

The Trull Players Present

DEATH'S DESIRE

by Robert Scott

By arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts



Friday 26th & Saturday 27th April

A note from the chair...

Fifteen years after a few of us gathered together and mooted the idea of starting a drama group, here we are going strong and putting on two shows most years – usually one in spring and one in December – and occasionally dabbling in extra activities too. We have a thriving group of people. Inevitably over the years people come and go but today we have a wonderful mixture comprising a few old stalwarts and lots of younger, dynamic enthusiasts with fantastic new ideas and loads of talent. We also have a flourishing youth group who perform in our pantomimes as well as in other productions throughout the year. Despite this, as is always the case in village amateur theatre, we are always on the lookout for new talent. And it is not only on the stage where we would love to see some new faces; we have lots of behind-the-scenes activities where we could do with a few extra pairs of hands. So if you are interested come along to our recruitment evening (*details on the back of this programme*) and see for yourself what it is all about.

One of the great things about the society is that it encourages people to take on new challenges and *Death's Desire* is a prime example of that as the directors, Jen Whitworth and Dave Jones, are taking on a full length play for the first time, as are some of the cast. Most of our previous spring shows have contained strong comedy strands and so it is a venture into new territory for us to put on a somewhat darker production with nuanced themes and sinister undertones.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this production for their dedication, inspiration and original thinking in developing this performance. It is no small feat to create a wonderful evening's entertainment and their commitment has truly been an inspiration. Enjoy.

Sam Allen

Director's Introduction

We are delighted to be a part of the Trull Players 2019 spring production. This year we really wanted to step out of our comfort zone, away from the traditional comedic shows we've enjoyed performing in the past and try something completely different. There's nothing like a challenge! Choosing a script to suit the range of people in the group is difficult, however we couldn't put Robert Scott's '*Death's Desire*' down. We were both completely hooked, as was everyone who attended the original read through, which is always a good sign!

Death's Desire is a dark drama with complex characters and a powerful roller coaster of twists and turns. This has been a fabulous show to work on. Many of our cast are new to 'treading the boards' and have never tackled a drama before. But, in true Trull Players style, they have risen to the challenge and have delivered. They have all worked extremely hard. Seeing the cast bring their characters to life and developing their onstage relationships has been a wonderful and inspirational journey.

We hope you find this dark drama both entertaining and emotional although be prepared for some goose bumps. Don't have nightmares and do sleep well, although you might want to sleep with the light on tonight...!

Jen Whitworth and Dave Jones



This show is entered in to the Somerset Fellowship of Drama Phoebe Rees awards, and we welcome the moderator Lyn Lockyer and adjudicator Robert Graydon.

The Cast



Dave Jones - Lawrence Paige

This is my 6th year with Trull Players, in which time I've tried my hand at many things, on- and off-stage - some never to be repeated! But whatever you do with this group, it's always fun, and there are always great people around you to offer support. In this production I play Dr Lawrence Paige, an experienced therapist who knows exactly what he's doing. Or so he thinks...



Ash Stockton - The Man

This is my third performance with Trull Players after joining in 2017 with my daughter Lauren... she told me I had to! I love being part of the group and I've had the chance to take on some great roles but the part of 'The Man' in this show is by far the most exciting and challenging one yet. It will be nice to be in men's clothing after playing the Dame in pantomime last Christmas!



Charles Gear - Phil

My first dalliance in am dram was in the early 1980s with Torbay Youth Theatre. Fast forward to 2012 (alas, no longer a youth) and I was persuaded to join my wife and children in Trull Players - I haven't looked back! Playing various main characters in pantomime, including the Dame and the villain, has contrasted with straight roles in some spring shows. In this production I am playing Phil; a slightly pompous but fiercely loyal husband and brother, who will go to any extreme to right a wrong!



Rachel Jones - Dawn

I have caught the acting bug later in life which is a surprise to everyone I know, as well as myself. After being a member of the chorus in 'Alice in Wonderland' in December I had such a great time I was keen to do more. Trull Players is an amazing group to be part of and I have really enjoyed myself rehearsing for this production. I love playing Dawn as she is an effervescent character who sees, and believes in, the good in everybody.

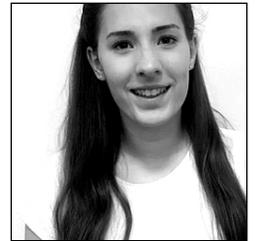
Charli Brierley - Lizzie

I became a member of Trull Players 5 years ago; initially helping out backstage then venturing on to the stage to take part in 'The Snow Queen' as part of the chorus. Since then I have been in 'All The Trimmings' and my biggest role was last December as the White Rabbit in our 'Alice in Wonderland' panto. Death's Desire has been a new and challenging experience having never taken part in a more serious drama thriller before. I look forward to being involved in many more shows with this group! My character in this show, Lizzie, has a bubbly and positive personality. She has a very close relationship with her brother Phil and sister-in-law Dawn. Lizzie has fallen head over heels in love and, at the point you see her in the show, is living on cloud 9.



Bekah Crudge - Isobel

This is my seventh year as a member of Trull Players and I'm very excited to be part of such an extraordinary and rather serious production. I have always enjoyed the glitz, glamour and silliness of pantomime and performing in school musicals and so this year it has been great to do something different. My character, Isobel, has really pushed me out of my comfort zone, but it has been a joy to challenge myself and bring her to life. Although she only appears briefly towards the beginning of the show, I doubt you will forget her over the top personality and (questionable) talent. I hope you enjoy seeing her on stage as much as I have enjoyed portraying her.



Sarah Johnstone - Anita

I joined Trull Players a year ago and was in the Christmas pantomime. I loved all the fun, silliness, singing and dancing. I was curious if I could do something more serious, so I plucked up the courage and got the part of Anita. The role is unlike anything I've done before and required inspiration from multiple influences to portray her. She is strong yet vulnerable, trusting then misled, optimistic but naive. I hope I can do her justice.



Production Team

Bekah Crudge
Dan Jones
Dave Jones
Debbie Crudge
Jen McLean
Jen Whitworth
Juliet Maddren
Linda Brierley
Martin Sumpter
Rosie Ridley
Tonya Gear

Additional help

Alice Jones
Elsa Whitworth
Jenny Allen
Lauren Stockton
Louisa Allen
Mason Gear
Sam Allen
Sue Ramsden
Howard Lewis-Baker
Tessa Dean



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the **Trull** **PLAYERS**

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you!*



RECRUITMENT EVENING

**Wednesday 8th May
at 7.00pm
in Trull Memorial Hall**

**Come and meet us and
find out all about us**

We are looking for new members in all areas both on and off the stage
Panto auditions are starting soon so this is a great time to get involved

Featuring a short presentation from our youth team:

Every Pantomime That Ever There Was (in under 15 minutes)

Admission FREE! With complimentary drinks and nibbles
Everyone welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult)



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