

Thank you for your enquiry to

MurderMysteryEvents.com

...Dying to please!

I'm sure you are looking for a quick solution to planning your perfect event, where all the boxes are ticked, great venue, great food, superb entertainment and all organised with the minimum of fuss.

This guide has been put together to be as comprehensive as possible so that you can make the right choice.

What's different about us?

We specialize in providing fantastic fun interactive murder mystery dinners and events which provide great value and quality with the minimum of organization hassle to you.

We offer a range of different themes for both private or shared events- everything from Moulin Rouge to Chicago Gangsters or a Cluedoest theme where the Butler might have done it!

We've a broad knowledge of venues built up over the years and can therefore offer expert advice on arranging the right venue and event.

We have become experts at organizing entire events (from hen weekends to conferences) for our clients from scratch on time and on budget: finding a choice of venues, liaising with venues before the event to make sure everything is just right to event management on the night to ensure your event goes with a bang!

I started the murder mystery company after working for a number of other companies; I sometimes found it frustrating as standards can vary so much, so I decided to set up my own company offering the best teambuilding entertainment money can buy!

I realised that most people booking a murder mystery weekend, dinner or event don't want to be the next Inspector Morse, they want to laugh, have fun and enjoy the interaction between themselves and professional comedy actors, but still have a real mystery to solve... who dunnit?

The "Carry on Agatha Christie" style I've developed has turned out to be very effective in creating events which are teambuilding fun!

Being an actor myself I only employ professional performers who have either auditioned, worked with me directly or are personally recommended, most of the actors have appeared on TV or film or played London's West End. Actors have recently appeared in major West End musicals and ITV.

All the scripts are either written by me or a professional writer and are professionally directed, full event management is included at all events this means the murder mysteries are produced to a high standard.

When you book an event you have an appointed Account Manager overseeing you event and our Events Coordinator, Jackie will ensure everything is set up just right prior to the event, so that the event is a guaranteed success!

Since setting up the company in millennium year it's really taken off with shared events throughout the year in London and across the UK. We produce many private parties and corporate teambuilding projects too for everything from product launches and team building for corporate clients to Birthday parties and Hen Nights. The busiest time of year is Christmas as a Murder Mystery proves the ideal office party solution!

The company employss about 70 actors and we produce about 200 events per year.

Although we offer events across Europe our office is based in Woking, Surrey.

There are a lovely team in the office, who are:

Denise Keely – Account Manager

Jacqui Vousden – Events Coordinator

Katherine Tulley –Accounts & Credit Control

Mark Hayden – Director

Have a browse through the guide and give us a buzz on 0870 3300155 if you'd like to know more or if we you'd like us to create your event.



Kind Regards

Mark Hayden
Director
Murder Mystery Events Limited

www.murdermysteryevents.com and www.murdermysteryshop.com

Our office hours are 10am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday.

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Planning Guide for your event:

Here's an idea of the path to follow and the questions you need to ask yourself to get the right event for you.

The first questions you need to answer are:

Why do I want a murder mystery event?

It's very important to know if this is what you are really looking for. Our events are designed to entertain and engage our guests without giving you a heavy workload before or during the mystery (like learning parts before you arrive then acting them out). Our events are geared to be interactive in the way where you are free to choose if you proactively join in or not, you can just relax and enjoy the event like a theatre trip.

The professional actors do all the work to make sure you have a cracking time!

"I just wanted to write to say THANK YOU soooooo much for such a fantastic night. You guys were so great and looked after us all so well. I'm really grateful - everyone had such a great time. I will recommend you to all my friends (that weren't there!!!)."

Laura Skeoch, The Hen (2008)

We also include word games and quizzes which help you solve the crime as you work in your team. You are invited to question the suspects throughout the event.

This also means our mysteries have mass appeal for men and women, young and old, introverts and extroverts.

The team and problem solving element makes these type of events ideal for teambuilding in companies or a great icebreaker for hen nights or birthday parties where not all the guests know each other.

To see how a typical event runs [click here](#).

What type of murder mystery do I want?

There are quite a few different styles of murder mystery you can choose from: a role-play event where you play the characters; a hosted event where an actor or two read the script and you play characters; or an event where professional actors play the characters and you guess whodunit.

You may wish to have a story commissioned for you, this is a great idea if you are looking at a product launch, but does add a consultation fee, writing cost and time to write the script to the event planning. Otherwise we recommend one of our existing plots which can be personalized with office gossip if you wish.

At our events professional actors play the characters and you guess whodunit. We've found over the years that this is by far the best type of event- it's theatrical, funny and interactive. Some of our competitors do a hosted type of event, we've trialed these types of events to stay competitive on price- the problem with these events are because there are only one or two actors the event is a lot less interactive and theatrical and therefore less fun. When guests are required to play characters this can be very dangerous as some guests might feel uncomfortable acting in front of everyone or may rely to heavily on "Dutch courage" which can result in the whole mystery falling apart.

Therefore we recommend our style of event, it might be a bit more expensive than a hosted event, but it's worth the investment as the experience is much more enjoyable and funnier ([see testimonials online](#)).

"I would like to express our gratitude to you and your team for entertaining us on Friday 27th October. It was one of, if not the best, in-house event we have organised, bearing in mind we were formed in the mid-eighties, this is praise indeed.

I am sure you will hear from us again, as this is an event we will definitely run again.

Thank you once again for a night of laughter and intrigue – but I bet you knew I was going to say that!"

Jerry Ladell, Napp Pharmaceuticals

If you are keen on a role-play style murder mystery where you all play parts we recommend you purchase a role-play murder

mystery game, which is inexpensive and you download from the internet- to see what's available [click this weblink](#).

How much do I want to spend?

Joining a shared event costs from £45 to £70 dependant on when and where you go. This is the cheapest option available for groups of less than 15 and provided you are flexible on dates and location will probably be right for you. [Click this weblink](#) for our diary of up coming murders!

A private event costs slightly more, but is more exclusive, on a chosen date and a location which suits you. We can supply you with a performance fee for the murder mystery if you are sourcing the venue or we can find the venue for you.

We have a number of venues where we have special rates and we pass these saving on to our clients. You may add drinks packages and overnight accommodation with us; just let us know when you call.

Call Denise or Mark on 0870 3300155 to arrange a private event.

When do I want it?

When you call us it's important that you have a first and second choice date available. Remember we can arrange the venue for you, as we get special rates at some venues this is a great way to save time, money and hassle! Call Mark or Denise on 0870 3300155 to create your event.

How many people are in my group?

It's important to know the number of guests attending your event as it influences whether you go for a shared event or private party. At private mysteries it affects the number of actors at your event and therefore the price you pay. Generally groups of 15 plus makes a private event affordable. If there's less than 15 look at a shared party. Also consider that with shared events there's sometimes a discount for booking larger groups or booking early.

Our website murdermysteryshop.com has more info on shared parties and you may book some events securely online.

10 reasons to choose MurderMysteryEvents.com

- **Our actors are all professionals working in the industry**
All our actors are professionally trained and working in TV, film & theatre. Recent credits include: Coronation Street, Lab Rats, Scottish Opera, Esure Commercial, Agatha Christie No1 Tour, The Mousetrap (West end), Nottingham Theatre Royal Thriller Season, Southwold Summer Theatre, Edinburgh Festival,
- **Full event management on the night**
Not sure if you should have that second glass of wine? All our events include full management on the night so you don't have to worry anything except having a good time. We will liaise with the venue; cue the courses, all whilst entertaining you at every step.
- **Choose your own deathly plot!**
Hobnob with Laird McTavish & his guests at his 100th birthday party or get sucked in to the underworld of organized crime with Ronnie Rocks and his compatriots. Whatever you decide, we can tailor the script to include your 'gossip' or even write a bespoke script to surprise your friends and colleagues!
- **We pass on our savings**
We have forged longstanding relationships with many hotels across the UK and can receive special rates for our clients for dinner & drinks packages and overnight accommodation. We are happy to pass those savings on to you!
- **We are fully portable**
This enables us to come to you wherever, whenever. Be it a hotel, garden party, funeral or right there in your own front room. No task is too small.
- **Don't want the hassle?**
We can find the venue for you, sort out all the entertainment and dinner and even arrange overnight accommodation. If you want a completely hassle-free package, your **appointed Account Manager** will do all the leg work for you!

- **Our events appeal to everyone**

Young? Old? Outgoing? Shy? We guarantee your guests won't be able to help themselves getting involved. Our actors will do all the work but you will be totally involved in all the goings-on. Our events are fully interactive and inclusive with games and characters to appeal to everyone's tastes.

- **We can keep a secret!**

A surprise birthday or teambuilding dinner? Just let us know and we promise not to give the game away – right up until our actors walk in to the bar to meet your guests.

Oh and one more thing (oops, that makes 11)...

- **We guarantee to match any competitors' quote *like for like***

If you find a cheaper written quote elsewhere and can tell us exactly what you are getting for your money, we will match it- if we can provide you with the same. We are confident that our prices reflect the quality of our events.

Most Popular Plots

Ronnie Rocks' Gangsters Ball

Performed by 3 or more professional actors
Theme: 1920's Gangsterland

Welcome to Chicago! It's 1922 and you're invited to Ronnie Rocks Birthday Party along with some other special guests... the under world of Gangsters and Molls!

Speakeasies are very popular in spite of the prohibitive times and Ronnie runs a few along with his diamond dealing operations. Ronnie is celebrating but soon the evening takes a tragic twist and a hideous MURDER is committed!



"Everyone had a great time on Saturday night and I was thoroughly impressed with the service you and team offered... I'd certainly use your services again and recommend you to my friends!"

Richard Emanuel, Monaco

The Lady in the Lake

Performed by 3 or more professional actors

Theme: Spooky!!

It is the 300th anniversary of the death of Goody Two-Clogg a wise woman and healer, who was drowned in Mystic Lake by the Witch Hunter General.

Members of Little Bottom Wiccans and Healers Society are meeting for their AGM Awards Ceremony and to pay homage to Goody Two-Clogg wrongly killed as a suspected witch in the nearby lake.

Everything is going smoothly, until a horrifying death occurs... Could it be the ghost of Goody Two-Clogg seeking revenge? Jealously of a rival or something more sinister?

You must decide as the comedic mystery unfolds!!

"I just wanted to say a big thanks for last night's show. I have to say I was a bit nervous this being my first murder mystery night but the team exceeded all expectations. It was excellent and my clients all really enjoyed themselves, which reflects well on me! The team were great, hilarious, I am only sorry that I didn't get the chance to introduce myself properly to them. But when people complain their cheek bones are hurting then you know fun was had by all.

I will certainly keep your details to hand for future client events and hopefully will get the chance to work with you all again soon!

Laura Holmes @ Utell Hotels and Resorts (2008)

Better By Nun!

Performed by 3 or more professional actors

Theme: Medieval England Monks & Nuns

You join the Monks and Nuns at the summer festival dinner in the Village of Pratt's Bottom. But there's a sense of tension in the air- not all the rules are being followed and Sister Slosh may have been at the communion wine! Things take a turn for the worse after a bitter argument and soon a MURDER is committed!

It's up to you and a special guest to try to unravel the crime!



Professor Bugel's Last Post

Performed by 3 or more professional actors
Theme: 1920's England Sherlock Holmes

Professor Bugel has invited you to a party to celebrate him being awarded the "Golden Test Tube" for services to Chemistry. However things take a turn for the worse at the party and soon a MURDER is committed!

It's up to you and a special guest to try to unravel the crime!

"Well, what can I say other than a big THANK YOU to you & your fellow thespians. The feedback that I have had so far seems to be very positive & they all seemed to enjoy [the event]."

It can usually be quite difficult in keeping everyone's attention for any length of time, especially as we have quite a few youngsters who would normally prefer to go clubbing & some who can be very critical about what their Xmas Do should be like, but I think what clinched it this time was because it was so interactive..."



Nikki Nicholson, Footman Walker (Bournemouth)

The McTavish Mystery

Performed by 4 or more professional actors
Theme: 1920's Flapper style

It's 1928 and the height of the Flapper era. Laird McTavish, miserly millionaire, is celebrating his 100th Birthday and you're on the guest list, along with the close family and a few surprise guests!

Clunge the Butler welcomes you to the event accompanied by Fanny the parlor maid, both unusual characters and then there's McTavish's son the whiter than white Curate Robert and the rather saucy Nurse Golightly. Such characters can only mean you're in for a great night of entertainment.

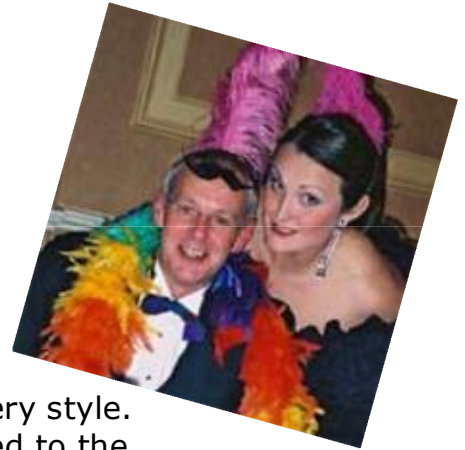
Soon you'll be stunned by a hideous murder, and discover the identity of the first victim. But why were they killed, and how was the second murder committed and why? Just a few of the questions you have to discover as amateur sleuth you question the suspects and work out the dastardly villain whodunit!

Murder at the Moulin Rouge

Performed by 5 or more professional actors

Theme: 1901/film, top hats, feathers & frills!

Murder at the Moulin Rouge combines all the flavor of the famous French club with the trendy atmosphere of the recent film and our original comic murder mystery style. Set in 1901's Moulin Rouge in gay Paris- You are invited to the premiere of the new Moulin Rouge show "Spectacular Extravaganza!" but things are going a rye and manager Willy de Boo-Boos is trying to avert disaster, the shows writer is a brawling drunk, one of the dancers was recently killed and there's a homicidal maniac on the loose- Will Willy's opening succeed? Will the cast survive the night? Discover the answer and uncover the murderer at the Moulin Rouge!



"Just thought you might a quick note to say the event you ran for us went really really well. Everyone loved it, your team were great and it was a really entertaining evening. Will definitely recommend your company to others."

Helen & Ian, (Frome)

Mystery of the Golden Scarab

Performed by 4 or more professional actors

Theme: 1920's Archeologists

Archeologist Mortimer Wheelie is famous in his field for making great discoveries of Roman Villas and Egyptian Tombs and friendly rivalry exists between him and Lord Farquar a fellow Archeologist. But when it is revealed that the Golden Scarab artifact has mysteriously disappeared from the British Museum, things get nasty and before long a murderer strikes- but whodunit?

The Vonn Trapp Trap

Performed by 5 or more professional actors

Theme: The Sound of Music/War Time Britain

Maria, the Captain and the Vonn Trapp children have escaped the clutches of the Nazis to war torn Britain. Maria has invited you to join her and the Vonn Trapp children for one of their famous concerts to earn some pennies for the local convents orphanage fund- but not all

goes according to plan, so prepare to singalong and don some curtains!

All is not well with the family Vonn Trapp, is one of the guests a Nazi spy? What was the motive for the first murder - jealousy, revenge, or something more sinister? Don a habit and engage your "little grey cells" to solve the mystery!

Major Hardup!

Performed by 4 or more professional actors

Theme: 1920's or Modern day

Retired Major Hardup has passed on to the next world. You have been invited to his will reading along with several claimants who have also arrived to claim the Major's fortune. But who should inherit the estate?

An evening of fun remembrance takes a sinister twist when a body is discovered and it is clear there is a murder in our midst...

"Just wanted to drop you a note to say thanks for your fantastic performance in Stratford on the 3rd. The team were completely surprised by your arrival and everyone really got into the swing of things. I was impressed with your improvisation and how well you kept the night moving along. My final confirmation of knowing I'd made a good choice in booking you was when our Japanese GM complimented me on arranging such an interesting and amusing evening!"

I won't hesitate in recommending you to other departments / companies for a great night out."

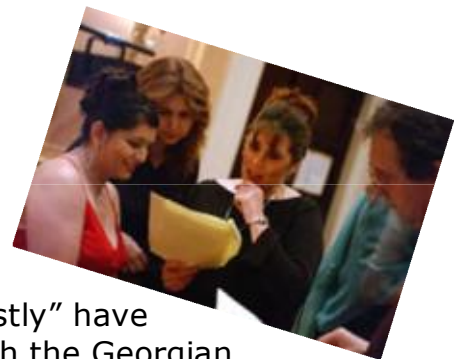
Elisa @ Toshiba

The Georgian Ghost

Performed by 4 or more professional actors

Theme: Modern Day

It's the Halloween and a group of psychic investigators from the TV show "Greatest Ghostly" have come to see if they can make a connection with the Georgian ghost. Will they get the proof they need... they get more than they bargain on when the grim reaper comes to call!



Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre – A typical event

A dinner theatre event lasts approximately 3 hours and runs like this:

- Meet the characters at reception for pre dinner theatre drinks, where clue-packs are distributed and you get to know who's who- keep your wits about you so you don't miss a clue!
- Dinner is announced the characters sit at a central table and make introductions; they play out a dramatic scene, ending in who knows?... Bloodshed?
- Each course is served and the comic plot unfolds. The actors perform comedic and clue packed scenes in between courses and table hop dropping clues, giving you the chance to question them!
- Word-games and Quizzes are introduced during the evening, which may reveal clues to who the murderer is!
- At around dessert time it's your chance to figure out who dunnit! Then hand in your solution sheets for judging after which the drama denouement uncovers the dastardly villain whodunit! They may come to a sticky end...
- The grand prize is awarded to the winners and a booby prize to the losers. But there's still a chance to win with the free prize draw and best fancy dress!

Processes and Checklists:

When you call us you will most likely speak to Denise or Mark, we'll chat through your options and recommend what might be best for you.

When you ask us for a quote where you have sourced the venue we can prepare you a performance fee quotation and email it to you immediately.

If you'd like us to find a venue this can take more time- sometimes we can get back to you quickly, where as sometimes it takes a lot of phone calls and hunting out. Once we have the info we'll prepare a quote and email it to you.

If you choose to go with our offer you simply complete the booking form and return it to us. A 50% deposit is required within 7 days to secure a booking.

Jacqui our Event Coordinator will get in touch with you with a few questions, this is all done by email. Once we've received your answers we'll contact the venue and confirm the cast for your mystery, also appointing an Event Manager who will run the event on the night.

Your account manager (Mark or Denise) and Jacqui will ensure and double check everything is set up correctly for your event.

On the night should you have any query at all our Event Manager will assist you.

After the event we are always keen to receive feedback so we send you a survey to complete.

If you have any further questions or would like to get the ball rolling please call us on 0870 3300155 between 10am and 5:30pm Mon-Fri.