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# Silhouette

## **Director's Notes**

The action takes place at Martin Powell's country home in Sussex. In Act One we watch as the police investigate the murder of Martin Powell and arrest their prime suspect. In Act 2 we see the events leading up to the murder - has Inspector Bruton got the right person in custody?

I'm so lucky with this production to have such a wonderful cast. This is a difficult play - and so many lines to learn! They've done a fantastic job and I'm very proud of them.

However the cast are only the tip of the iceberg as far as any production is concerned, and I can't thank enough my co-director Chris Topham. Chris has not only worked with the actors but has also been behind the scenes with an input into every aspect of the technical side of the production. Further huge thanks to Rachael Orchard who as producer has quietly organised publicity and tickets, liaised with various backstage departments and provided general support throughout.

The remaining unsung and unseen heroes are of course Bob Pugh as stage manager, Carol Wadey on costumes. Mike Dawson on sound. Richard Meredith

#### Jacquie Spencer Director of Silhouette



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a comedy "whodunit" by

## Simon Brett

Directed by Jacqueline Spencer, assistant director Chris Topham Produced by Rachael Orchard

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc

#### Characters, in order of appearance

DI Bruton	Kevin Webb
DS Fisher	Ronald Stevenson
WPC Leach	Kat Sexton
Celia Wallis	Caroline Harbord
Neville Smallwood	Mark Lamberth
Martin Powell	Michael Black

# Many thanks to those who made up the Production Team

Stage manager	Bob Pugh
	Chris Hunnam, Pete Welsh, Chris Doyle
Sound and lighting	Mike Dawson and Chris Topham
Properties	Richard Meredith
Prompter	Jeanette Brown
Costumes & Make-up	Carol Wadey
Front of house manager.	Christine Hunnam
Poster & Programme	Rachael Orchard
Publicity	Kat Sexton

with the assistance of members of the club

#### Our special thanks go to:

The Front of House team Cambridge Police Authority Copley's Solicitors The Card Gallery Huntingdon Tourist Information Centre Huntingdon Town Council especially Mike Kennedy town clerk Commemoration Hall staff especially Lydia Eldridge Broughton Village Hall Brampton Institute Huntingdon Library The Crown Hotel, Woodbridge Tindalls Stationers, St Ives

# **NEWS ON THE AUTUMN PRODUCTION!**

# CAST

## Caroline Harbord (Celia Wallis)

Caroline has always been a huge fan of the theatre but is usually to be found on the other side of the curtain. She joined Huntingdon Drama Club in 2005, and helped run publicity for "From Mafeking to the Millennium". Expecting to be more in a minor role for her first role with the club, she is thrilled with the director's faith in her acting abilities.

#### Michael Black (Martin Powell)

Last year, Michael directed the Club's two main productions - Noël Coward's 'Fallen Angels' and 'From Mafeking to the Millennium' (which he and Ann Monk compiled). He's now enjoying the chance to act again, particularly as he rarely gets angry offstage. His next performance will be in the chorus of Dragoons, in the SIMADS production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Patience'.

#### Mark Lamberth (Neville Smallwood)

Australian born and now living in England. This will be his second casting with the drama club having performed in Noël Coward's "Fallen Angels" last year. Having played the jealous husband and then appearing as Charles I in "Kings & Liberties" (and not losing his head) he now moves from the serious to the oddball in this, the drama club's latest production.

## Kevin Webb (DI Bruton)

Kevin started amateur dramatics at school and has since been in local theatre groups including one in the RAF. Three years ago Kevin re-entered the fray starting in panto and recently in "Kings & Liberties" and "From Mafeking to the Millennium". In the near future Kevin will be starring as a priest in Shakespeare at the George, in a play on a local Radio station, and hopefully in Huntingdon Drama Club's autumn play and Panto once again.

#### CAST continued..

## Kat Sexton (WPC Leach)

Kat became a member of HDC after being involved in the "Kings and Liberties" production for the Huntingdon 800 celebrations last year. This is her second production with HDC, this time being persuaded into taking a small acting role so that she can concentrate on the publicity side for this one! She's been involved in theatre since the age of 9 having been a member of numerous amateur clubs, performing in school plays and finally studying Drama at University.

## Jacqueline Spencer (Director)

Jacqueline has directed a number of productions for the Brampton Park theatre including "Murder in Play" (another Simon Brett), "Blythe Spirit" and "Sleuth", and has taken minor roles such as Mrs Hardcastle in "She Stoop's to Conquer" and more recently the mother no one would want in "Role Play". With Huntingdon Drama Group she played one of the eccentric aunts in "Wedding of the year".

## Chris Topham (Assistant Director)

New to Huntingdon Drama Club, Chris has been impressed with the hard work that has been put into this production, not only by the cast but also by the other members of the club, the producer, sound and prompt for example. He found it enlightening that the cast had nearly learnt all their lines with 3 weeks to go to the performance. This production has been a good experience for him and he has been hard on the cast to ensure that

## Past Productions

1944	Lights Out
	Jephthah's Daughter
1945	Romantic Age
1946	Love from a Stranger;
	Quiet Weekend
1947	Ladies in Retirement
	Blue Goose
1948	The Shop at Sly Corner
1949	Rookery Nook
	Pink String and Sealing Wax
1950	The Chiltern Hundreds
	The Poltergeist
1951	The Paragon
1050	The Happiest Days of your Life
1952	A Lady Mislaid
1050	Will any Gentleman?
1953	To Kill a Cat
1954	See How They Run The Two Mrs Carrolls
1954	
	This Happy Breed Worm's Eye View
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1755	The White sheep of the Family Here We Come Gathering
1956	Charity Begins
1957	Wild Goose Chase
1757	Seagulls over Sorrento
1958	Cry Wolf
1700	Running Riot
1959	Duet for Two Hands
	Beside the Seaside
1961	Breath of Spring
1962	Mr Pim Passes By
	Bonaventure
1965	Doctor in the House
	Miranda
1966	Lord Arthur Savile's Crime
	The Whole Truth
1967	Death and Brown Windsor
	Post Horn Gallop
1968	Letter from a General
10/0	Cat on the Fiddle
1969	When we are Married
1070	Separate Tables
1970	Person Unknown
1971	As long as they're Happy The Crucible
17/1	The Young Elizabeth
	Present Laughter
1972	The Militants
1//2	My Three Angels
1973	For Services Rendered
1770	Inherit the Wind
1974	Hotel Paradiso
.,, .	The Odd Couple
1975	Shadow in the Sun
	Toad of Toad Hall
1976	The Lion in Winter
	Ten Little Niggers
1977	Barefoot in the Park
	Ring round the Moon

1978	Boeing-Boeing
	The Owl and the Pussycat
1979	Habeas Corpus
	Sink Trap
1000	The Snow Queen
1980	There's a Girl in my Soup
	The Anniversary
1001	Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner
1981	Donkey's Years
	Blithe Spirit
1000	Gingerbread Man
1982	Clouds
1983	The Man most Likely to
1703	Relatively Speaking Hay Fever
1984	Entertaining Mr Sloane
1704	She Stoops to Conquer
1985	Filumena
1700	Suddenly at Home
1986	Arms and the Man
1700	Absent Friends
	Night Must Fall
1987	Lord Arthur Savile's Crime
	Laburnum Grove
1988	Any Number can Die
	Easy Virtue
1989	Under Milk Wood
	Pygmalion
1990	A Day in the Death of Joe Egg
	Caught on the Hop
1991	The School for Scandal
	Pass the Butler
1992	Lady Windermere's Fan
	Ghost Train
1993	A Chorus of Disapproval
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1994	Tom Jones
1005	The Empress of Othernow
1995	No Sex Please, We're British
1996	Out of Sight Out of Murder
1770	The Importance of Being Earnest Dracula
1997	The Hollow
1///	Absurd Person Singular
1998	An Ideal Husband
1770	On the Razzle
1999	Rope
.,,,	Working with Amateurs
2000	Bazaar and Rummage
	One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest
2001	Picasso at the Lapin Agile
	Journey's End
2002	Worlds Apart
	Mixed Doubles
2003	The Real Inspector Hound
	Wedding of the Year
2004	May-Hem
	Bobby Dazzler
2005	Fallen Angels
	From Mafeking to the Millennium



Cast members: From top left: Kat Sexton, Ronald Stevenson, Kevin Webb & Caroline Harbord. Bottom: Mark Lamberth and Michael Black

#### Why not find out more about the Club?

Huntingdon Drama Club puts on two productions a year. New members are always welcome, whatever their interests – we need actors, backstage people etc.

Visit the Club's website <u>www.huntingdondramaclub.org.uk</u> for information about our activities, and photos, cast lists and reviews of past productions. Or fill in the return slip and we will contact you:

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