duncan Greenwood & Robert King

A word from the directors

Clare Nicholas

Peter Wooldridge

Peter - Back in the spring of 2010 I took to the stage for the first time in my life appearing in the Worthy Players production of ‘Allo ‘Allo. I had never previously thought of doing something like that. 5 years on I find myself in a similar position as for the first time in my life I am directing a play. Whether my first appearance as a director is also my last will, I guess, be in the hands of you, the audience. If your response to this production is favourable then maybe I will be inspired to direct again. The opposite is, of course, unthinkable. Luckily I have not been alone in my directorial debut as I have been more than ably supported by my co-director Clare, whose input has been invaluable, and who equally has never directed before. My thanks must go to the cast for their patience, support and co-operation and to all the others who have helped with set building, front of house, lighting, costumes props and stage management etc. I must also thank our prompt, Alison Woolford, who has not only been prompting but has also read in for people on holiday, which is one of the problems of doing a summer play. Also our Chairman, Nick Kearns and Doug Mackie have kindly stepped in to read in for various parts at various points in time. Finally, a big thank you to all of
you who have come along to watch. Hopefully, you will not be disappointed with what you are about to see.

Clare - I have been a part of the Worthy Players for more than ten years now and always kept clear of the thought of directing. It wasn’t until Peter, a fellow directing novice, suggested clubbing together to direct a play as the group were short of directors. Suddenly, the thought of directing for the first time didn’t seem quite so daunting when you’re not in it alone. Full credit to Peter for finding a fantastic play, and between us, we hope that we have put together a well cast and well directed play that you will thoroughly enjoy. I know I speak for both of us when I say I have enjoyed my first stint as a director, and may even consider doing it again! Thanks to everyone who has been involved and supported us along the way, we are very grateful.
The setting for ‘Murder by the Book’

The action takes place in the drawing room of Selwyn Piper’s flat

The Action of ‘Murder by the Book’

Act 1

Early evening on a bright autumn day

There will be an interval of 20 minutes after Act 1 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 2, Scene 1 and scene 2

The action continues -

Welcome and thanks to all our patrons

Thank you to all of you, our patrons, for coming to see our play.

Thanks also to all the following for their assistance – Wessex Windows for providing overflow car parking; The Worthys Community Website and to The Parish Magazine for help with publicity; ADH Printing, Kings Worthy for printing our programme; The Jubilee Hall Committee and Secretary for their help in accommodating our needs; The Theatre Art School for their help in moving Friday night classes; And last but not least, all those other members of the group and friends not yet mentioned for helping out backstage or front of house.

For more information about the Worthy Players, please visit our website at www.theworthyplayers.co.uk
The Cast of ‘Murder by the Book’

Christine Scott

Janine has been a member of The Worthy Players for more years than she cares to think about. This marks the first time in a while that she has taken on a larger part, rather than her usual cameo appearance.

Janine Blackmore

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Imogen Piper

Another show, another hard done-by wife to play! Or is she? At least she is slightly more glamorous than Mrs Lovett! Kirsty has been with the very Worthy Players for 5 years now and looking forward to many more….

Kirsty Turner

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Peter Fletcher

Has been a member of the Worthy Players for almost 21 years – last seen as Widow Twanky in the pantomime in December. In a change of pace, this time he is playing a know-it-all smart-****!

Michael Heseldin

Peter Fletcher

Selwyn Piper

This is David’s largest role in recent years. David’s latest credits include: - Compere in ‘Worthys Got Talent’ 2013, Producing Aladdin 2014, co-starring with Eric in the TV programme South Today, playing ‘The Sherriff’ in The Mayor’s music hall’ and Rueben in ‘The Militants’

David Woolford

Selwyn Piper

John Douglas

This is Tim’s fourth show with the Worthy Players and he’s enjoying every minute of it. After playing Sweeney Todd in the last show he is now looking forward to playing someone who is not as mad as a bicycle (or is he?). You can make up your own mind.

John Douglas
Our pantomime this year will be Robin Hood.

Performance Dates: 4th/5th and 11th/12th December.
Murder by the Book is a Nero Wolfe detective novel by Rex Stout published in 1951 by the Viking Press, and collected in the omnibus volume Royal Flush (1965). Inspector Cramer takes the unprecedented step of approaching Nero Wolfe for his help on a stalled murder investigation. Leonard Dykes, a clerk for a small law partnership, has been found dead in the East River with no leads other than a list of names in his pocket. While initially unable to help, a month later Wolfe is approached by the father Murder by the Book. Henry Winter, Story Inspiration, Writing Inspiration, Character Inspiration, Castiel, Supernatural, Dead Poets Society, In The Flesh, The Secret History, Cindy Chaplin. Murder by the Book. Cindy Chaplin. Murder by the Book. Train Car, Train Travel, Train Rides, Train Trip, Rail, Ways To Travel, Orient Express, Ticket To Ride, Luxury Lifestyle. Cindy Chaplin. Murder by the Book. Murder by the Book. Hp Harry Potter, Harry Potter Aesthetic, Chronicles Of Narnia, Draco, We Heart It, Welcome To Hogwarts, Sherlock Holmes, Ron Weasley, Remus Lupin. Cindy Chaplin. Murder by the Book. After the Winter Rain. Call The Midwife Sau The Book Thief Bruges The Magicians Peaky Blinders Home For Peculiar Children Penny Dreadful Winter Rain. Murder by the Book Rex Stout Series: Nero Wolfe [19] Published: 1985 Tags: Cozy Mystery, Vintage Mystery, Early 20th Century. Cozy Mysteryttt Vintage Mysteryttt Early 20th Centuryttt. SUMMARY: Manhattan Police Inspector Cramer asks for Wolfeâ€™s help in solving the suspicious death of a law office clerk who has been fished out of the Hudson River. His probable homicide-causing offense? Murder By The Book. 1. SOMETHING remarkable happened that cold Tuesday in January. Inspector Cramer, with no appointment, showed up a little before noon at Nero Wolfe's old brownstone on West Thirty-fifth Street and, after I had ushered him into the office and he had exchanged greetings with Wolfe and lowered himself into the red leather chair, he said right out, "I dropped in to ask a little favor."