

Insanity runs in the Brewster family. When nephew Mortimer discovers his aunts' rather strange view of "charity", he embarks on a mad journey, trying to extricate them from trouble while keeping his girlfriend happy. Into this situation arrives Mortimer's long-lost brother Jonathan, a Boris Karloff lookalike who aims to continue his criminal activities in the family home. Add to this a brother who thinks he is the American president and you have the elements which make up "Arsenic and Old Lace".

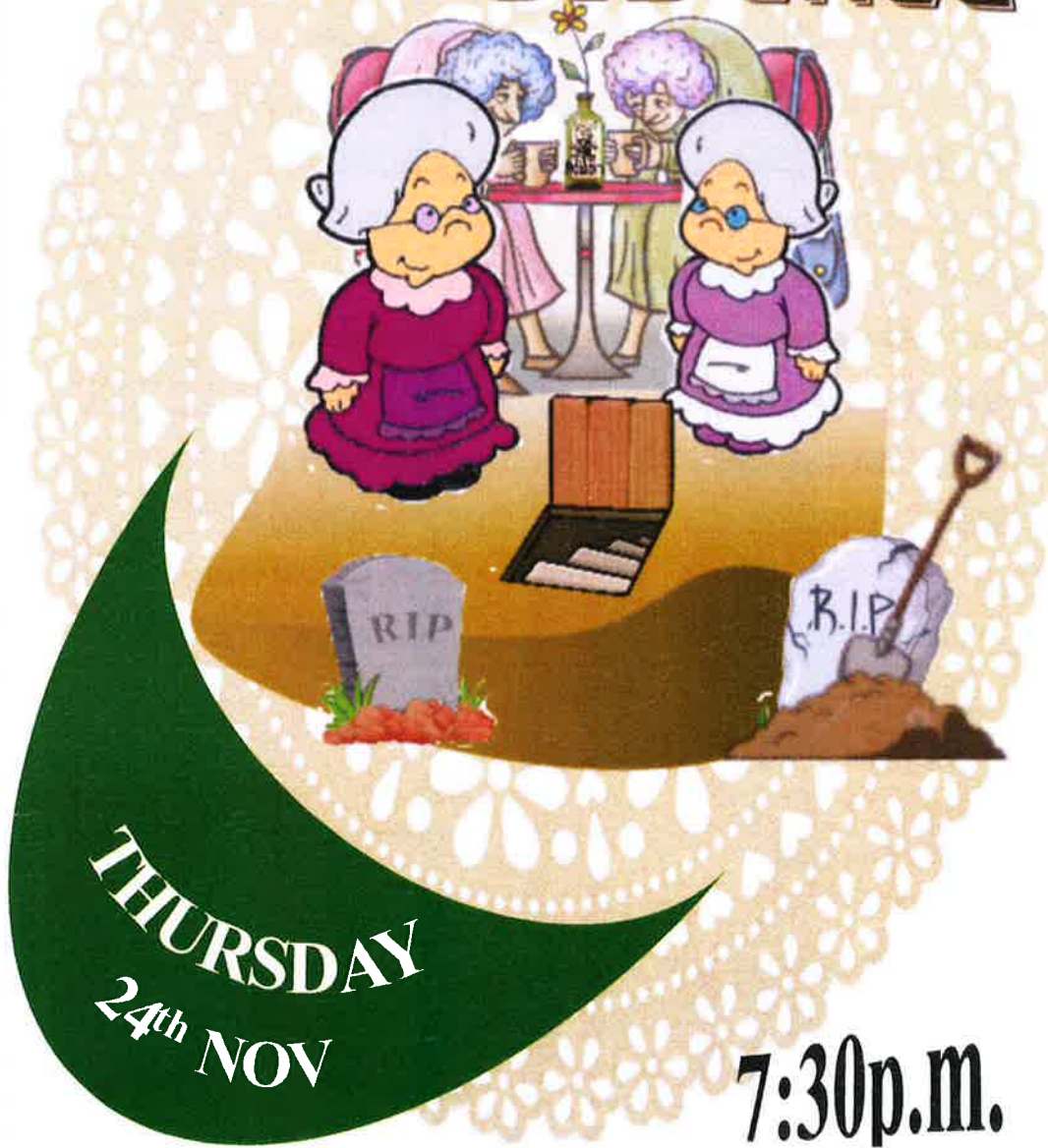
Best known to most people from the Cary Grant film of 1944, this is perhaps the original "black" comedy and will, we hope, make for a great evening's entertainment.

PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

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| 1989 Round & Round The Garden | 2002 Beyond A joke |
| 1989 When We Are Married | 2002 Haywire |
| 1990 Pack Of Lies | 2003 See How They Run |
| 1990 Celebration | 2004 A Fly In The Ointment |
| 1991 Month Of Sundays | 2004 Gaslight |
| 1991 Pardon Me Prime Minister | 2005 Bus Stop/Costa Del Packet/
Last Tango In Little Grimley |
| 1992 Your Obedient Servant | 2006 In Two Minds |
| 1992 The Other Fellow's Oats | 2006 The Diary Of Anne Frank |
| 1993 Daisy Pulls It Off | 2007 Natural Causes |
| 1993 Woman In Mind | 2007 Pictures Of Clay |
| 1994 Move Over Mrs. Markham | 2007 Noises Off |
| 1994 A Murder Has Been Arranged | 2008 Frankenstein |
| 1995 Key For Two | 2009 Round & Round The Garden |
| 1995 Plaza Suite | 2009 Habeas Corpus |
| 1996 Local Affairs | 2010 Table Manners |
| 1997 High Profiles | 2011 Living Together |
| 1997 When Did You Last See Your Trousers | 2011 84 Charing Cross Road |
| 1998 Post Horn Gallop | 2012 Out Of Order |
| 1998 Season's Greetings | 2013 Ghost Train |
| 1999 Time Of My Life | 2014 Confusions |
| 1999 The Village Fete | 2014 Flare Path |
| 2000 Talking Heads | 2015 Barefoot In The Park |
| 2000 Blithe Spirit | 2015 Sherlock Holmes & The Case Of
The Jersey Lily |
| 2001 Love Begins At Fifty | |

STAGE TWO DOWNHAM
Presents

**ARSENIC AND
OLD LACE**



CAST LIST

ABBY BREWSTER	GLEN PURCHASE
THE REV. DR. HARPER	ROBIN KNIPE
TEDDY BREWSTER	STEVE COOKE
OFFICER BROPHY	NICK SLINGER
MARTHA BREWSTER	HELEN COLES
ELAINE HARPER	ERICA MILEHAM
MORTIMER BREWSTER	CHRIS BOWERS
MR. GIBBS	TOM GARNER
JONATHAN BREWSTER	BOB CLEEVE
DR. EINSTEIN	KENNY ENTWISTLE
OFFICER O'HARA	TIM MARTIN
LIEUTENANT ROONEY	BRIAN HAWORTH
MR WITHERSPOON	GERRY PURCHASE

The entire action of the play takes place in the living room of the Brewster home in Brooklyn. Time:- 1942

ACT 1

An afternoon in September

ACT 2

That same night.

ACT 3

Scene 1: Later that night.

Scene 2:- Early the next morning.



Director	Kim Croydon
Set design and construction	Brian Haworth and Mick Gidlow
Publicity	Brian Haworth
Costume	Stella Barnes
Properties	Marion Garner, Lynda Hailstone
Stage Manager	Mel Crook
Continuity	Annie Wildman, Fran Osborne
Production Manager	Fran Osborne
Lighting and sound	Paddy Keane
Front of House	Cynthia Croydon
Makeup	Ruth Moulden
Refreshments	Francis Eldridge & team

Stage Two would like to thank everyone who helped, in any way, to make this production possible.