

Meet your suspects!

ABBEY
THEATRE
ST ALBANS



Eva Evans
Prompt



Catherine Lonsdale
Actor



Ivy Allen
Actor



Percy Sladen
Marketing Executive



Irma Adebayo
Box Office



Stacey Millcourt
Actor



Janine Stuart
Steward



Cris Pinhouse
Actor



Dora Quentin
Wardrobe



Troy Alexander
Stage Manager



George McDonald
Actor



Clive Ogden
Web Coordinator



Chris Wick
Bar Steward



Bertha Weston
Sound Engineer



Harold Kent
Set Builder



William Keene
Assistant Director



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Fundraiser



Mel Andrews
Social Media



Dee Oatey
Props Manager



THE STRANGE CASE OF HARRY HOLYWELL

A St Albans
murder
mystery trail
for all the
family



Welcome, detectives!

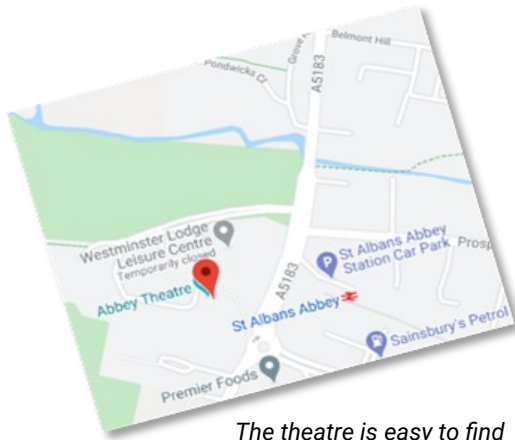
Thanks for helping! Something odd has happened at the Abbey Theatre, and we really need your brains to work out who's responsible.

We've been rehearsing a play called *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Everything was going smoothly until someone found the director of the play, Harry Holywell, stabbed to death on the stage. Suddenly the strange case wasn't about Jekyll and Hyde any more – it was about Harry. And we NEED to get to bottom of it before the killer strikes again!

On the back page of this leaflet you'll find a list of the cast and crew from the production. The murderer is definitely one of them – the theatre doors were locked at the time, so no one else could have got in. You can work out who's guilty by following our trail around central St Albans.



The late Mr Harry Holywell



The theatre is easy to find

When you come across a clue, the answer will lead you to the name of one of the suspects. Cross that name off and by the end of the trail just one suspect will remain – and he or she will be our murderer.

The trail starts and ends at the theatre, at the bottom of Holywell Hill, just next to the Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre. There's plenty of parking nearby (put AL1 2DJ into your satnav). Plus there are lots of places to eat or rest on the way. We anticipate the trail should take you about ninety minutes, but tread carefully. There are a couple of hills in the journey and you'll need to cross a few busy roads. Oh, and don't forget a pen or pencil!

About the Abbey Theatre

Built and run entirely by members, the Abbey Theatre is all about providing high-quality, affordable entertainment to the local community. We've been delighting audiences for more than fifty years, mostly through the work of our resident company, the widely-acclaimed Company of Ten.

The Theatre also welcomes visiting professional and amateur groups, which helps provide a truly diverse programme of events throughout the year. And we have two resident youth companies – the Company of Teens and St Albans Youth Music Theatre. So whether your taste is for family shows or mature themes, comedy or tragedy, classics or rarities, costume-drama or modern dress, our season should have something for you.

Come along to a production and see what you think. You'll find all the details at www.abbeytheatre.org.uk.

Although we're a charity, and volunteer-run, we aim to ensure that everything we do meets the highest professional standards. Our current patron is Mike Newell, the BAFTA-winning director of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.

We're also a warm and welcoming place to volunteer. On our web site you'll find out about how you can become part of our friendly group, whether on stage or behind the scenes. Take a look and see what appeals. No experience is necessary and you could make some good friends as well as picking up new skills!



A Christmas Carol



CLUE 14

There's a building near the pub dedicated to 'H.H.' Take away the third letter of H.H.'s middle name and you're left with the forename of another innocent suspect.



CLUE 15

Now investigate the pub itself. Where can the brewery that runs it be found? Put the letter you subtracted in Clue 14 into that location and you've another name to cross off.



DIRECTIONS

Continue to the end of the street, then turn right and almost immediately right again onto Sopwell Lane. Carry on up the lane, past the White Lion pub but keep your wits about you as you look for your next clue.



CLUE 16

Look for a house that sounds like it used to be full of milk. The first four letters of its name are the first four letters of someone else who shouldn't be on our list.



CLUE 17

Continue up Sopwell Lane. Uncover the name of the big house on the left at the end of the street. Shift the space in it to get another suspect to be cleared.



DIRECTIONS

At the junction with Holywell Hill, turn left and follow the road down keeping to the left-hand side. Cross carefully at Belmont Hill and keep heading down.



CLUE 18

One of the buildings on the left used to be called the St Albans ____. Discover the initials of the two missing words. They're the same initials as the job of the penultimate suspect who can come off your list. Nearly there now!



DIRECTIONS

Continue down the road until you reach the pedestrian crossing, then use it to cross Holywell Hill and head back past the leisure centre to the theatre. When you're there face the front door. Now look to your left.



CLUE 19

Find a sign above a door that leads to a part of the theatre. Say aloud the fourth, sixth and second letters of the second word – you're saying the name of the last suspect to cross off!

Your investigation begins



DIRECTIONS

Start the trail standing in front of the Abbey Theatre, with your back to it. You're ready to start detecting!



CLUE 1

In the building directly ahead you can see a snaking row of narrow windows. Count how many there are. Now find the corresponding letter of the alphabet to that number. (If A=1, B=2, and so on.) There's a suspect whose surname begins with that letter. They're innocent, so cross them off!



DIRECTIONS

One down, many more to go! To continue your search to identify the killer, walk down the steps or the ramp to the front of Westminster Lodge leisure centre. Then turn right and, keeping the leisure centre on your right, follow the path to the junction with the main road, Holywell Hill.



CLUE 2

Search around until you find this jug in a picture. Immediately beneath it is the name of a street. That name is shared with one of our suspects. Find that suspect and cross them off.



DIRECTIONS

The road in front of you is Holywell Hill. Turn left and walk up the road and when you come to the little bridge, cross the River Ver and carry on up Holywell Hill. Turn left onto Grove Road and follow it round. Just before you come to a well-hidden school you'll find your next clue.



CLUE 3

There's another Grove here, this time named after an eminent person. Rearrange the letters of their name to find another suspect you can safely let off the hook.



DIRECTIONS

Continue to the end of Grove Road and then turn left to re-join Holywell Hill. Continue walking up the hill, keeping to the left-hand side. Stop when you reach Orchard House Lane.



CLUE 4

It's time to try to detect pictures of a crown and a bird. See the word sandwiched between the two? It also appears in the name of another suspect you can safely discount from being our murderer.



DIRECTIONS

There are still lots more suspects to eliminate from your inquiries and you need to your eyes peeled. Continue again up Holywell Hill. Stop when you find a celebratory to some heroes...

Congratulations! You now know the name of the murderer. Why not tell your friends about the trail and see if they can match your spectacular detective skills?



CLUE 5

On the memorial are two repeated forenames, and two repeated surnames. The name in the middle of these is the one we're after. Strike off the suspect on our list who has the same name.



DIRECTIONS

Continue up Holywell Hill and turn left into Sumpter Yard. Walk towards the Cathedral Welcome Centre, then keeping the Cathedral on your right, follow the path round, going under the archway by the Chapter House.



CLUE 6

There's a cathedral on your right, but there's also an abbey that's lost... Find its story. The third word of the first paragraph hides the forename of another suspect who's not guilty.



DIRECTIONS

Follow the path, keeping the railings on your right, until you come to the large archway that used to be the entrance to a monastery. Walk under the arch, keeping to the right, and follow the curved road past the cathedral to a junction. Carefully cross to the graveyard on the other side of the road but don't go in yet.



CLUE 7

To find the name of another innocent suspect, hunt down a sign that reveals the name of someone who's family motto was VOTA VITA MEA. Take the first two letters of her forename, switch them around and say them aloud. Cross off the suspect with the name that sounds just like those letters.



DIRECTIONS

You're getting closer to identifying the killer. Now to continue your search, enter the graveyard and follow the path ahead until you come out the other side. Cross diagonally over the road and walk up Welclose Street. At the far end, stop for your next clue.



CLUE 8

Detect another Latin phrase here. (Don't worry if it goes over your head...) Take the last four letters of the phrase and disregard the suspect who has those letters as their forename.



DIRECTIONS

Turn to your right and cross over Welclose Street, heading up into Lower Dagnall Street in the direction of the Farriers Arms, but keeping to the right-hand pavement.



CLUE 9

A sign on a wall of a house features two colourful birds. The last six letters of the name directly above those birds form the middle six letters of another suspect you can safely strike from your records.



DIRECTIONS

Continue to sneak up Lower Dagnall Street, crossing Queen Street. When you get to the junction with Spicer Street turn right, then cross to the other side and look back across the road for your next clue.



CLUE 10

Find the organisation that built something on Spicer Street in 1846. Find the name of the organisation, then swap the two words around to cross off a similar name from the suspect list.



DIRECTIONS

To continue your mission to eliminate innocent suspects and find the killer, walk to the end of Spicer Street and carefully cross the road. Can you spot a strangely curved door?



CLUE 11

A sign near to the door refers to a place that sounds like it should be in Italy. The last six letters of this place are the first six letters of another suspect's name that can be crossed off.



DIRECTIONS

Stealthily walk along the pathway into the cathedral grounds. Turn left into the graveyard. Keeping the cathedral on your right, walk right to the end of the graveyard.



CLUE 12

There's a pinkish grave to be discovered here. The Baron interred within shares his grave with his wife. Her middle and maiden names will tell you who else to cross off our list!



DIRECTIONS

Now come out of the graveyard, and, keeping the high brick wall which contains a secret garden on your left, walk back through Sumpter Yard to the junction with Holywell Hill. Stand with your back to the cathedral and look across the road.



CLUE 13

Pinpoint a four digit number on a wall. (If you add all the individual digits together they should total 12). The letters on either side of the number are also the initials of a suspect's job at the theatre. Cross that person off your list.



DIRECTIONS

Turn right and hurry down Holywell Hill to the pedestrian crossing. Cross over the road and then walk down Albert Street. Keep going until you see a pub right at the far end.