

**Murder mysteries** at Somerset Spa are usually provided by a local company, Murder to Measure. They will liaise directly with you to devise an appropriate scenario. The evening usually runs along the following lines, but if you have any special requirements, do let them know, as they have a lot of experience in adapting mysteries to suit your event. Typically, things would proceed as shown below:

- \* You provide a thumbnail sketch of the guests to [enquiries@murdertomeasure.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@murdertomeasure.co.uk) - something along the lines of "Mary Christmas is in her 30s, is very outgoing and loves cats. She's always on the phone and can talk at length about gardening" or "Chis Kringle is in his 50s and has a wicked sense of humour. He tends to remain quiet until the right moment and enjoys yachting" is fine. If this can be provided in a spreadsheet, this is really useful.
- \* They look at the profiles you have provided and discuss possible themes for your event. You may have particular ideas in mind, or the profiles may suggest a theme. You can find more information about picking a theme on their website
- \* They assign characters based on the theme and information you have supplied. Where possible, they try to provide character profiles before the event.
- \* On the night of the event, the MC briefs the guests on the back-story and how to act during the event. This typically takes about 20 minutes, with the odd glass of Dutch courage.
- \* The event begins formally, with introductions etc in character
- \* Guests continue in character throughout the event, with their actions and revelations prompted by a set of cue cards. If with a meal, key events usually occur between courses.
- \* Either someone drops dead, or there is already a death to investigate. The MC turns detective and questions the key suspects, ensuring that all the key facts for the case are drawn out.
- \* Everyone gets an opportunity to work out who committed the crime(s). Note that usually the murderer does not know that they are guilty, and the victim(s) will only know when they read the appropriate cue card.
- \* The identity of the murderer is revealed, along with the key clues.
- \* Prizes are awarded to the best detective, and often the murderer and victim
- \* Typically things last between 2 1/2 and 3 hours.

They do lots of private parties, so have lots of scenarios for 8-20 guests. Usually private parties are based upon an existing scenario, but if you have any specific ideas, these can often be incorporated, particularly if your ideas are likely to prove popular with new customers.

You can contact Murder to Measure on (01460) 241915 if you have any queries or want to know more.