

STONE COLD MURDER

BAMPTON PLAYERS

THE RIVERSIDE HALL, BAMPTON

Director Wendy Boothroyd

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This thriller was a triumph for Bampton players, it had super staging and a set that paid great attention to detail!

Bampton Players stimulated the imagination right from the beginning, playing the themes from well known "Murder Mysteries" then from curtain up, building the tension, with everyone trying to guess what was going to happen in this story and it wasn't until almost at the end of Act 1 that a murder actually took place; maybe!

The atmosphere created by this play was electric, you just had to be there to experience it, it was quite extraordinary.

The actors really lived their parts and kept up the suspense, not always easy in such demanding roles.

Olivia (Alison Wesley) played the role so well. A natural actress who made the part her own clearly devoted to her new husband Robert (Paul Edwards,) they worked naturally together in their domestic cosy life (until the truth was revealed!)

Ramsey (Colin Williams) should be congratulated for taking on the role 10 days before curtain up due to the previous actor, Charlie Beeden, having to withdraw because of a broken rib! Colin played the role with distinction together with a super Australian accent. He was very convincing and helped make that special nerve jingling atmosphere that some professionals would envy.

Sam (Tim Smith) came over well as the aggrieved boyfriend cum secret brother and the dastardly plot was gradually revealed allowing some members of the audience to be thoroughly surprised and some delighted that they had guessed the villain(s). Made for some animated conversation in the interval! Just one observation here and that was that Tim had a wedding ring on, perhaps it should have been removed or covered up with a plaster, it's just an observation!

Everyone concerned with this production can be justifiably proud of a first-rate quality show together with great lighting, appropriate music, and great sound effects. Truly a wonderful evening's entertainment, well enjoyed by all who saw it.

Graham Liverton

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