



Welcome to The Reading of the Will

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What is in this file?

- **A summary of what our murder mystery is about.**
- **An invitation and list of all the character parts.**
- **A Felthorpe Bugle.**
- **A plan of Felthorpe Manor and a Felthorpe Family Tree.**
- **A booking form.**

What is included when you actually buy it?

- **Character information for each guest.**
- **Notes for the organiser on what to do before and during the murder mystery.**
- **Other essential paper props.**
- **The solution!**

What you don't get

- **After you have printed out the plot, there will still be some folding and photocopying for you to do.**

A summary of the game

“The Reading of the Will” is a murder mystery for 6-8 people. Each of them is a character in the plot. It is usually run over a meal, with the

person hosting the party also playing one of the characters.

Four characters are male and four are female, but don't worry if you don't have the right male/female split. Getting men to play women or women to play men generally just adds to the fun!

While the mystery unravels, guests question each other (in character) and try to discover what everyone has been getting up to. Information about their own character and clues about the others are given to them, and new plot developments occur while the mystery progresses.

As proceedings draw to a close, people get the chance 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 in the UK since 1989. Hundreds of companies have booked us, and a list of satisfied customers is on the web site of our sister company, Initiative Unlimited.

If you want someone to organise and run a murder mystery for you, please visit www.mayhem.org.uk for details of what we provide and what we charge.

60p every Wednesday

The Felthorpe Bugle

SPECIAL
OBITUARY
ISSUE



The Duke of Felthorpe
R.I.P.

Tragic Death of His Grace, the Duke of Felthorpe

It is with great sadness we must report the tragic death of Maurice Didlington, 18th Duke of Felthorpe. His Grace was found dead in his home yesterday morning, following a domestic accident. The full details have yet to be made public, but it is understood that His Grace suffered an electric shock while taking a bath.

A member of his household staff discovered him slumped in the

bath and made valiant efforts to revive him - sadly, to no avail.

Tributes to the duke have been pouring in to this newspaper, ever since word of his demise began to spread (see page 5). Many people in Felthorpe clearly held the duke in deep affection and wreaths are already piling up outside the ducal home, Felthorpe Manor.

The duke's title will now pass to his son, Monty.

Also in this issue:

"If we don't help them, they won't help themselves...": an essay by the late duke, explaining why he liked to employ ex-convicts

Missing: a week before his death, the duke told police that large sums of money seemed to keep disappearing from his bank account. The police are investigating.

The life, the man

Born the Right Honourable Maurice Didlington on the first of May, 1951, the duke was an only child. He spent his early years being cared for by a succession of nannies and was, by all accounts, a delightful little boy who always had a deep respect for his elders and a certain knowledge of his place. At the age of eleven, he was accepted into Eton College, where he went on to make a

name for himself as a fine oarsman and clay modeller.

He married Fleur Adcock, youngest daughter of the Earl of Stitchfield, in 1978. After bearing him two children, Fleur died in a riding accident in 1978 and the duke never re-married.

He became duke in 1986 after the death of his father, Horace. Soon he was busy

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The Reading of the Will: Invitation and Guest List

You are invited to attend the reading of the last will and testament of the Duke of Felthorpe. The reading will take place at his home, Felthorpe Manor,

(alias.....)

on

(date/time:.....)

Please be on time, as there is plenty of business (as well as a meal) to get through. The occasion is to be hosted by someone who can be trusted to ensure everything runs smoothly

(alias.....)

The following people are likely to be present at the reading of the will:

Monty : The duke's son and heir. Not very bright.

Mandy: Monty's wife. Beautiful, pushy. A part-time model.

Susan: The duke's daughter. A teacher. Clever, underappreciated, unmarried.

Roxanne: The duke's full-time nurse. Good with needles.

Larkin: The duke's lawyer. Slick and cunning.

Nobbs: The duke's butler. Loyal, long-suffering. Used to be a monk.

Chef Humble: The duke's cook. Short-tempered, unreasonable.

Trish: The duke's maid. Young, trusting, naïve.

Please wear anything you consider appropriate for your character and come as:

(your character:.....)

Please phone (phone number)
to say whether or not you can attend.

Felthorpe Family Tree

Henry Didlington
16th Duke of Felthorpe
Born: 1899
Died: 1952

Gertrude Blenkinsop
Born: 1904
Died: 1952

Horace Didlington
17th Duke of Felthorpe
Born: 1923
Died: 1986

Celia Pickleton-Smythe
Born: 1934
Died: 1964

Maurice Didlington
18th Duke of Felthorpe
Born: 1951

Fleur Adcock
Born: 1956
Died: 1978

Monty Didlington
Born: 1974

Mandy Brown
Born: 1980

Susan Didlington
Born: 1977

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