

Chesil Street, Winchester SO23 0HU

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CHESIL THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR BLACK COMEDY

*“So, you don’t think murderers work weekends, eh?”*

Chesil Theatre [Winchester](http://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/winchester/) will be welcoming the Spring of 2023 with a production of Debbie Isitt’s play *Nasty Neighbours.* Open auditions are being held on Sunday, December 4th and Monday, December 5th with an informal reading of the play on Friday, December 2nd, all at 7.45pm.

Director Heather Bradford says: “*Nasty Neighbours* is a black comedy set in suburbia. It pokes fun at warring neighbours and portrays the pressures and rivalries that drive them apart: money, sex, bedding plants . . .”

The cast of six consists of Harold and Jean Peach alongside Jim and Sue Hodge (all middle aged), and Robert and Ellen Chapman - young ambitious professionals.

The play opens as Mr and Mrs Peach reminisce about their old neighbours while spying on the new ones. Friendly overtures meet resistance and small tensions escalate. Fuelled by the expense and frustration of everyday life Mr Peach seems headed for a melt-down. He’s not the only one . . .

*Nasty Neighbours* runs from 25th March to 1st April 2023.

Newcomers are welcome at the reading and auditions. Full details with audition pieces are available on [www.chesiltheatre.org.uk](http://www.chesiltheatre.org.uk). Chesil Theatre is situated in the centre of the City in Chesil Street, Winchester SO23 0HU.

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About Chesil Theatre

Chesil Theatre (Winchester Dramatic Society) is based in the heart of Winchester, presenting six main productions a year, ranging from comedy to classics. Chesil Theatre also encourages new writing through their biennial festival *TakeTen*, runs drama workshops and readings, plus two lively youth theatre groups as well as offering stagecraft and technical training. The Company has been performing for over 150 years.  
  
Since 1966 Chesil Theatre has been the Society’s permanent home - a former 12th century church in Chesil Street, Winchester. This medieval building provides an intimate 75-seat studio-style theatre and versatile performance space.

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