

## Natural Causes

Vincent has an unusual occupation his discovery of an odourless, tasteless all natural poison which causes a painless suicide has turned him into a professional suicide merchant. When he is contracted by Walter Bryce, he arrives at the Bryce's country house and mistakenly assumes that his product was intended for Walter's consumption. It becomes clear that Walter's wife, Celia is the client— or is she? Why are all her suicide letters typed and unsigned? A Samaritan agrees to make a house call on the Bryce's, but after talking to Vincent, even his faith in this, 'wonderful world' is shaken. After several thwarted attempts to poison various characters (resulting in multiple poisonings of a rubber plant) will anyone actually manage to drink the poison?

This is a black comedy at it's blackest and best.

Stage 2 Downham Presents;

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A Black Comedy By Eric Chappell

In Downham Village Hall  
Thursday 23rd November  
Tickets - £5  
(Including tea and biscuits)



## Cast

Vincent	Gerry Purchase
Walter	Eddie Bootle
Angie	Stella Barnes
Celia	Stephanie Brewerton
Withers	Ashley Williams

The action takes place in the study/library  
of Walter Bryce

Act 1	
Scene 1	A morning in late spring
Scene 2	Midday

Act 2	
Scene 1	Mid-afternoon
Scene 2	Evening

Time	The present
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Stage Manager	Aled Brewerton
Set Construction	Dan Bradbury and Gerry Purchase
Sound and Lighting	Karl Barnsley
Properties	Stephanie Brewerton
Continuity	Fran Osborne
Front of House	Pat Hargreaves, Liz Wrigley and Team
Publicity	Rachel and Lucy Scott

**DIRECTED BY DAVID KING**

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production and to you, the audience for  
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