

Burton Joyce Players presents



# TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES

A comedy thriller by Norman Robbins

Burton Joyce &  
Bulcote Village Hall

Thursday 27th – Saturday 29th  
October 2011

Performance commences  
at 7.30pm

Please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off during the performance



# TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES

Director:  
**Mel Reynolds**

Assistant Director:  
**Elaine De Villiers**

The fog descends on Monument House, the decaying Gothic mansion that is the ancestral home of the Tomb family, some fifty miles from London.

The family lawyer, Mortimer Crayle and his secretary Zoe, have summoned the remaining members of the family to the house, supposedly to read the will, but in reality to kill them and get their own hands on the loot.

However, things don't quite go the way Crayle plans it, for Crayle is not the only one there with murder in mind.

Time: **The present**  
The action takes place in the library

## ACT 1

Scene 1 **A Friday evening in November**

Scene 2 **Fifteen minutes later**

## ACT 2

Scene 1 **Half an hour later**

Scene 2 **An hour later**

In the event of an emergency evacuation, please leave by your nearest exit and go to the area in front of Mercury Alarms to await instructions from our Front of House team.

## THE CAST

*In order of appearance*



**Vernon Prewitt** (*Patrick McDonough*)

"We could have got up in the morning and found out we'd been murdered during the night."

**Edna Honeywill** (*Sally Panter*)

"We haven't even got real electricity, just one of those generator things behind the house."



**Zoe Mapleton** (*Patricia Chan*)

"Coming from you, that's the joke of the century. You're so damned crooked you have to screw your socks on."

**Mortimer Crayle** (*Mel Reynolds*)

"Wrong? What could possibly go wrong? They arrive, we dispose of them, and the rest is plain sailing."

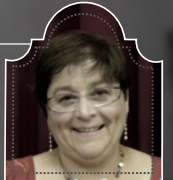


**Octavia Tomb** (*Pearl Beddoes*)

"Death is no barrier to communication. He came to warn us, Henrietta. Someone here is in great danger."

**Henrietta Tomb** (*Avril McCormick*)

"I should have known you'd arrive first. Bad news always travels fast."



**Augustus Tomb** (*Alistair Dobb*)

"If our parents were alive today, they'd be turning in their graves."

**Athene Tomb** (*Lorraine Andrew*)

"Don't be silly, dear. I wouldn't kill you. You're one of us, aren't you?"



**Larry Lewiss** (*Adam Miller*)

"I don't believe this. You're telling us a ninety-seven year-old woman is responsible for these murders?"

**Fabia Tomb** (*Jane Murray*)

"Who do you want bumped off, love? Ringmaster ... or a couple of Liberty Horses."



# BACKSTAGE

Stage Manager	Roger Harwood
Set	Roger Harwood, John Burton, Ryan Holmes, Patrick McDonough & Mel Reynolds
Lighting & Sound	David Page & Ryan Holmes
Props	Jenny Harwood
Wardrobe Mistress	Jenny Harwood
Continuity	Linda Burgin
Graphic Design	Dan Miller
Business Manager	Robert Nadin
Front of House	Robert Nadin, Ian Hichens, Jean Hichens, David Matthews, Kathy Matthews & Phyllis Sturgeon

---

The Burton Joyce Players is a member of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Drama Association (NANDA) and regularly enters plays and pantomimes for festivals run by that organisation.

*'Tiptoe Through the Tombstones'* is entered for the Play of the Year competition, and this year we welcome **AMANDA HALL** as adjudicator.

---

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

For their continuing support and help with ticket sales, the Burton Joyce Players would like to thank the Burton Joyce Paper Shop and the Burton Joyce Post Office.

---

Our next production will be

## **'WIZARD OF OZ — THE PANTOMIME'**

**25th — 28th January 2012**

Auditions will be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 7th November 2011**  
7pm for Juniors and 7.45pm for Adults

(Please note that Juniors must be in school year 7 or above)