

**For tickets or further information please contact *The Company Upfront* via the telephone number or email address below.**

*If purchasing as a gift & the date you require is sold out, we can create a gift card for a future date for you to present to the lucky person on their special day.*

The dates below may *not* show as sold out, however until you contact us we cannot guarantee that they are still available.

The Company Upfront *Presents*  
*at The Bluebell Railway during November 2020*

# **MURDER AT THE MANOR**

***A Murder Mystery set in 1932***

This very Traditional Agatha Christie style murder is set in the early 1930's. The events unfold in the drawing room of Lord Hampstead's Manor, located somewhere in the Sussex countryside. During your evening of Murder and Mystery you will encounter:

Lord Hampstead – The head of the household.

Lesley Hampstead – Lord Hampstead's elder child - Lucy Hampstead – Lord Hampstead's younger child

Major Herbert Hampstead – Lord Hampstead's brother - Nell Hampstead – Herbert's wife

Teddy – A house guest of Lesley Hampstead - Rosie – The Maid.

As the lights flicker then fade you will become embroiled in this shocking crime

We're sure Poirot, Morse or Miss Marple could solve it. **Can You?**



**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



**Unfortunately as our numbers are restricted to 30 people for social distancing & safety reasons tickets will have to be issued on a first come first served basis.**

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**At the station witness the events which lead up to and include the dastardly crime.**

**Then take your seat aboard your 1950's Wealdon Rambler lounge dining carriage where detective packs, clues and your plated three course meal awaits you.**

**During your steam journey through the Sussex countryside, you will have the opportunity to cross-examine the surviving characters and carry out other detective tasks.**

**But remember to keep a lookout for those tricky red herrings, also and that the murderer will deliberately lie to protect themselves.**

**Then complete your answer form before returning to find out if you correctly worked it out:**

The events begin promptly at 5.30pm and finish at approximately 10.20pm.

**The cost for the three-course set meal, steam train journey & professional entertainment is £92.50pp**

#### **Terms and conditions**

1. If for any Covid related reason the event has to be cancelled, even at short notice, you may move your booking, at no extra charge, to any available date until the end of 2021. *You may also select a date after the end of 2021, however in this case an extra charge may be payable.* 2. Should you need to cancel, with less than 36 hours' notice, there will be a £40pp charge. 3. Neither The Company Upfront or the Bluebell Railway will be responsible for any extra costs incurred by you, or members of your party should an event be cancelled because of Covid related reasons. 4. The organisers reserve the right to make any changes to the evening without prior notice. 5. Cameras and recording equipment must not be used during the production at the Station. *However feel free to take as many still photos on the train as you wish.* 6. We reserve the right to move your party to another carriage for logistical or other reasons beyond our control. 7. Lastly we hope you have an enjoyable evening and do not forget to fortify those little grey cells!

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The set meal on the evening will be:-

**Starter:** Bocconcini Giardino salad. Pearls of bocconcini, sunblushed and vine tomato confit finished with balsamic reduction.

**Mains:** Pot roasted chicken supreme, forest mushroom, button onion and white bean ragout in a tarragon cream with roasted new potatoes. **Or** Basmati rice and vegetable biryani in a spiced tomato and cream sauce.

**Dessert:** Vanilla pannacotta with a Morello cherry compote.

Because of social distancing restrictions and limited space in the train kitchen this meal cannot be adjusted in any way.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the vegetarian/vegan mains: **MUST BE pre-ordered.**

You will find a map of how to find Sheffield Park Station on the bottom of your E-ticket. We advise that you leave plenty of time for your journey as you will be invited to witness the events leading up to the murder at 5.30pm. (*The bar will be open from 5pm, allowing you time to fortify those little grey cells!*). We will not be able to wait for guests running even a little late.

Once you have parked your car (*Having turned into the Bluebell Railway entrance, drive past the 1st car park and use the next one on the left, which is a little closer to the station building.*) please make your way to the **station ticket office** where you will be guided to where the murder will take place. **It is important that on arrival at Sheffield Park you enter the station via the ticket office allowing us to inform you as to how to locate your table in your dining carriage.**

We anticipate that the evening will finish around 10.25pm. **We strongly advise** that if you are using a taxi to arrive at Sheffield Park that you also arrange, **in advance**, your journey away at the end of the evening.

Because of technical complications the Bluebell are unable to take card payments for drinks purchased on the train – *paying by card for drinks brought at the bar before joining the train is not a problem.* At the start of the evening, if you are unable to bring cash with you, the Bluebell will offer a cash back service from the station bar, allowing you to pay cash on the train. **I'm afraid that the Bluebell Railway does not accept payments by cheque.**

If you require any further information relating to the evening please do not hesitate to contact us by one of the above methods

**For your safety: A message from the Bluebell Railway**

**Face Coverings** – must be worn in public places such as on the platforms and when boarding or alighting from the trains in accordance to Government guidance. Removal is acceptable in the bar, while witnessing the murder and when seated on-board the train.

**Table service** – All meals are hygienically plated. All our serving staff have been fully trained and will follow the government guidelines for serving of food and drinks. Please click on <https://www.bluebell-railway.com/covid-19-safety-measures/> to read about all the measures the Bluebell have put in place to ensure your visit is safe and enjoyable.

**Drinks** – To keep within government guidelines the bar on the train will close at 9.15 and drinks orders will not be taken after this time. No alcohol may be consumed on the Bluebell Railway after the train returns to Sheffield Park Station the last time at 9.50pm.

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How the evening unfolds  
**MURDER at the**

**BLUEBELL RAILWAY**

**An Evening of Murder, Mystery & Mayhem!!**

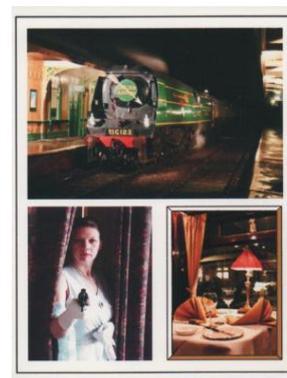
Enjoy pre-murder drinks (not included in the cost) before witnessing the events which lead up to and include the dastardly crime.

Then take your seat aboard your 1950's dining carriage, where detective packs, clues and your plated three course meal await you.

During your steam journey through the Sussex countryside you will have two opportunities to cross-examine the surviving characters.

Remember to keep a lookout for those tricky red herrings, and that the murderer will lie to protect themselves.

Then complete your answer form before returning to the Murder room to discover if you correctly solved the crime.



- From 4.45 pm Arrive at Sheffield Park Station, discover the location of your table on the train and then relax in the murder room on Platform One (drinks not included in the price).
- 5.30 You will be invited to witness the events which lead up to and include the dastardly murder! *The murder is performed as a full theatrical event, with professional actors in full costume for the period of the production and using lighting, sound, set, props and special effect when needed.*
- 6.00 Join your steam pulled 1950's dining carriage where you will be presented with a detective pack full of information relating to the crime and clues relating to the six surviving suspects.
- 6.15 During your three-course plated meal you will be able to cross-examine the suspects, but remember that the murderer will deliberately lie to protect themselves and to keep a lookout for those tricky red herrings!  
Police/Pathology information will be issued as the evening progresses.  
The characters return for a second, but shorter cross-examination period.  
Over coffee and mints you will be invited to complete an answer form stating who did it, with what and the reasons why?
- 09.30 Answer forms collected for marking whilst you maybe enjoy another well-deserved drink!  
*Please note that last drinks orders are at 9.15 and all drinks must be finished by 9.50pm.*
- 09.50 On return to Sheffield Park Station, the conclusions are acted out, the winning detective team announced and presentation of prizes.
- 10.20 Watch your backs as you make your way home, you never know who may be following you!!