

SEE HOW THEY RUN!

A COMEDY FARCE
BY PHILIP KING



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ABOUT THE PLAY...

The Rev. Lionel Toop's wife, Penelope, is an ex-actress. Lionel is away and Clive, an actor, calls. In order to take Penelope to dine in town which, is out of bounds to servicemen, Clive dresses in Lionel's second-best suit. Miss Skillon, a parishioner with a stiff upper lip, sees Penelope and Clive re-enacting one of their theatrical scenes from Noel Coward's *Private Lives* and draws the wrong conclusion. Matters become highly complicated when Lionel arrives home, followed by the rotund Bishop of Lax, a keen locum priest and a German POW disguised as a vicar!

King wrote the first act in 1942 under the title *Moon Madness*, with the final act completed in 1943. His play was first staged by Henry Kendall at the Peterborough Rep in 1944 prior to a British tour as an entertainment for the troops!

The West End opening night was not without its perils. Three 'doodle-bugs' exploded nearby. No-one budged until after the play was over, but Gee (playing Clive) complained at the cast party that all three went off just as he was speaking his funniest lines.

ABOUT MDS...

With roots going back as far as the 1920s, Merrow Dramatic Society has been producing high quality productions for many years. Based in the heart of Merrow near Guildford, Surrey, UK, we pride ourselves on being part of the local community. Our productions vary from straight plays to poetry evenings, play readings, musical theatre, plus a host of social occasions including an annual barbecue and rounders match and our Christmas party.

Productions are performed at the professionally-equipped Electric Theatre in Guildford's town centre. The annual pantomime, a regular feature of Merrow life since the 1950s, is performed at Merrow Village Hall.

We pride ourselves on a varied programme including straight plays, comedies, classics, and thrillers. Keen to make use of local talent, MDS is always happy to welcome new members of all ages, both on and off stage.