



# INSPIRE



**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
<i>Sacrament of Communion at both Services</i>	6.30pm	Evening Worship Rev K Blackwood <b>Last Evening Service until 7 September</b>
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Service Rev K Blackwood

**The deadline for the SEPTEMBER Issue of *InSpire* is 21 AUGUST**

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**office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk**

## JULY/AUGUST

### NOTE

Sunday morning services will continue at 10am and Wednesday services at 10.30am over the summer.

Evening services resume on 7 September.

The 27 July Craigielea Service will be held at 3.15pm and will be led by Chrissie Smith.

The 31 August Craigielea Service will be held at 3.15pm and will be led by Rev George Goldie.

## Flower Calendar

### JUNE

- 1 Mrs M. Allan
- 8 Rev G. Goldie
- 15 Mrs S. Hunter
- 22 Messrs G. & M. Falconer
- 29 Miss N. Shearer



Rose  
June's birth flower

### JULY

- 6 Mrs Betty Milne
- 13 Miss C. Smith
- 20 Miss E. Torrance
- 27 Mrs C. Bridgeford



Larkspur  
July's birth flower

### AUGUST

- 3 Flower Fund
- 10 Mrs I. Philip
- 17 Mrs L. Reid
- 24 Miss C. Robertson
- 31 Mrs M. Milne



Gladioli  
August's birth flower

### Living simply

Lord, may we who have plenty live simply so that others may simply live.

Dear Friends

As I write this the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is almost over. I have not been a commissioner this year and so not present, but by all accounts it has passed off well enough.

From afar there is no shortage of information available on the debates and discussions of the Assembly. Despite the fact that television coverage of the Assembly is almost non-existent, thanks to social media and the streaming of the debates on the Church of Scotland web page there are plenty of options available for those who want to find out what is happening.

Clearly the media have spotlighted once again the debate in the middle of the week which discussed the position of the ordination of ministers living within a civil partnership. By all accounts people spoke with honesty and passion in the debate and the atmosphere was civil. The outcome of the debate was a clear approval of the deliverance which calls on the Church to move towards the option of congregations to choose ministers living in a civil partnership. The legislation will be debated at Presbytery level this coming year before the Assembly of 2015 is asked to give final approval.

Although this matter naturally dominated the press coverage and is rightly seen as an important issue for the Church to consider, debates such as this one can often overshadow important aspects of work of the Church contained in the other Reports and debated away from the presence of the media.

These debates and Reports highlight the breadth of the Church of Scotland's interest and work in Scotland and abroad. This cannot and should not be overlooked. We are part of a Church that cares about people and particularly the vulnerable and weak; that cares about the environment we live in; that cares about the need for justice and equality across the world and that cares for the people of Scotland in this Referendum year.

We are part of a Church that continues to believe that the most important thing for us is to make sure that we effectively share the Good News and Love of God and provide opportunities for people to experience God and His Love for themselves and so respond to it in a way that hopefully restores, or builds, personal faith.

As always when I am reminded of the breadth and depth of the Church of Scotland's work it makes me proud to be a minister of this denomination, of the Church that has played such a big part in the life of Scotland for centuries and continues to do so today.

Best wishes,

*Keith*

## 44th Boys' Brigade



On 22 April various members of the 44th attended the President's and the Queen's Badge presentation evening held at Aberdeen battalion HQ. The evening was to recognise the achievements of those young men receiving these top awards which are the result of many years hard work. Making the presentations was Aberdeen Lord Provost George Adam.

For the President's Badge boys must gain level 4 in all 3 Discover badge categories of Community, Skills and Physical. This takes 4 years to complete. They must then undergo a day's training course at HQ with boys from other Companies and carry out 10 hours of service to their own Company.

The Queen's Badge takes a further 2 years after gaining President's and is mainly service based. Candidates must develop 2 existing personal skills as well as attend two weekend training courses in Aviemore. They must complete a minimum of 30 hours service to the community and an additional 30 hours to their BB Company.

Our congratulations go to Ralph Fairhurst and Michael Mulligan who received President's Badges and Christopher Craig who was awarded his Queen's Badge.

The photo shows the 44th group along with the Lord Provost.

*Dave Tait, Captain*



### **Congratulations from the congregation and Kirk Session**

On behalf of the congregation and Kirk Session of Mannofield I would like to add congratulations to Ralph, Michael and Christopher.

It takes dedication and commitment to be awarded the President's and the Queen's Badges and these young men have been a credit to the Company, the Church and their families. I hope their efforts and reward will be an inspiration to other young men who follow them through the Boys' Brigade.

In this day and age the Boys' Brigade continues to stand tall as a movement that contributes to the making of fine young men who can go on to make a success of life and be of significance in a society that needs the right sort of moral input.

Congratulations to the boys and thank you to the officers, supporters and of course the boys' families, for the support they provided without which these awards would not have been possible.

*Keith*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE 1993/1994

Jim Ruxton has been transferring some of his VHS tapes to DVD and has come across two events that took place in the above years.

The first is a video taken in the Large Hall on 27 November 1993 and is billed as a St Andrew's Night Celebration. It features Jim making his debut as a band leader accompanied by Kathleen Anderson and the late Doug Stewart. Some well known faces are dancing waltzes and Maureen Allan fields a team of dancers. There is a little girl (her name cannot be recollected) giving a song and the video finishes with Alistair Stark singing "Ho-Ree Ho-Ro My Little Wee Girl". Unfortunately the camera person cuts off Alistair in full flight! The show lasts about 13 minutes.

The second event is the journey on the chartered train to the Kyle of Lochalsh on 7 May 1994. This part of the DVD lasts about 20 minutes and if you were there you will likely feature in the video. Jim says the camera work is a bit dodgy but it is certainly watchable.



Jim is prepared to make copies of the DVD and they will be sold for £5 each with the proceeds going to the Development Fund. Orders can be placed with Jim on a Sunday morning after the Service or at the Office.



## Mannofield Eco-Congregation

### We Have a Logo!

We are now the proud possessors of a Mannofield Eco-Congregation logo, based on a design by Sheila Towns. It shows the petals of a flower atop a stem which bears an uncanny resemblance to our church spire.

So what's the big deal, you might well ask. Every car, box of cereal and shampoo bottle has a logo on it; why do we need another one? When you think about it, companies don't spend money without good reason. So when small fortunes are thrown at what they call brand image, you can be sure they want value for money. It's about more than just being easily recognised. A good logo says something about the brand it is promoting.

The Mannofield Eco-Congregation logo is no different (except it didn't cost a small fortune, of course). Not only will it be easily recognised, but the environmental message is loud and clear. Furthermore, it reflects that we are part of the Mannofield and the Eco-Congregations Scotland families.

So wherever our new logo appears, it should remind folk of just *why* it's a good idea to take care of the environment around us.



Alistair Stark  
Convenor

*Eco-Congregations Scotland*

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## **Accessions**

Phil and Clare Gunn  
Mrs Lorna MacCallum

## **Disjunctions**

Alan and Lorna Watt  
Mr Neil Carsey

## **Change of Address**

Muriel and Jack Davidson  
Louise and James Barrack

## **Deaths**

Mr William Crighton 24 March  
Mrs Rita Donald 30 April

## **NEVER GO BACK** ..... William Barclay (1907-1978)

"Nothing is ever quite so good the second time it is done. That is part of the human situation, it is part of the "set-up" of life, and it is something which the Church is very prone to forget.

If we try to repeat a success, it means that we are living in the past.

Many a church, somewhere in the past, has had a great ministry, and, for the rest of its days, it spends its time talking about that great ministry and trying to repeat it.

Many a time some kind of experiment, some kind of method has proved successful, and then the tendency has been to do it again, and to expect the same spectacular results.

Harnack (German Lutheran theologian and church historian 1851-1930) said that the danger of all great institutions is that they begin to worship their own past. You cannot go back, you must either go forward or perish.

We can use the past for inspiration and we can use the past for guidance, but we can seldom or never use the past as a pattern for the present.

To try to repeat a success is to forget that you can never get the same combination of circumstances twice. Life never repeats itself; and for that very reason there can be no formula for success there.

The question always is not, "What succeeded a generation or two ago?" but, "What does the present generation demand?"

The logical conclusion of this is that, if there is one thing the Church should never fear, it is change.

H.F. Lyte's famous hymn has it: "Change and decay in all around I see" but in point of fact that line might well be rewritten: "Change or decay in all around I see".

Unless a living organism changes, it necessarily dies. The one thing which does not change is a fossil - and a fossil has been dead for a very long time!

One of the causes of the Church's failure is its consistent attempt to repeat the successes of the past, for, in attempting that, it is attempting the impossible."



# Busy Bees

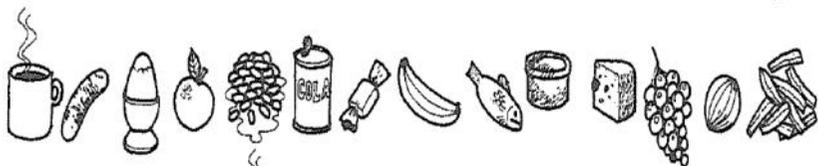
One-fifth of a hive of bees flew to the ladamba flower, one-third to the slandbara, and three times the difference of these two numbers flew to an arbor. One bee continued to fly about, attracted by the fragrant ketaki and malati.

How many bees were there?



Crack the code and complete the sentences

A C D E F G H I N O R S T X



Zacchaeus collected



Zacchaeus was a



Zacchaeus was



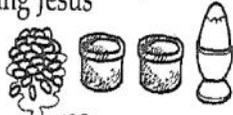
Zacchaeus was



Zacchaeus was  
by meeting Jesus



Sharing



showed friendship

Being Jesus'  
helped Zacchaeus become honest



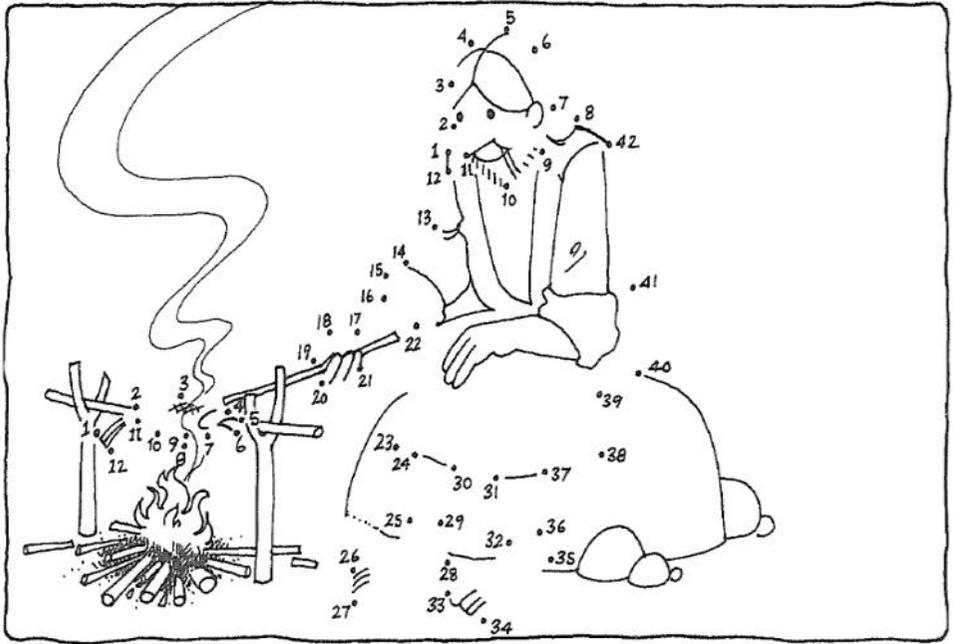
Why are these people  
looking grumpy?  
Look up Luke 19:7

### the mouths of babes



**Read John 21: 1-14.**

**Join the dots to find out what Jesus was doing on the beach.**

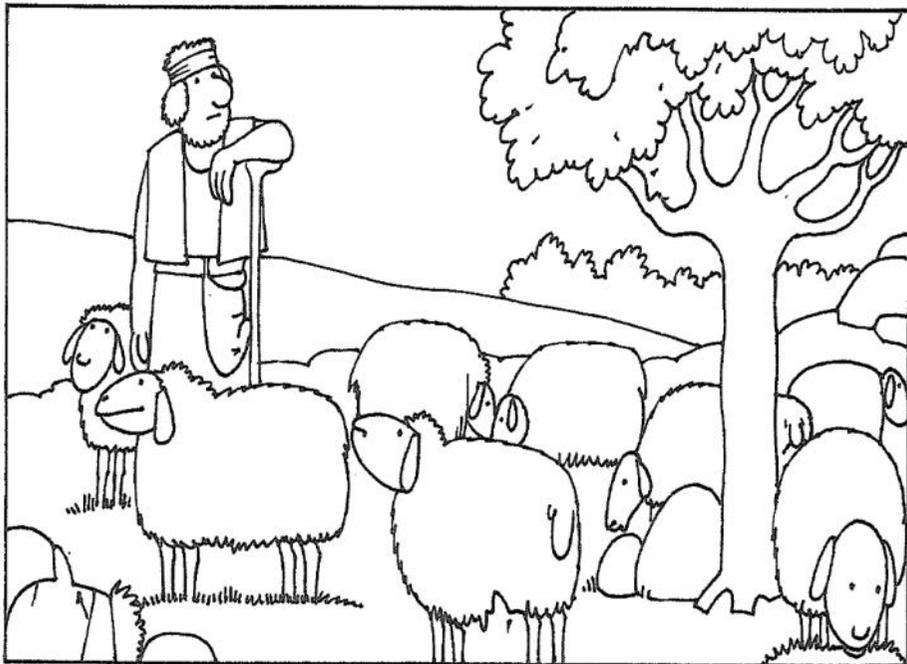


All the words in this wordsearch are in 2 Kings chapter 11!

- 1 Who tried to kill all the royal family? (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Who was hidden as a baby to escape being killed? (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Who hid Joash? (9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 In what building was Joash hidden? (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How many years was he hidden for? (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What did Joash become when he was seven years old? (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 What did Jehoiada put on Joash's head? (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 What instrument were the people playing? (8) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read this story in Genesis 26:12-25



Isaac has lots of sheep. He is very rich, and the Philistines are jealous.

Can you find their six spies in the picture?

**Can you make the words fit?**

MACHPELAH

ABRAHAM

SARAH

EPHRON

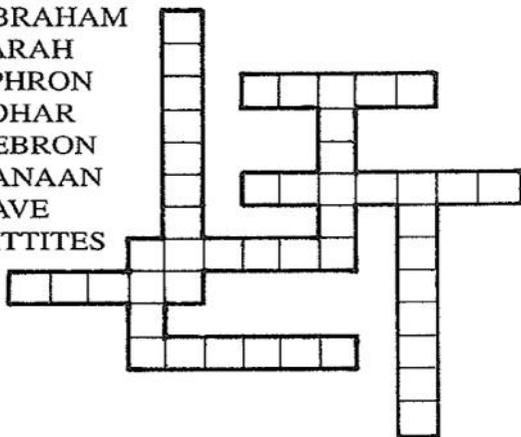
ZOHAR

HEBRON

CANAAN

CAVE

HITTITES



March's Answer: The granddaughter should receive 70 pence, while the grandson should receive 10 pence.



**Holiday Club**  
**For all children**  
**aged 5 - 11**  
**4 - 8 August**  
**10 am - 12 noon**  
**Mannofield Church**

**NO COST**

**COME AND FIND THE TREASURE AS  
WE HEAR STORIES FROM THE BIBLE**



-  Pirate fancy dress
-  Games
-  Crafts
-  Songs
-  Loads of fun

For more information and consent form contact the Church Office  
Tel: 01224 310087 (Mon-Thurs 9am-12noon)  
Email: [office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk)

## **SILVER & GOLD**

Selling old silver and gold has raised £1500 for the Development.

As more items have been donated I will continue to collect donations until **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE.**

Items can be left in the 'treasure chest' in the church vestibule, or in the office. If you prefer items to be collected, call Jane Harper on 315144.



# DEVELOPMENT UPDATE .. Events & Update



## CONGRATULATIONS

Mannofield has received a letter from Dame Anne Begg MP congratulating the church on the recent award from the Heritage Lottery Fund and expressing her best wishes for the project "which will be beneficial in improving the comfort and flexibility of the community space available."

We have also received a Motion to the Scottish Parliament tabled by Maureen Watt MSP congratulating the church on that award and noting that "the project aims to provide a venue for a variety of activities for all age groups as well as structural repairs on what is considered this historic landmark."

## Grand Prize Draw!



Win an...

**A La Carte Dinner for 2 with a bottle of House Wine** at the Marcliffe at Pittodels Hotel, Aberdeen.

Tickets, **£2**, are on sale in the large hall after Sunday morning service or from the Church office.

**We've raised £600 so far, but we really need your help to sell more.**

**Why not take a book of tickets and sell them to your friends?**



## Len & Molly Mackie's Golden Wedding



We suggested to the guests at our small party in the Tree Tops Hilton that we didn't want any presents and if so desired a donation could be given to Mannofield Church's Development Fund.

The marvellous evening raised £1,040. A big, big thank you to all family and friends who donated. *Len & Molly*

## A sample of recent fundraising events

Len & Molly Mackie's Golden Wedding Celebration	£1,040
Keith Campbell's "War Memorials" talk	£190
Easter Sunday Celebration Raffle	£330
Black Bag appeal update	£800
"Pyramid" Coffee Morning to date	£911
Scottish Songs and Poem Quiz	£51
Young Church coffee morning	£640
May Day Coffee Morning	£160
Ellen Smith's 6 Harbours Walk	£825
Scrap lead	<u>£73</u>

**TOTAL £5,020**

## Match Funding Challenge

The sample of recent fundraising events opposite plus the direct giving to the Development fund demonstrates that over the last 2 months there has been a huge effort by the congregation to try to ensure that the fantastically generous match funding of £50,000 will be raised over the next month.

The Development Group thanks everyone for their determined efforts and encourages and invites those who have yet to respond to do so to ensure that the £50,000 will be raised.

## A personal insight.....John Allan



### **Q. What is your age, occupation, marital status and family?**

A. Approaching 78 years. Now retired after 40 years in the Paper industry. Married to Maureen. We have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

### **Q. What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?**

A. Ecclesiastes 12 v 1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." This verse appeared in the B.B. membership card when I was a youngster. When I was in my early teens the late Janie Horne at a Sunday morning Bible Class used this as her text and saying that basically your way of life is set when you are young. That has stuck with me over the years.

### **Q. Who is your favourite character from the Bible and why?**

A. Probably David in his encounter with Goliath as I always support the underdog.

### **Q. What motivates you spiritually?**

A. Massed choirs singing favourite hymns. At the Boys' Brigade Centenary Camp in 1983 there was a memorial service in Ibrox Stadium which was filled to capacity with Brigade members and their families. The singing was very uplifting.

### **Q. It's not cool but.....**

A. It is not an expression I use except for the weather!

### **Q. What was the best piece of advice you've ever been given?**

A. Be your own person and don't put on airs and graces.

### **Q. What situations make you angry?**

A. Bad manners and incompetent local politicians and officials.

### **Q. Who or what is the love of your life?**

A. Most definitely my family.

### **Q. What are you afraid of?**

A. Probably falling. I have seen what happened to some friends and other people who have had a fall. I would not like to be incapacitated.

### **Q. If you could travel back in time, where would you go?**

A. I would like to see the Pyramids and the Sphinx being built. Seeing Machu Picchu and Petra being constructed would also be fascinating.

### **Q. What would you do if you ruled the world?**

A. I would try to fulfil Robert Burns' wish – "That man to man, the world o'er Shall brithers be for a' that" and we don't have "Man's inhumanity to man" prevailing.

### **Q. Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

A. Sandy Fraser, an English teacher. He insisted we learned the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm from the hymn book, saying we would need it in later life. It was a few years before I realised why he was correct.

### **Q. What is your most treasured possession?**

A. It would have to be a 6" high wooden elephant given to me by my grandmother when I was about 3 years old.

### **Q. If you could choose a profession that you would like to try what would that be? Why?**

A. Probably a geologist as I have an interest in rocks and their formations.

### **Q. What has been your greatest achievement?**

A. Probably serving nearly 50 years as a Boys' Brigade officer and being involved in the character development of the boys.

# NOTES & NEWS

## GUILD



### June

- 5 Monthly Coffee Morning
- 7 Summer Outing to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Centre at Forfar
- 10 Illustrated talk by photographer Andy Hall, followed by refreshments

*See advert opposite*

## COFFEE STOP

Centenary Hall



10 June

24 June

Tea, coffee, companionship and fine baking.

## Annual Bus Trip SAVE THE DATE 8 September



**Kellockbank Country Emporium**

The bus will leave the church at 1.00pm returning about 4.30pm.

Tickets cost £14pp and will be available from Committee members after Church or from the Office.

## Mannofield Guild

# A SENSE OF BELONGING TO SCOTLAND

*ILLUSTRATED TALK BY  
ANDY HALL  
Photographer & Author*

**10 JUNE 2014 7-30pm**

*Refreshments & Raffle*

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH || ADM. £7**

**IN AID OF GUILD PROJECTS**

## MANGO

*Mannofield's Gospel Choir*

### Music for a Summer Evening Concert

**When:** Monday 9th June @ 7.15pm

**Where:** Mannofield Church Large Hall

Tickets £3.00 including light refreshments.

Proceeds will go to the local charity Archway.



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### June Book Club The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

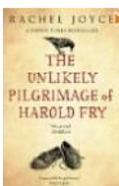
by Rachel Joyce

Harold Fry, recently retired, lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does. One morning the mail arrives with a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from Queenie Hennesy whom he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years. Queenie is in a hospice and is writing to say goodbye.

Harold pens a quick reply and leaving Maureen to her chores, heads to the corner mailbox. But then, as happens in the very best works of fiction, Harold has a chance encounter, one that convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. And thus begins the unlikely pilgrimage at the heart of Rachel Joyce's remarkable debut. Harold Fry is determined to walk six hundred miles to the hospice because, he believes, as long as he walks, Queenie Hennessey will live.

A novel of unsentimental charm, humour and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts.

For further information about the Club please contact Niki Anderson on: 01224 743484



### Christian Aid

**£4029.55** was raised

in Christian Aid week.

THANK YOU to all the Christian Aid volunteers who were out pounding streets and doors. A big thanks also to all those who contributed generously to the collection.

This year the Christian Aid campaign has focussed on the human cost of conflict. In some of the toughest places in the world Christian Aid is helping people caught up in conflict to get the basics: medical care, water, food, shelter. When the fighting stops Christian Aid is still there helping communities walk the long road to recovery and deal with traumatic experiences. By coming together we demonstrate that God's love is infinitely greater than hatred and violence. We can help to give people across the world a life **free from fear**.

*Ann Kindness*

### Hunger and justice

O God, to those who have hunger, give bread, and to us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

*World Council of Churches*

THE PICKLED COW DRAMA GROUP

PROUDLY PRESENTS...



Based on an original script by Nathan Hartswick  
Adapted by THE PICKLED COW THEATRE GROUP

# DEATH BY DESSERT

A classic American-Italian Whodunnit !



Its a murder mystery evening.

Wednesday	25th June	@	7.30pm
Thursday	26th June	@	7.30pm
Friday	27th June	@	7.30pm

Tickets from the office or **PICKLED COW** members.

The Pickled Cow Drama Group is branching out into new styles of drama projects. This summer's production is in a murder mystery format. The audience will be seated at tables, served cold refreshments and nibbles by some of the cast while the action takes place both on and off the stage.



## Picture the scene...

It's dinnertime, and you're invited to a meal so good, it's to die for! In New York's Little Italy, the Donneducci family and the Duccedonni family have been feuding for a generation, while operating two competing Italian restaurants that share a common wall. The building's landlord, Maria, is found dead, and everyone is a suspect – from the Italian grandmother and Mafia grandfather to the passionate chefs and bumbling waiting staff.

Flashing back in time, the story is told by its victim, who alternately narrates and participates in the action. As customers in the restaurant, the audience are served cold refreshments and nibbles, but they don't just sit back and watch; each table must cast their vote for whodunnit!

Will the murderer be ferreted out? Will the feud ever be reconciled? What are the hidden truths about what happened all those years ago?