

St. Cakes - Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to download this document. Most of the information you need to put our “St. Cakes” murder mystery together is contained in the files you will receive after you have made your payment (see the booking form at the end of this document). Before you do that, please check that your software and hardware are compatible with ours by printing out this whole document.

What is in this document?

- A summary of what our murder mystery is about.
- A list of all the guest character parts.
- An invitation.
- A copy of the School magazine and history of the School.
- A booking form.

What is included when you actually buy it?

- Character information for all of the guest characters.
- Speeches for a few of the guest characters to read out.
- Team information for each team.
- A step-by-step guide, explaining what the organisers need to do before and during the event, to make everything run smoothly.
- All the paper props you need: clues, coroner’s reports, etc.
- The solution!

How does it work?

Designed for groups of 40-200 people, St. Cakes runs for about 3 hours and works particularly well over a meal. Two people will need to act as co-ordinators, responsible for making sure everything goes smoothly and that guests receive all the information they need. As you will see from the invitation, all the guests are supposed to be connected with St. Cakes School, either as pupils or teachers. (Fancy dress is optional, but strongly recommended.) Although there are only six main guest characters, everyone will be given a team or “house” to belong to, and each “house” has its own Head of House, Prefect and Swot. One of the guests will, of course, be a murderer.

To help them find out who this person is, every house is given a few clues soon after the first murder happens. They use the clues they have to trade and barter with other houses, in the hope of ending up with a full set. They also have a “St. Cakes Challenge” to complete, for which they will be asked to write (and perhaps perform) a new school song.

As proceedings draw to a close, the different houses get the opportunity to make their accusations, then the correct solution is revealed and the murderer is unmasked.

Who has booked our murder mysteries before?

We have been running murder mysteries for ten years in the UK. Hundreds of companies have booked us, and a list of satisfied customers is on our web site. This is the fourth plot we have written that you can run without us being there. (Our other plots are for smaller groups and are also available on the Internet.)

Please do not think, however, that you can just download the game and let it run itself. By getting it at a much lower price than it usually sells for, you will obviously have to put in some work to make it a real success. If you want us to organise and run it all for you, please e-mail us and we will tell you what we provide and what we charge.

INVITATION

St. Cakes' Founder's Day

The Headmaster of St. Cakes, Raymond Ashmole, is pleased to invite you to the school's next Founder's Day celebration.

The celebration will take place on:.....(date)

and start promptly at:(time)

The school's address is:.....

.....

.....(address)

Please RSVP to:.....(name)

on:.....(phone)

St. Cakes - Who's Who

Most of those attending are pupils currently studying at St. Cakes. There will also be a few members of staff. Among them will be:

- Clovis Boreham, the school secretary
- Kendal Pilkington, the school bursar
- Raymond Ashmole, the headmaster
- Nancy Ashmole, the headmaster's wife and head of music
- Grant Browning, the headboy
- Charlotte Lemon, the headgirl
- Ernest Stevens, head of science
- Fifi Stevens, teaches French and life skills and is Ernest's wife.

If you aren't chosen to be one of the above, please feel free to make up a name and character for yourself, and to wear what they would wear. Are you a Head of House? A Prefect? A Swot? The school bully? The school sneak? The school clown? Grab a catapult, grab some chewing gum, take your hands out of your pockets and come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Cakes
An independent,
fee-paying school.
Founded: 930 A.D.



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Cake's News

Ritten, ederted and everfink els by the pewpills off St. Caks.
If yew haf ani ideus for the ederter, kep them to yorsel!!!

"Help The Hungrie" Hittes £3000

The brilliant charity ideur thort up by Grant and Charlotte have mad lots of monie what with head teacher Ramond gifing us £2500 of his monie. "Help the Hungry" wil help the hungrey by payinge for fodd for them to ete. Plees keep yor genuros donasians coming, pable to: Grant Browning and Charlotte Lemon. Thnaks you for yor sport so far.

Hear is a fotograf of too peple eting. Their not hungri but lots of peple are. Plees help them—giv us yor dosh.



Nou Scool Songe

There is gowing to be a niou scol songe! If you no anithin about music, cum up wyth yor own niou song and singge it to hedmastre.

St. Caks' challenge

Putt on yor thinkning cappes and get reddy for the nex Cak's chailing!! It wil be handied out on Fouonders Day and eatch house wil hav ter try and solv it. It sertainly wont be eesy, thats for shore!!!



Founder of our
shool Bishopp
Cakes bifor

Foundirs Day

Everi yer sins 930 St. Carks have sellibrated its Foundars Day to sellibrate the detth of St. Cake hoo found the scool back in 930. He was a wholly man who gave up his lief for good werks, for instans settin scole up to look affter peple who had gotte better from leprisy from wich St Caks himselve was to dye

getting it from one of pewpills thank goodnesse nowon's gotte it now tho Im notte so shure about Adrian Bullock in Class 4c sorri Ardian! Anyway, ther wil be anuther Finders Day dinner soon at which everibody is cumming.

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Jus say Noe to druggs

Ther is rumor goin rownd that sum pewpils in are shool are takking drugges. This is very bad for peple and muste be stoped. If you are taekin any druggs you shoodnt jus say No and yewl feel a hole lot better. And if ani one noes hoos seling the druggs but is two afrayed to tel a teecher plees tell head boy or head girl Grant and Charlotte theyl listern to wot yew hav to say in confiduns.

SMALLS ADS ANITHIN SMALL TO SEL*SEL IT HEAR

Top qualerty skank for sail. Leve yor monie behind the bike shed. We do the rest... Old scool books for sale. Offers to Grant. No returns... I have got a nice pair of hockie sticks to sell. Would suite someone who plays hockie. £12 ono. See Charlotte. Also, lacrose stick hardly used... Racing bikes, montain bikes, anythin on two wheals—very good prices and all legit: ask Grant... Protecte yor bike and scool books from peple steling. For good, chepe advise, see Grant...

St. Cakes School Slang

Biffle: to tell an untruth.

Bunion: teacher.

Capo: headmaster.

Cushion: desirable boy or girl.

Doody: excellent.

Fluffhead: desirable boy or girl.

Fondle: eat.

Grunge: vomit.

Halibut: idiot.

Nobbo: new boy or new girl.

Pool: vomit.

Sledge: hit.

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Sleepover: desirable boy or girl.

Slick: vomit.

Swot: clever, hard-working nerd.

Splodge: food.

Trog: play truant.

Trump: make a loud noise.

Turvey: sneeze.

Upsie: desirable boy or girl.

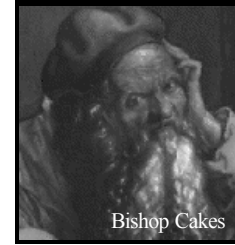
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St. Cakes: A History



Bishop Cakes

St. Cakes has been a seat of learning since AD 930, when Bishop Cakes founded an “educational establishment for those miraculously cured of leprosy” here, shortly before succumbing to the disease himself. Keen that others should share his love of learning, he carried a stick with him which he used to beat anyone he met who had no knowledge of Latin. Poor eyesight and an abysmal memory meant he couldn’t speak a word of it either, and he would spend several hours each day hitting himself on the head with his stick. Not much is known about the first 400 years of St. Cakes’ existence. After the Bishop’s death, the school changed its admissions policy and welcomed children from every kind of background. The only condition for entry was that parents would have to pay for a year’s education in advance. On arriving at the school, new students were obliged to kiss a holy relic called “Ye Toe of Ye Bishop” and most succumbed to leprosy within weeks. Oddly enough, this made parents even keener to send their children there.

The first person of any note to be educated at St. Cakes was John Hogge (1417-1467). Known as John the Red-Legged because of the colour his lower limbs turned in cold weather, he claimed he was the bastard child of Henry V. In the winter of 1467, he gathered a small army together and marched on London to “seize his birthright”. At the gates of London, he became scared after seeing a man on a horse. He sat down in a field and told his supporters they needed to re-group. They buried him four hours later, after he succumbed to hypothermia. It wasn’t until 1722 that St. Cakes next made an impact on world affairs. Journalists hurried to the school from all corners of the globe to interview a pupil called Philip Braithwaite, who said he possessed the larynx of a sheep. The noises he made were, indeed, very sheep-like and, when examined by doctors, large amounts of grass were found in his gullet. Local people soon began regarding him as some sort of sacred healer, and many miracle cures were attributed to the power of his bleating. He died of malnutrition in 1723.

Over the past 200 years, the school has been noted for two main achievements: its “make the blighters suffer” approach to education, and its regular run-ins with the country’s top universities, over their refusal to accept any of its pupils as students. Headmaster Ernest Bloxham introduced several no-nonsense measures in 1803. Pupils were obliged to beat themselves daily, in honour of their founder Bishop Cakes. In summer, they were required to wear four pairs of trousers, four shirts and four jackets all at the same time; in winter, the school uniform was a cotton loincloth.

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A girl

Bloxham’s successors carried on his tradition, until an unsavoury incident occurred in 1898 during a visit by Queen Victoria to the school. Some older boys became so excited by her presence that they took off their loincloths and waved them at her. A new regulation was introduced soon after, which forbade pupils from removing any items of clothing unless a teacher was present to supervise. This practice continued until 1986, five years after the first girls were admitted as pupils.

Today, the school is a wonderful credit to its present headmaster, Raymond Ashmole. Teachers, facilities and equipment are all of the highest standard. Although no pupil has made it to university yet, Mr. Ashmole is confident that the present headgirl, Charlotte Lemon, will succeed next year. “There is no stopping her. Whatever she wants, she takes,” he says, with deep pride. “We have no doubt the future of this magnificent school will be just as distinguished as its past.”

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