



SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY & *Murder by Appointment*

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"Dying to Meet You!"

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2019

It is 17 August 1929. Sir Charles Patterson, owner of Patterson's Fine China, is travelling on the 7.30pm Kidderminster to Bridgnorth express, together with his wife, Lady Miranda, ostensibly to visit friends in Bridgnorth. However, the true, and far more sinister reason for his presence on the train, is to meet with his Kidderminster store manager, Alfred Matthews, in order to hold a clandestine meeting away from the eyes and ears of other employees and any that may know him. Sir Charles' financial affairs have gone from bad to worse and he has formulated a scheme to burn down his own Kidderminster store for the insurance. He has employed a young ne'er-do-well, Jack Earnshaw, to set fire to the store but he needs the complicity of the store manager to arrange easy access for Earnshaw and also to maximise the amount of stock they can claim on insurance. The story becomes even more complicated by the unexpected presence on the train of Charles' mistress, Gloria Massey. Both she and Lady Miranda are entirely oblivious of Charles' financial situation, the criminal plan he is engaged in formulating and, perhaps more importantly, of each other! With such intrigue abounding, it is hardly surprising that things get out of hand and the ultimate result is a callous and heartless murder!

It is fortunate then that a Detective Inspector Alfred Crowther should be boarding the train at Bridgnorth after a long and tedious day at Bridgnorth Police Station, on his way home to Arley. Unfortunately for him is the fact that a policeman is never truly off duty and, confronted with a murder, he has no alternative to taking charge and commencing an investigation. You may rest assured that the Inspector will leave no stone unturned as he questions the suspects which will eventually lead him to the apprehension of the perpetrator of this heinous crime.

So join us and dine in fine style as we travel along the picturesque Severn valley aboard an authentic steam train of the period. Enjoy the camaraderie and banter with your fellow passengers as a foul and brutal murder takes place before your very eyes and you are invited to assist Inspector Crowther bring the guilty to justice. Please feel free to dress in period costume should you wish, to make your personal experience even more authentic. We look forward to welcoming you.

