

Murder at Midnight Hall

14 Guests (7m-7f)



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MYSTERY**
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It's New Year's Eve 1925 and Lord Lew De Behavioire is hosting his annual bash. Champagne cocktails and dancing until dawn are de rigueur of all his parties at the fabulous Tattie Manor - and this one will be no exception. Just before the party Beau Tye, the butler, pops to the cellar to fetch the fine wines and whiskies that his master has selected for the evening. Searching around in the dark he stumbles over in the cobwebs. On closer inspection, he has tripped over a body on the floor. Oh no, it's Lord Lew's best friend, Lord Phil Landerer who has just returned from his expedition in Egypt. The master will be devastated – how will Beau tell him? Is it murder? Who could have killed the lovable old rogue? It's up to you to find out . . .

The Guest List

LORD LEW DE BEHAVOIRE

Owner of Midnight Hall who enjoys throwing extravagant parties for his friends. An ex-army captain, he runs his estate as if he is still in the army but is well loved by his staff. Lew loves nothing more than sharing a whisky with the boys after playing a few rounds of golf, much to the annoyance of his long suffering girlfriend Ruby. He looks dashing in his black tuxedo and matching bow tie – the scar over his eye peeping out from under his dark curls, adds a little mystery to his handsome face.

RUBY VALENTINE

Ruby is Lew's fiancée and is constantly trying to pin him down to set a wedding date. She spends her days sipping champagne cocktails and learning the new fangled dances with her best friend Anna - when she is in town. She is also learning to drive – something that Lew is not too sure about. A slave to the latest fashions, she wears a flamboyant fringed dress, long black gloves and a black feather boa. A red feathered headdress adorns her pretty brunette curls.

DUKE DOLL

Baby's protective twin brother who has travelled from America to check out Hudson as his sister seems rather keen on him. He likes to spend his time at the casino and is famous for losing his inheritance in one night before winning it all back the next! He wears a pin striped suit, his tie is worn loose at his neck and he always has a pack of cards and lucky dice in his pocket. He strokes his spiv moustache throughout the night.

BILL FOLDES

Bill is big in banking – his father owns Folders Big Bank Incorporated and he has an amazing ability with figures – so much so that all his friends call him 'The Prof'. He shares Lew's love of golf and whisky but his biggest love, apart from his wife and darling children, is horse racing. He even managed to persuade Lew to buy a racehorse with him and they can often be found at the racecourse. He wears a black dinner jacket with black trousers, braces and a red bow tie. His pale blonde hair is slicked back and a monocle hangs on a cord around his neck.

FRANCESCA FOLDES

Beautiful blonde wife of Bill who is dedicated to family life and looking after her husband - or is she? She likes the good things in life and that is one of the reasons why she married Bill. However, she has recently joined the Suffragette movement, much to Bill's dismay, as she is spending a lot of time away from home. Francesca, or Fanny to her friends, loves to dress up and arrives at the party wearing a purple flapper dress with matching gloves and a pretty headband. Her favourite long pearls are around her neck.

WILL DE BEEST

New Zealander landowner who is a close friend of Phil's. He is in England to marry Anna before he whisks her back to his farm for a life of married bliss. He doesn't stand on ceremony for anyone and can seem a bit abrupt at times. Confusion often arises as he can't quite understand the English sense of humour - or their love of stodgy puddings! He wears a black evening suit with a waistcoat, a brightly coloured bow tie and spends the night grooming his big moustache.

LADY COCO CHANNEL

Society girl who loves the finer things in life – including fast cars and even faster men! She loves to shop and craves to be the most fashionable of all her friends – which of course she is! She has set her sights on marrying her rich lover to keep her in the lifestyle that she is accustomed to. She arrives at the party wearing a long red dress edged in black fur with a split to her thigh. Her long blonde curls are worn loose and red velvet gloves complete her look.

HUDSON RIVER

American business man and associate of Lord Phil Landerer who is visiting England to plan the next stage of the Egyptian expedition. It is unknown how he makes his money but Phil doesn't care as long as he finances the dig. He loves his job as it gives him the chance to indulge in two of his loves - namely travelling & drinking! A tall man with greying hair, he wears a pinstriped suit with a black shirt and braces. He is proud of his little spiv moustache and is never seen without his trilby or walking cane.

BABY DOLL

Baby is a flamboyant American socialite who is the girlfriend of Hudson. She met him whilst dancing with the Folly's in Paris and they have been inseparable since. She is scared of aging and continually applies lotions & potions to her skin - after all a woman must always look her best for her man! Loud but lovable, Baby is a star at any party and arrives wearing a gold dress, with long gold gloves and a gold sequined and feather headdress sits atop her wild red curls. She carries a gold bag and a matching gold cigarette holder. She really is Hudson's golden girl!

BEAU TYE

Beau is the long suffering butler at Midnight Hall. He is a very loyal and faithful servant despite several tempting offers from the Royal family to be a butler at the palace. He certainly has an eye for the ladies and rumour has it that he is dating a rather well to do socialite. He wears his usual uniform of black jacket and trousers and always has a flower from the garden in his lapel.

ANNA SASSIN

Anna met her fiancé whilst traveling the world with her diplomat father, often enjoying the luxury of exotic hotels and ocean liners that Daddy's job offered. She is quite outspoken - especially with her views of woman's rights - and is unsure about settling into married life in rural New Zealand. She is a dazzling beauty and wears a silver dress with matching silver gloves and a black headband sits neatly on her black bob. Her silver sequined cigarette holder is never far from her lips.

PENNY FARTHING

Childhood friend of Ruby who she hasn't seen for some time – so there is a lot to catch up on! A keen lover of jazz she continually tells the guests about her favourite music throughout the night – and often bursts into song! Her favourite colour is turquoise and she arrives wearing a turquoise sequined dress, white fishnets and a white boa is at her neck. Her auburn hair is worn in a long bob.

VICTOR VALENTINE

Ruby's mischievous brother who always looks dapper with a smile that melts the hearts of all the ladies in the room even though he only has eyes for one! He wears a black suit, black trilby, black and white spats. He sure is a heartbreaker

MARY JANE SHUE

She lives near to Sylvie and Austin and is a regular at their parties. Recently widowed, she believes that life must go on and is always seen out at the best places in town with her latest beau on her arm. She arrives at the party on her own wearing a beautiful ivory dress and hat. Her favourite pearls at her neck and wrist and her blonde hair is styled in the latest bob fashion.