

A message to guests from 'Have a Laugh Players' cast and crew

Thank you for planning to join us for another exciting Murder Mystery weekend at Oak Island Resort. Since 2007 'Have a Laugh Players' have been entertaining you twice a year (with the exception of the Covid years) at wonderful Oak Island.

'**Murder on the Shore**' has become so popular that many of you come back time and again. However, there are also a number of new guests at each weekend and we feel it would be helpful for them to know a little of what to expect.

Our emphasis is very much on providing an enjoyable, fun filled weekend for everyone, as well as giving you some entertaining sleuthing work to do.

There are usually a fair number of guests at these weekends and we have found it is much more enjoyable for everyone to work in teams. So when you arrive at the resort you will be assigned to a group/team. If you are with friends of your own, you will be in the same team wherever possible. If you are on your own, we promise you will meet some wonderful new friends over the three days.

Some helpful tips on what to bring

For all you folk that have not experienced our Murder Mystery Weekends before, we plan to make you feel welcome and entertain you to the full. You can dress casually, formally, or to suit the theme for the weekend. Points are awarded to the three best groups for our Fancy-Dress dance on Saturday evening, so if you're up for it please bring costumes with you.

General Schedule

Friday Evening 9:00 pm

Our cast will join you and introduce themselves. **Please listen carefully** to everything that is going on. A murder may have already taken place and some valuable information will come your way. Sometimes a murder will happen in front of your eyes, so be vigilant at all times. Lots of small clues will add up to good leads during the weekend.

Our entire cast (which will include a murderer/murderers) will be open to your questions throughout the whole weekend, and will try to tell you the true facts (apart from murderers, who of course will lie through their teeth).

Saturday

Our weekends are not just about working out the identity of the murderer or murderers. Points will be awarded for other fun activities that will count towards your total score. Many of these activities will take place on Saturday, so be prepared to join in with some great point winning events. Don't panic though, remember our emphasis is all about fun.

Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:00 am

We will join you in the breakfast room where you will get more entertainment and clues. Even if you have breakfast early, try to make sure you're back in the breakfast room at 9:00 am so you don't miss any clues from the cast.

Have a Laugh Scavenger Hunt 10:30 am to 12:00 am

Things to find and games to play, all adding to your points tally.

Have a Laugh Stew 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Has nothing to do with food. This is one of our favorite activities because YOU get to entertain US. At the end of the 'Scavenger Hunt' all the teams will have time to come up with a skit, song or poem, (*which will be open to your own interpretation*) to perform during 'Have a Laugh Stew'. These will usually be based on the Murder Mystery Theme for the weekend; however, nothing is compulsory. If the thought of standing up in front of everyone frightens the life out of you, don't worry. Only those in your group that are willing, can do the entertaining; although you will be surprised at how good you feel afterwards, if you face up to your demons.

Dinner 7:00 pm

We will join you for dinner where you will get more entertainment and clues.

Have a Laugh Dance 9:00 pm

On Saturday night there is a 'fancy dress dance' to die for. Again, points will be awarded to the best fancy dressed groups. This doesn't have to be costly as one year a group won by wrapping themselves in towels from their rooms and coming as Roman citizens.

Note: We all have a night off from murder sleuthing, just to enjoy the fun.

Sunday Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:00 am

We will join you for breakfast where clues will still be coming at you. Even if you have breakfast earlier, try to make sure you're in the breakfast room at 9:00 am so you don't miss any clues from the cast.

Who did it? 10:30 am

It's now up to you to come up with your theories as to whom did the dirty deed/deeds and why. This adds to the fabulous weekend entertainment and even if your theories are way off the mark, it's still wonderful to hear what each group comes up with and what evidence lead them to their conclusions.

This is followed by the all-important **Reveal**, when we act out the final scene to un-mask the murderer or murderers before finding out who is the winning team.

Please also bear in mind that clues will be given and found throughout the entire weekend, whether it is during breakfast and supper, or other activities. An exception to this is the fancy-dress dance, when we all relax and just enjoy the event.

So, we plan to give you a wonderful weekend of fun, laughter and entertainment.

October 2023 theme for Murder on the Shore is:

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER.

Very much a Scottish Theme, located on the banks of Loch Ness.