

# Northenden Players Theatre Club

The Old Library, 20 Church Road,  
Northenden, Manchester M22 4WL

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# A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

by Agatha Christie  
adapted by Leslie Darbon

February 1st-7th  
2026

This amateur production of 'A Murder is Announced' is  
presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd  
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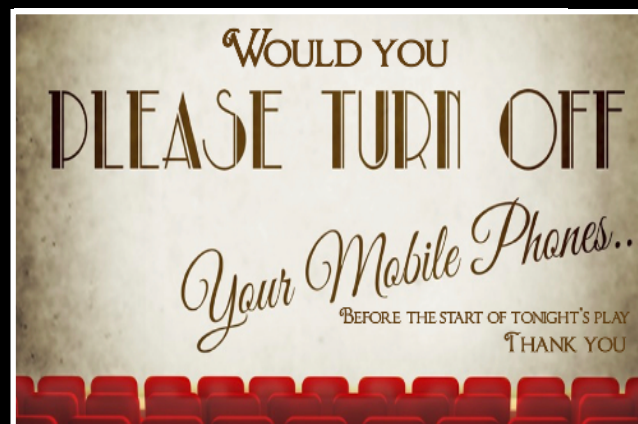
NPTC SOCIAL DATE  
NPTC Members Free - Non Members 25

**QUIZ  
NIGHT** in the theatre  
Saturday February 21st  
Starting 7.30pm



April 12th-18th

Directed by  
Sam McVaigh  
November 30th



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE



Should an emergency occur whilst in the theatre, please note where  
your nearest fire exit is.

Fire exits are located to the left of the stage and at the rear of the  
auditorium.

Assembly point is outside the theatre on Church Road.

## TONIGHT'S CAST

MISS BLACKLOCK: MELANIE DAVY  
MISS MARPLE: ADELE FIRTH  
INSPECTOR CRADDOCK: TIM COLLIER  
DORA BUNNER: KATH TAYLOR  
JULIA SIMMONS: JO TAYLOR  
MITZI: VIKKI BULLAR  
MRS SWETTENHAM: JO BOOTH  
PHILLIPA HAYMES: GEORGIA VESMA  
EDMUND SWETTENHAM: BEN THOMAS  
PATRICK SIMMONS: JAMES ROBINSON  
RUDI SCHERZ: ANDREW FOULKES  
SERGEANT MELLORS: DAVID FULTON



### DIRECTOR'S NOTES: MARY DILLON

In the quiet and peaceful village of Chipping Cleghorn nothing ever happens

That is until an announcement appears in the local 'Gazette' stating that a murder is to take place at 6.30pm on Friday October 13th

The questions then become "Who will be the victim? Who will be the murderer?"

In true Agatha Christie fashion that of course will be for you the audience to discover

## BEHIND THE SCENES TEAM

SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:  
NPTE WORKSHOP TEAM  
PROMPT: ANDREW FOULKES  
PROPS: CHRISTINE ROBINSON  
COSTUMES: MARY DILLON & CHARLOTTE HOLKER  
HAIR & MAKEUP: RUDI BLAKE  
LIGHTING: DAVE MCGUIRE  
SOUND: GAVIN JOHNSON

The play is set in the 1950s in the sleepy English village of Chipping Cleghorn where an announcement in the local paper states when a murder is to take place in Little Paddocks, the home of Miss Letitia Blacklock.

What follows is a classic Christie puzzle, featuring a determined inspector doggedly following the case's twists and turns with amateur sleuth Miss Marple on hand to help provide the solution.

THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL  
OF 20 MINUTES TONIGHT