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What is in this section?

- A summary of what our murder mystery is about.
- An invitation and list of all the character parts.
- A copy of the News of the People
- A booking form.

What is included when you actually buy it?

- Character information for each guest.
- A step-by-step guide on how to run it.
- All the other essential paper props.
- The solution!

A summary of the game

“Murder at Farthingay Manor” is a murder mystery for 6 people, all of whom are given a character in the plot. It is usually run over a meal, with the person hosting the party also playing one of the characters.

The characters are all supposed to be attending a country house weekend in

England in August, 1924. Among them are a vicar, nun, businessman, countess and music hall star, and attending on them is a smarmy, creepy butler called Jarvis.

As the mystery unravels, guests question each other (in character) and try to discover what everyone has been getting up to. Information about their own character and clues about the others are given to them, and new plot developments occur while the mystery progresses.

As proceedings draw to a close, people get the chance to make their accusations, then the correct solution is revealed and the murderer is unmasked.

Who has booked our murder mysteries before?

We have been running murder mysteries in the UK since 1989. Hundreds of companies have booked us, and a list of satisfied customers is on the web site of our sister company, Murder, Mystery & Mayhem.

If you want someone to organise and run a murder mystery for you, please visit www.mayhem.org.uk for details of what we provide and what we charge.



Albert Norris jailed

“Bounder deserves to be whipped,” says Judge Mowbray

Albert Norris was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at the Old Bailey today for his role in the “Double Your Life Savings” scandal. Wicked Norris conned hundreds of trusting investors out of their savings, after placing advertisements in a wide range of periodicals and newspapers. As he admitted in court, Norris even had the effrontery to use his employer's name in these advertisements, entirely without permission. They read as follows:

DOUBLE YOUR LIFE SAVINGS A Scheme That Sounds Too Good To Be True, But Most Certainly Is Not!

“Mr. Harold Blunt invites you to partake in an investment opportunity of a lifetime. Simply pass your life savings over to him and he will guarantee a doubling of your monies within a period of not more than two years. Mr. Blunt would like to assure investors that his scheme has the full approval of the government of Liberia, whose mineral resources provide the key to the security of the investment. A generous offer such as this is, of course, certain to attract a good deal of interest. Mr. Blunt regrets that only those who respond quickly to this solicitation will enjoy the full fruits of his glorious enterprise.”

Norris held a position as a clerk within Mr. Blunt's investment company, Blunt Holdings, for several years before descending into a life of crime. He told the court: “Mr. Blunt is an honourable man who was not a party to my criminal action in any way. It was entirely of my own devising and the advertisements were placed without his knowledge. I confess that all promises of Liberian securities were of my own invention and all monies sent to Blunt Holdings

in response to the advertisements were used simply to line my own pocket. I declare myself to be a wholly worthless person.”

Judge Mowbray, who conducted the trial, agreed with him on this point. Noting the ragged appearance of the defendant, the Judge asked Norris why he appeared to have so few material gains to show for his criminal endeavours. Informed by Norris that he had “spent it all on horses”, the Judge was heard to remark: “the bounder deserves to be whipped”.

Blunt Holdings ceased trading following the “Life Savings” scandal. A shy, retiring gentleman who now lives in a large, baronial castle in Wales, Mr. Blunt was not present at any of the Court proceedings but did attend the final creditors' meeting at which his company was liquidated. His only comment to the Press was to say that he had no comment to make to the Press.

A photograph of the evil Norris is displayed here. We have been unable to obtain a photograph of the shy and blameless Mr. Harold Blunt.

**Albert Norris:
the hideous, smirking
face of deep villainy**



Art or Indecency?

Word reaches us that a collection of “artistic photographic studies” of a young lady has recently become available, entitled “A Maiden On Her Wedding Night”. We understand the “studies” are intimate in nature. While we have not seen them, we do not hesitate to deplore them utterly.

MURDER AT FARTHINGAY MANOR INVITATION

You are invited to step back in time to August, 1924, to enjoy a pleasant stay
in the country with your gracious host, Lord Farthing

(alias.....)

at his home, Farthingay Manor, Fairview, England

(alias.....)

His Lordship wishes you to understand that by "August, 1924", he means:

(actual date and time:.....)

His Lordship is aware that his guests have not met him before and do not know him. He is, however, pleased to inform all of you that he has some interesting information to share. Much may be gained by giving him the pleasure of your company! He asks you to dress appropriately and to come as:

(your character:.....)

The full guest list is as follows:

Mr. Ernest Sharpe: A 42-year-old businessman who recently moved to Wales. Suave, intelligent and as slippery as a greased eel.

Miss Monica Cholet: Star of musical hall and stage, Monica has been thrilling audiences for years with her saucy rendition of the song, "Whoops-a-Daisy!" She admits to being in her late twenties.

The Reverend Archibald Flannel: The Reverend is a financial expert who advises the Church on how to invest its money. He is 37 and hopes to become a Bishop soon.

Sister Susan: Saintly Susan regards nothing as too much trouble where helping others is concerned. She is 23 and has been in Holy Orders all her adult life.

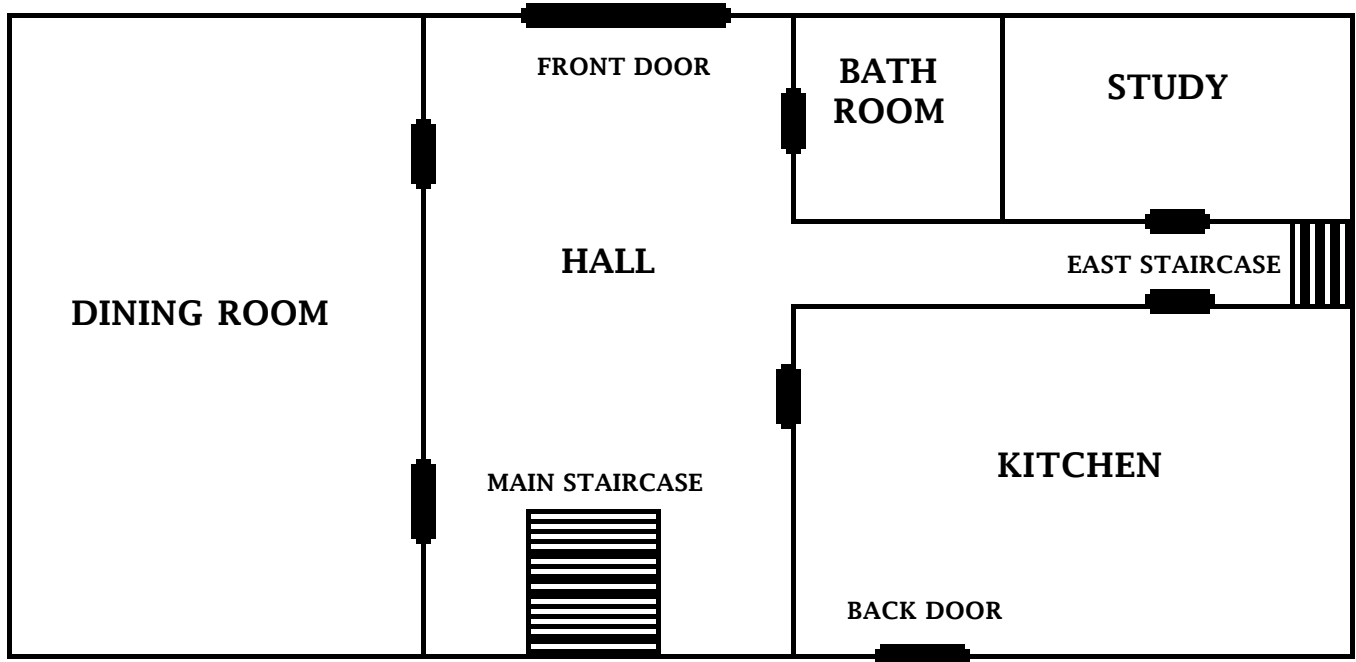
Gertrude, Countess Torrington: Formerly known as Nurse Tremble, the Countess is still grieving the loss of her elderly husband, Count Bertie. 30-year-old Gertrude nursed the Count all through his last illness.

Also in attendance will be Lord Farthing's splendid butler, **Jarvis**. Close to retirement age, he can always be relied upon to be tactful, polite and smarmy.

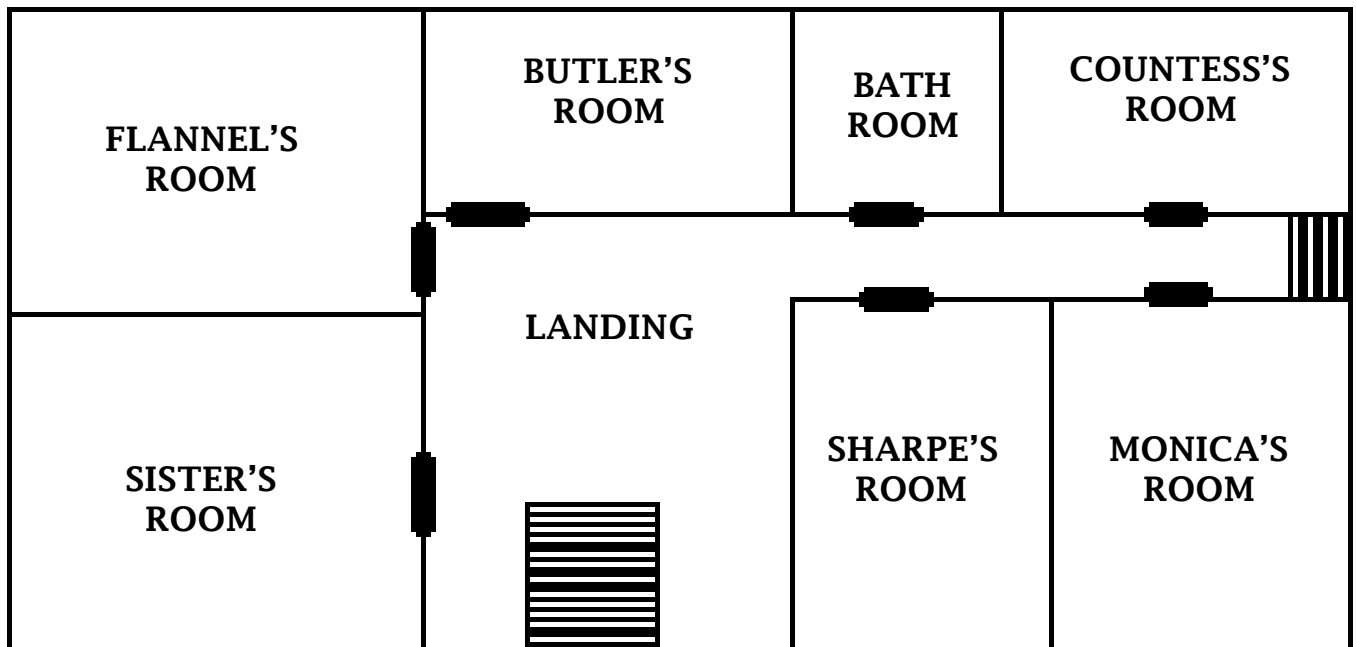
Your humble host,

Farthing

PLAN OF FARTHINGAY MANOR



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