

Dawn Players stage 'Cash on Delivery'

Dawn Players take to the stage once more tomorrow (Wednesday) night for their annual board-treading production via their interpretation of Michael Cooney's riotous farce 'Cash On Delivery'.

The play, directed by Denise Quinn, will run nightly through to Sunday from 8pm in the Hall at Ballyduff National School and should prove another enjoyable night's entertainment out Kilmeaden way.

This two-act play, according to the play's preamble, "has all the ingredients for rib-tickling hilarity and offers a colourful selection of character roles".

Eric Swan (Darren Moynihan), aided by his Uncle George (Eamon Kelly) and unbeknownst to his wife Linda (Karen Power) has pocketed thousands of pounds through fraudulent Social Welfare claims.

The play's rib-tickling narrative revolves around what happens when he tries to unravel the web of payments he is receiving!

When lodger Norman Bassett (Jim Laffan) opens the door to Social Welfare Inspector Mr Jenkins (Tom Veale), mayhem follows as does the undertaker (Seamus Power), a welfare counsellor (Eileen O'Leary), a psychiatrist (Pat Power), Norman's fiancée, Brenda Dickson (Emma Sprice), a corpse, the ominous Ms Cowper (Miriam Daly) and a rather rebellious washing machine!

A night at a Dawn Players' production is a night well spent, full of good humour when the play so demands it, never lacking in preparation on behalf of the cast year in, year out and a great sense of bonhomie among its audience.

That so many actors have returned year in, year out to appear in dramas, comedies and, from time to time, something in between, speaks volumes for the spirit and family-like ethos at the heart of this drama group.

And, of course, the interval cup of tea and biscuit is always something to look forward to!

"I love it," said Darren Moynihan, who is a teacher at Ballyduff NS.

"Sure you have to love being involved in a play when you commit to something like it, because it takes a lot of time to rehearse, to get things right, to do it justice and to put on something on that you hope an audience will enjoy.

"It's a fun hobby; I get to have a lot of craic - it's not all hard work - and it's a pretty nice way to pass the time during the long nights before and after Christmas!"

If you've not been to a play in Ballyduff Lower yet, then do yourself a favour this week. Trust me - you won't be disappointed!

'Cash On Delivery' runs nightly between Wednesday and Sunday. Tickets are priced €10 for tonight's run and €12 thereafter, with free refreshments offered at the interval. For advance bookings please call 051-384210.

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