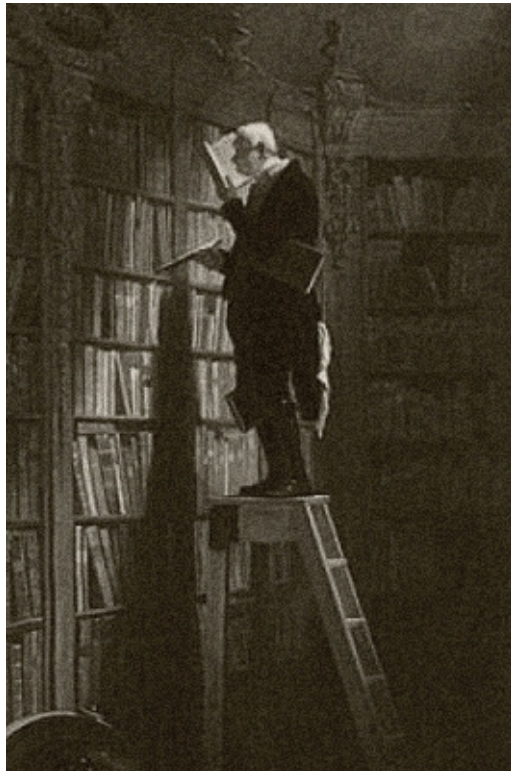


# Death by Appointment



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## GENERAL OUTLINE

The evening runs effectively in 4 Acts – each associated with food and the divisions between the acts being made when new information is offered for the investigators. Each set of new information should open up a new line of enquiry. The guests arrive and are ushered into the “The Big Tent”, where they form teams of about 6 and are sat at tables where they will discuss and investigate the crime.....

The evening is set in the big tent at the Aldringham Book Festival where **(Sir) Jeremy Brankston** the chat show host is going to host an evening of interviews and readings with a number of famous people who have had books published. This is *Celebrity Night* at the festival and the people to be interviewed are noted less for their literary skills and more for their interest and fame. **Jeremy Brankston** came to TV late having had a career in the police rising to Chief Constable of the Metropolitan Police Force before his success in catching the perpetrators of the great Crown Jewels Robbery made him a national hero and Celebrity. After that he gave up the police and took up broadcasting. BBC radio is on hand to record the event and the tent is full of the guests for the evening (who will become the sleuths when the body is discovered).

**ACT 1** (Soft drinks served as aperitif with crisps/pretzels (but no nuts) etc.)

Scene is set for the evening with description of the ‘rules of the game’ by the game coordinator – on each table will be a set of instructions RULES OF THE GAME). This is available for the table guests as they arrive. Then the **BBC PRODUCER** welcomes the guests at the tables and explains that the event is a chat show interview and we will shortly be welcoming the celebrities – sets the scene in general. He introduces **Jeremy Brankston** who introduces the event putting Aldringham firmly on the map, and the characters themselves.

After the last cast member is introduced someone comes in to hand a bit of paper to Brankston who makes the sad announcement that **Sandy Houston has been found dead**. Now it is time for the teams to try and unravel the mystery.

**ACT 2** (Savoury nibbles – pizza slices, quiches, sandwiches, etc)

1. CID CDC information – instructions as regards the investigation
2. Extracts from relevant books
  - i) - *Twins on the Nile* – by Zoe Patella
  - ii) - *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks* – by Robyn Banks
  - iii) - *Golden Crown on the Run* – by Shirley Crown
  - iv) - *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – by Donald Houston
  - v) - *Hoots Mon* – about the Reggae Band Mark Harley and the Taylors
  - vi) - *Greater Britain – As I See It* – by Anthony Booth Roberts
3. A copy of an article from *Hollow Magazine*
4. Preliminary Autopsy Report

**ACT 3** (Sweet/pudding)

1. Final Autopsy Report
2. Diary for the day
3. Old Newspaper cutting about an internet fraud
4. Dental Records

**ACT 4** (Coffee and mints)

Each team puts their accusation in a sealed envelope which is passed to the master sleuth (**Jeremy Brankston**) who has the pleasure of unravelling the truth. He opens and reads their accounts of who did it why... with what... Then in good Agatha Christie Style he acts out the solution....

## **Rules of Play.**

In a short while a producer from BBC Radio will welcome you all to this event at the Aldringham Book Festival. At that point suspend all your disbelief and become instantly master detectives. Enter into character and enjoy.

The scene will be set for a pleasant evening of entertainment – but this will be shattered by the discovery of a body. At this point you are invited to become instantly a Poirot, a Marple, a Columbo, a Morse, a Pascoe, a Frost, a Cadfael, a Falco, a Marlowe a Collinder.– the list is endless...!

### **Choose a name for your team and work as a team**

Your team will be given the opportunity to view the scene of the crime and to interview all of the suspects more than once. The suspects will come round your tables and answer questions you put to them. They all have certain information – but remember they may not be able to answer some of your questions (if it's irrelevant they won't know). Try to get the heart of what they actually know.

### **Viewing the scene of the crime.**

After the discovery of the body you will be given the opportunity to view the *locus*. Because of time you will be given **three minutes** at the beginning to view the scene of the crime. Please move on when asked to let the next team have a look. *You may come back later because it will remain intact till late on in the evening* so don't worry if you think you've been rushed through.

### **Interviewing the suspects**

You may interview each suspect for **5 minutes** at each sitting. They will rotate round the tables when a bell sounds. *Again don't worry if you've not finished questioning them because you will get at least two chances to speak to them.* Please don't hog them, even if you like them – which is very unlikely – because they will come back.

### **Making your accusation**

At the end of the evening you should put your solution to the crime in an envelope before our super sleuth **Jeremy Brankston** disentangles the riddle for you.

### **If you need Help!!!!**

At any time you may ask the BBC Producer (Murray) for advice – because the BBC are organising the event and he knows where everyone is – or one of the assistant detectives (likely looking YOOFs) may be able to help you.

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So now sit back – suspend your disbelief – you have just entered the Big Tent at the Aldringham Book Festival where you are about to enjoy a relaxed evening of entertainment hosted by chat show star and national hero (– former Chief Constable of the Metropolitan Police Force turned broadcaster – saviour of the Crown Jewels – jolly good egg all-round ) Sir Jeremy Brankston. But beware something sinister may be about to happen.....

**ACT 1** (Soft drinks served as aperitif with crisps/pretzels (but no nuts) etc.)

**The task for act 1 –**

Is to inspect the murder scene, and begin interviewing the characters to try and find out as much as they can about:

- the murder victim
- any connection between the suspects and the victim
- any connection between the suspects and each other
- to consider the evidence at the scene of the crime.
- ask each suspect who they think did the deed.
- Try and establish if each suspect might have a motive or not. (The motive might be revealed by the suspect or come indirectly from one of the others).

The murder scene is set up in a suitable location. A body is to be found with a number of clues – (see below). Then they interview the suspects.

1. An lap top with a web page on INVISIBOLOL on it
2. A syringe and needles - empty
3. Various medical vials
4. Two sets of dental x-rays
5. A map open at the Pacific Ocean
6. A set of false teeth
7. A jar with a liquid in it
8. A box of chocolates one or two missing
9. A picture of identical twins (the Houston brothers).
10. A set of Rasta beads broken
11. A copy of each of the books that are to be discussed
12. Photographs of famous smiling faces
13. Two cups of coffee (empty)
14. A torn scrap of paper with ".....Crown is wrong.."
15. A torn fragment of writing in the dead man's hand
16. A diary open with today's appointments
17. Phone with text message – Be there at 5pm no later
18. Newspaper cutting about Anthony Booth Roberts
19. A watch on the victims right wrist broken and stopped at 5.15pm
20. The name on the door is Donald Houston
21. There is another door with Sandy Houston on it

Each team gets a few minutes to survey the evidence and then can call the suspects for questioning (the details of what is to be revealed in each act comes later)

The characters are –

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1. **Zoë Patella** Is an adventurer. She travelled up the Nile with her twin sister Sonia about three years ago. Last year the twins set off to try and row the Pacific. 3 months later Zoë was found alone on a beach in the Solomon Islands. Sonia had been washed overboard in a storm. Distraught she returned home. Now she is planning to Canoe up the Yangtze River in China if she can persuade her long term boyfriend (Mark Harley) to go with her. She has been engaged to him for two years.  
**AMY**
  2. **Robyn Banks** Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks.*  
**KIM**
  3. **Mariella Booth-Roberts** Editor of Hollow Magazine – wife of Anthony.  
**LISA**
  4. **Shirley Crown** Running star – Olympic gold medallist – She has just completed her autobiography – *Golden Crown On the Run* in which she exposes certain drug scandals in the sport. Girlfriend of Julian Taylor  
**CATRIONA**
  5. **Isabel Houston** Practice Manger at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man).  
**AILEEN**
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6. **Mark Harley** Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – engaged to Zoe Patella  
**DOUGLAS**
  7. **Julian Taylor** Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – (Kingston's older brother) boyfriend of Shirley Crown  
**ROBIN**
  8. **Kingston Taylor** Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian's younger brother)  
**STUART**
  9. **Donald Houston** Celebrity dentist and dentist to the celebrities. Famous for his orthodontic work on 'winning smiles. Has recently published his book *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – an account of his travels in wild Africa with Lions and Crocodiles. Identical twin brother of the deceased Sandy  
**ANDREW**
  10. **Anthony Booth-Roberts** Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella  
**STEWART**
  11. **Wilson Banks** Paparazzi photographer. Husband of Robyn  
**FRASER**
  12. **Jeremy Brankston** Chat how host – Former chief constable of the Metropolitan Police Force – he will solve the crime and is not a suspect  
**CALUM**
  13. **Sandy Houston** **The corpse – identical twin of Donald**  
**ANDREW**

Celebrity Dentist found Dead in Local Dental Surgery

## Zoe Patella

You are an adventurer. You have always been in search of adventure. (You can talk about this – always climbing trees as a child. But stick to your story about these things).

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that**

1. You had an **identical twin (Sonia)** who you say you loved very much. You were inseparable – did everything together. You went on expeditions together.
2. **You went up the Nile together 3 years ago** (Talk about the adventure if you like). You have written a book about this - *Twins on the Nile* and you were hoping to talk about this at the chat show tonight. This isn't that important – just background
3. **LAST YEAR** during an expedition you were doing together **Sonia was killed** in tragic circumstances. The expedition was to **row across the Pacific** and you set off from California but you got blown off course in bad weather. During a storm Sonia was **washed overboard** (so you say) and eventually you were washed up on the Solomon islands. You say you were distraught about this. You don't need to say anything more about this but be sure to say that this was a terrible time for you.
4. You are **planning to Canoe up the Yangtze River in China** if you can persuade your long term boyfriend (Mark Harley) to go with you. You have been engaged to him for two years.
5. You (**AND SONIA**) **both studied chemistry** at Cambridge University where *you* got a third class honours degree but Sonia got a First Class honours degree. If asked you can say you would find it hard to make a poison – you weren't that good at Chemistry – Sonia was better.
6. You were seen by **Sandy Houston for the first time last week – had seen DONALD before and not since he did work on both you and Sonia before you went up the Nile 3 years ago.**

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### ***What you think of the others.....***

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

**Zoe Patella      YOURSELF**

#### **Robyn Banks**

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you don't know much about her.**

#### **Mariella Booth-Roberts**

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you can't actually stand her** because she published some **awful photos** of you and Sonia in *Hollow Magazine* after the Africa trip and she tried to make out that you and Sonia weren't on good terms and had fallen out when you became engaged to Mark Harley.

#### **Shirley Crown**

**A very good old friend of yours.** She is a running star – Olympic gold medallist – She has just completed her autobiography – *Golden Crown On the Run* in which she exposes certain drug scandals in the sport.

You were at **Cambridge University together where she also studied Chemistry and she got a first class honours.**

#### **Isabel Houston**

**You don't know her at all really.** She is the Practice Manager at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man). You only know her from seeing her when you have gone to the dentist.

**Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN**

*Celebrity Dentist* You went to him for the **first time last week** in fact you haven't had a dental check up since **3yrs ago** before you went up the Nile & then you had gone to his brother **Donald Houston**. But you had **toothache last week** and got an **appointment with SANDY**. **You didn't really know him – seemed like a nice enough fellow. THIS INFO VERY IMPORTANT TO GET ACROSS**

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity dentist* you **normally attend him** but hadn't been to the dentist since before the Nile trip. Last week you had toothache and as you couldn't get an appointment with him got one with his brother Sandy. **You like him – think he's a good laugh**. You know he has recently published his book *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – an account of his travels in wild Africa with Lions and Crocodiles. **Identical to Sandy you couldn't tell them apart**

**Mark Harley**

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – **You adore him** (go a bit overboard about his good looks, his charm, his voice etc.) you have been **engaged** to him for **two** years. **Deny that you fell out with your sister Sonia over him** (although actually you did).

**Julian Taylor**

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – you know him through your fiancée – you like him **but don't know too much about him**. You know he is the boyfriend of your old friend Shirley Crown. One of the band. You can say general things like '**nice guy**' and so on but no facts that will confuse things.

**Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian's younger brother) **you don't like him as much as his brother – seems to fall out with his brother seems a bit mean but beyond that you don't know too much about him**

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella and because of this you **don't like him and think he's a pompous oaf**. **Never actually met him**

**Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. **He took the photos** of you and Sonia that upset you and sold them to Hollow Magazine – **you hate him**. You know he is husband of Robyn

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**YOUR IDEAS**

You think **Isabel Houston** - you thought she looked cross with Sandy about something

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today to pay your bill. You had forgotten your money last week when Sandy saw you and had popped in to pay for the filling he had done.

TOP SECRET

Motive – You are actually Sonia – you bumped off Zoe to get Mark

Opportunity – You attended the practice this afternoon

Method – you have a chemistry degree and could make poison - You invented Morfaron

# Robyn Banks

You are Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks*. You have made a lot of money out of your book and through your technique of borrowing money to invest quickly in property.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that**

1. You are **married to Wilson Banks** Paparazzi photographer.
2. **You love money** – you like making it you like spending it – you can't get enough of it. Spend some time going on and on about your possessions your car your designer gear and so on.
3. You have **written a book** about your success called – *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks*. You have made a lot of money out of your book and through your technique of borrowing money to invest quickly in property.
4. **Be cagey about your past.** The truth is that you have spent some time in jail for an internet money fraud but you changed your name when you got out (a 5 year prison sentence) and you have kept this secret from everyone you know. **Later in the evening this truth will be given to the teams and then you will have to be truthful that**
  - you were in jail for 5 years
  - you stole some money in an internet fraud
  - you had an accomplice – but he evaded capture
  - you changed your name from Robyn Peoples to Robyn Banks
  - you have 'gone straight' since (and this is actually true).
5. You are a computer whiz – you studied computing at London School of Economics - boast about being very good at it. **(THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT)**

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**What you think of the others.....**

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## Zoe Patella

You don't know **much about her except what you have read in the newspapers.**– She is a famous adventurer and her twin – Sonia or Sophie or whatever she was called (it's not important to you) was killed – was it a rhinoceros in the wilds of Africa – you can't remember and to be honest **you don't really care.**

## Robyn Banks

**YOURSELF**

## Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you like her** because she buys photographs your husband (Wilson) takes and sells to her magazine (Hollow Magazine). You haven't met her two often – once or twice – but **she's rich and you like rich people** especially ones with 'glitzy connections.

## Shirley Crown

**You don't know her except what you have read about her in the papers and seen on the TV –an Olympic gold medallist** you have seen her autobiography – *Golden Crown On the Run* but haven't read it.

## Isabel Houston

**You don't know her at all.** She is the Practice Manager at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man). You **only know her from seeing her when you have gone to the dentist.**

**Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN**

*Celebrity Dentist* You have attended both him and his twin brother for your teeth. You used to have rotten teeth but he has given you your winning smile. You would pay a fortune for your teeth and were considering getting one of them to fit diamond studs to give your smile added sparkle. **You liked him as a dentist – always cheery YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM APART**

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity Dentist* You have attended both him and his twin brother for your teeth. You used to have rotten teeth but he has given you your winning smile. You would pay a fortune for your teeth and were considering getting one of them to fit diamond studs to give your smile added sparkle. **You liked him as a dentist – always cheery YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM APART – Saw Donald last week for a filling – hadn't the money with you to pay and returned today to do this**

**Mark Harley**

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival

- **You think he's pretty hunky – but you are a married woman.**
- **You met him and the rest of the band briefly** when your husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot for Hollow Magazine.
- You know he's engaged to Zoe Patella (actually everyone knows that)

**Julian Taylor**

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors

- **You think he's pretty hunky too– but you area married woman.**
- **You met him and the rest of the band briefly** when your husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot for Hollow Magazine.

**Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian's younger brother)

- **You think he's pretty hunky too – but you area married woman.**
- **You met him and the rest of the band briefly** when your husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot for Hollow Magazine.

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella.

- **You like** him.
- **You like his power** – he'll be prime minister one day a good person to keep in with
- **his wife buys your husband's photos.**
- **DENY KNOWING HIM IN THE PAST (though you did).**

**Wilson Banks**

**Your Husband** Paparazzi photographer. He makes lots of money in his job – and meets glitzy famous people - **you just love him to bits.**

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**YOUR IDEAS**

You think **Isabel Houston** did it because you have heard them arguing in the past about her flirting with the reggae boys when they came in to see the dentists.

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today about to pay your bill. You had forgotten your money last week and had popped in to pay for the filling Donald had done.

TOP SECRET	
Motive –	you are a fraudster and <b>DONALD HOUSTON</b> is blackmailing you –
	You can't tell the twins apart – it might turn out that you bumped off the wrong one
Opportunity –	You attended the practice this afternoon
Method –	NONE

## Mariella Booth Roberts

You are the editor of *Hollow Magazine* a glossy celebrity magazine and you don't mind making fun of famous people.. You love glamour and 'glitz' and **like being rich**.

### The important facts to get across about yourself are that

1. You **are married to Anthony**. You are very **ambitious for him**. He will be the next prime minister and that will mean you are the next 'first lady' and get to meet the president of America, and loads of very famous people.
2. **Fame is what you want more than anything**. Being editor of *Hollow Magazine* is all very well but it hasn't made you famous. When Anthony is PM you will be famous yourself at last!
3. **You are very close to Anthony – there 'isn't anything about him you don't know'**

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### What you think of the others.....

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#### Zoe Patella

You **don't like her**. She (and her sister Sonia) were just too famous for you with all their adventuring and getting their photos in the papers. You were **jealous of the fame** they had and got your own back when you published some really funny bad pictures of them. You know she doesn't like you and you're **not sorry that Sonia's dead**.

#### Robyn Banks

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **you have met her a couple of times only as her husband is your photographer – she seems nice enough**.

#### Mariella Booth-Roberts - YOURSELF

#### Shirley Crown

**You know her a bit from doing a photo shoot and running an article on her in *Hollow Magazine* after her Olympic victory**. You are **jealous** of her because of her fame. She is a running star – Olympic gold medallist – She has just completed her autobiography – *Golden Crown On the Run* but you haven't read it.

#### Isabel Houston

**She is an old friend of yours**. You grew up together and you have helped push celebrities towards the dental practice to get the Houston twins to work on their mouths. **You feel so sorry for her since Sandy has been killed**.

#### Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN

*Celebrity Dentist* **the husband of your old friend Isabel**.

- **You liked him** – (be quite loyal to them as a couple 'oh they never argued' – picture of happiness (and so on...)
- It was always Sandy that you got to do your teeth – **though he was so identical to Donald the even you found it difficult to tell them apart**
- except, of course that **Sandy was left handed**.

#### Donald Houston

*Celebrity dentist*

- **You liked him – (but not as much as Sandy)** Donald was unmarried and a bit secretive. You always thought he was a bit naughty.
- **He is so identical to Donald the even you found it difficult to tell them apart**
- You know he has recently published his book *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – an account of his travels in wild Africa with Lions and Crocodiles.

### **Mark Harley**

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – **You hate him** (because he and the band are so famous – and they thought they were so cool when your magazine did an article on them. **You hate Mark’s fiancée Zoe Patella in any case** and would like to see them both brought down a peg or too.

### **Julian Taylor**

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – **You hate him** (because he and the band are so famous – and they thought they were so cool when your magazine did an article on them. And of course he’s going out with that stuck up prig of a runner Shirley Crown

### **Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian’s younger brother) – **You hate him** (because he and the band are so famous – and they thought they were so cool when your magazine did an article on them.

### **Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Your husband

**He is a keen gardener** and uses **poisons to kill the slugs** (make a joke of this – slugging them!!) And **Poisons for rats and mice – whatever it’s called...**

You **adore him**

You are **very close to him – have no secrets** at all

You would do **anything** to further his political career. (Be sure to get the **anything** across)

### **Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. He takes photos for your magazine – you work quite closely with him – **he’s a good contact and you like him**. You have met his wife Robyn a few times – and she is okay – not too famous YET.

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## **YOUR IDEAS**

You think **Shirley Crown** did it because you think you a note with her name on it lying on the dentist’s desk – you think maybe he was blackmailing her. (*remember that you don’t like Shirley and would be quite happy if she turned out to be the murderer and got caught.*

**Opportunity** –You called with some chocolates today – one box for Sandy, one for Isabel and one for Donald -

#### **TOP SECRET**

Motive – You have discovered that Donald was blackmailing your husband over a past crime – internet fraud

You may therefore have been trying to bump off Donald and got Sandy by mistake.

Opportunity – You visited the practice today with a gift of chocolates for Isabel

Method – Poison from your husband’s greenhouse -

## Shirley Crown

Running star – Olympic gold medallist in the 2,4,8 and 1500m races. You are known as GOLDEN CROWN because of this. Recently you completed your autobiography – *Golden Crown on the Run* in which you exposes certain drug scandals in the sport. Girlfriend of Julian Taylor

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that**

1. You are going out with **Julian Taylor the reggae star**. You think he's fantastic – (GO A BIT OVERBOARD ABOUT THIS)
2. **You studied chemistry at Cambridge and got a first class honours degree.** (*If you're asked you would know how to make a good poison or a truth drug pretty easily*).
3. You (claim) to **hate drug use in Sport and want to expose it**
4. **You have recently finished your autobiography** *Golden Crown on the Run* in which you exposes certain drug scandals in the sport
- 5 **Sonia could have made a poison – she was brilliant at chemistry and made a mouse poison (Morfaron) which is now marketed commercially as a poison. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Zoe however wasn't so good at Chemistry and couldn't have done this

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**What you think of the others.....**

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### Zoe Patella

- She is **one of your oldest friends**.
- You were at **Cambridge with her and her identical twin sister Sonia**.
- They were **so identical that you couldn't tell them apart** You quite often used to get them mixed up with each other and they played practical jokes on you.
- **Zoe got a 3rd class honours in chemistry**
- **Sonia** got a 1<sup>st</sup> class honours
- **You** got a 1<sup>st</sup> class honours.
- **Zoe** wouldn't be very good with poisons she was into particle theories but Sonia (was good at things like that. She once made a new poison to kill some mice that were in the flat she lived in.

### Robyn Banks

**You don't know her except what you have read about her in the papers and seen on the TV** – you have seen her autobiography – *How to succeed at Succeeding* but haven't read it. You think **she sounds an awful person too interested in money**

### Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you are suspicious of her – she ran a bad article on the Patella twins – and your friend Zoe is still upset about it.** But she was quite kind about you when you had your article in recently.

### Shirley Crown - YOURSELF

#### Isabel Houston

You have been going to the Houston's practice for years – usually seeing Sandy the husband of Isabel – They did some work on you just before the Olympics - **You really only know Isabel from making appointments**

#### Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN

*Celebrity Dentist* You have been going to the Houston's practice for years – usually seeing Sandy the husband of Isabel You have attended both him and his twin brother for your teeth. **You liked him as a dentist – always cheery YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM APART --- He did a filling for you yesterday.**

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity Dentist* You have been going to the Houston’s practice for years – usually seeing Sandy the husband of Isabel You have attended both him and his twin brother for your teeth. **You liked him as a dentist – always cheery YOU COULDN’T TELL THEM APART –**

It’s not important who you saw before the Olympics so say you can’t remember

**Mark Harley**

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – **He’s engaged to your friend Zoe Patella.**

– **You like him – he’s cool and a friend of course of your boyfriend Julian Taylor**

**Julian Taylor**

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors

– You think **he’s the coolest hunkiest guy in the world** go overboard about this

**Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian’s younger brother)

– **You like Kingston – but he’s not as nice as your Julian. He and Julian are very close**

***Talk a bit about the guys dress and their hats – this is quite important.***

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM?

Husband of Mariella and because of this you **don’t like him and think he’s a pompous oaf. - though you’ve never met him**

**Wilson Banks**

You are **suspicious of him** because he has taken photos of Zoe and Sonia that were not very complimentary.

**He always seems to be poking his camera lens in everywhere.**

**YOUR IDEAS**

You think it might have been his brother **Donald**. You were aware that they argued sometimes and recently you heard Donald shouting at him when he came out of his surgery when you were in having a filling. You knew it was Donald shouting because he said, “That’s it, Sandy you get what you earn – no more.....”

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today to collect your handbag you had left yesterday when you were in.

TOP SECRET  
**Motive** – Donald who was a bit of a rogue had discovered that you (despite your ‘attitude’ about performance enhancing drugs) had actually with your chemical skill manufactured an undetectable drug. He had found a note about it in your handbag. He had contacted you to say that he wanted to talk to you about the art of chemicals and you knew immediately what this was about - You can’t tell the twins apart – it might turn out that you bumped off the wrong one  
**Opportunity** – You attended the practice this afternoon  
**Method** – Poison in a syringe

## Isabel Houston

You are practice manager at the dental surgery where your husband Sandy (the murdered man) and his identical twin brother work.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that**

1. You are the one who makes the practice run smoothly – **you know everything that goes on – who comes in and out.**
  2. **You have been married to Sandy for ten years** (*the time isn't actually important*)
  3. You **appear upset** about your husband's death
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**What you think of the others.....**

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

### Zoe Patella

You know her and knew her identical twin sister Sonia because of their attendance at the surgery. They didn't come that often.

**Both of them attended before their Nile trip 3 years ago – then last week she had toothache – you couldn't give her an appointment with Donald and so Sandy saw her. (THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT)**

### Robyn Banks

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book –

*How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you don't know much about her.**

She **attended last week for a filling** – and **forgot to bring her credit card** with her.

She **came in this afternoon to pay.**

### Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **She is an old friend of yours.** You grew up together and through her celebrity contacts she has helped push celebrities towards the dental practice to get the Houston twins to work on their mouths.

**You like her a lot**

### Shirley Crown

Has been coming to the Houston's practice for years – usually seeing Sandy your husband – They did some work on her before the Olympics

**You really only know her from making appointments for her but she seems nice**

### Isabel Houston      YOURSELF

#### Sandy Houston      THE DEAD MAN

- *Celebrity Dentist* You're husband – you are **devastated by the fact that he's dead.**

- Who could have wanted to do this he was **kind?**

- You can agree that he and Donald had the odd argument (usually about the best way to treat someone).

- You will be asked about an **argument** some people say they overheard today between you and Sandy (your husband) claiming that you wanted money. Try and say that was just a minor disagreement about a lost purse – you needed money for groceries on the way home – nothing else. (*in fact it was much more than this .. this will come out later.*)

### Donald Houston

*Celebrity dentist* your husband's brother. They were IDENTICAL TWINS – but you **could tell them apart easily– especially since your husband Sandy is LEFT handed and DONALD is Right handed**

– He has recently published his book *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – an account of his travels in wild Africa with Lions and Crocodiles.

- **You like him** but he's a bit full of himself and you **don't like the fact that he always seems to have more money than Sandy**. You can't understand this since all the money in the practice was shared equally between them.

### Mark Harley

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – Mariella (your friend) introduced him and the other two members of the band to the practice where the Houston Twins did some major orthodontic work on them- Apart from **that you don't know very much about them**

### Julian Taylor

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – Mariella (your friend) introduced him and the other two members of the band to the practice where the Houston Twins did some major orthodontic work on them- You know he is the boyfriend Shirley Crown. **You can say general things like 'nice guy'** and so on but no facts that will confuse things.

### Kingston Taylor

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian's younger brother)

Mariella (your friend) introduced him and the other two members of the band to the practice where the Houston Twins did some major orthodontic work on them- You can **say general things like 'nice guy' and so on but** no facts to confuse things.

### Anthony Booth-Roberts

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM?

Husband of your friend Mariella. You are a bit **suspicious** of him.

Have **never liked him that much**. – you suspect there is something murky in his past. **He attends occasionally** (and has bad breath!!)

### Wilson Banks

You don't know much about him – except that he's a paparazzi photographer and husband of Robyn

**He called in to see if his wife had been in yet earlier** in the day because he knew she had forgotten to [pay the previous week's bill.

**He does not attend the practice himself.**

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### YOUR IDEAS

You think **Donald might have done it – there was an argument about money the other day.**

**Opportunity** –He was at the practice most of the afternoon

#### TOP SECRET

Motive – You had an argument with Sandy today about money – you wanted to buy more clothes and were hoping to go on a spending spree in Paris – he said NO

Opportunity – You could have done it at any time since you work there.

Method – you have some knowledge about the drugs used in the practice

## Donald Houston

You are one of the celebrity dentists and dentist to the celebrities and brother therefore of the murdered man..

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

1. You and your twin (Sandy) have been working together in your practice for years. You have built up a very successful practice with celebrities and do a lot of work to improve their smiles.
2. You **love money and fame** and a good lifestyle and boast about your car your yacht your holidays abroad and so on
3. You **appear upset** about your brother's death
4. You may admit if you are asked that you like gambling – but play it down to begin with actually you have a lot of gambling debts and owe a 'heavy' quite a bit of money.
5. You have written a book called *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – an account of your travels in wild Africa with Lions and Crocodiles. (*This isn't that important it's just another way of making money*).
6. **You are RIGHT handed and Sandy was LEFT handed** – that was the only difference between you. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**
7. **You are a good squash player but want to win the county championships** Sandy was not bad at squash too but not as good as you!

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**What you think of the others.....**

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

### Zoe Patella

You know her and knew her identical twin sister Sonia because of their attendance at the surgery. **You liked them both**. Both of them attended before their Nile trip 3 years ago and saw you. Then **last week she had toothache – you couldn't give her an appointment so Sandy saw her**. You like her well enough – quite impressed by her courage and you liked to talk about Africa because of your trip there as well.

### Robyn Banks

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – she loves money and has been coming to you for her teeth. **Trying to get you to implant diamonds onto her teeth** to give her an added sparkle. You'll make a lot out of that!! (*laugh about it*)  
She **attended last week for a filling – and forgot to bring her credit card with her. She came in this afternoon to pay.**

### Mariella Booth-Roberts

-Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – She is **an old friend of yours through your brother**. -You like to tease her and you like the fact she pushes celebrity contacts she has helped push your way.  
-You like to flirt with her which annoys both Sandy and Isabel  
**You like her a lot –**  
**She brought you chocolates today (THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT)**

### Shirley Crown

Has been coming to the Houston's practice for years – usually seeing Sandy your brother –**He also did a filling yesterday**  
**You really only know her from making appointments for her but she seems nice**  
*You may be asked if you know about a handbag that was left say "Ah is that who's it was – Isabel was going on about it" (this is quite important for it gives you a motive)*

### Isabel Houston

Your brother's wife. **You get on with her okay** – though you have occasional **arguments**.

You heard **Sandy and her having a real ding dong earlier**. Something about money – you know she wants to go to Paris – but he's a mean skinflint – always has been. And he said no.

### Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN

- *Celebrity Dentist* You're brother – you claim you are **devastated by the fact that he's dead**.

- Who could have wanted to do this?

- You can agree that you and he used to argue a bit – all brother's do! Usually it was over treatments – nothing serious

- You think he was a bit mean in general – but a good guy. **but he's a mean skinflint He played squash but not as well as you**

### Donald Houston YOURSELF

### Mark Harley

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors –

**You like reggae music and think he's cool**

He's engaged to Zoe Patella

Mariella introduced him to the practice and you and Sandy improved his teeth no end!

**You saw him in the surgery today but weren't sure why.**

### Julian Taylor

Guitarist with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors –

**You like reggae music and think he's cool**

He's going out with Shirley Crown

Mariella introduced him to the practice and you and Sandy improved his teeth no end!

**You saw him in the surgery today but weren't sure why.**

### Kingston Taylor

Drummer with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors –

**You like reggae music and think he's cool**

He's the younger brother of Julian and you think he's jealous of him

Mariella introduced him to the practice and you and Sandy improved his teeth no end!

**You saw him in the surgery today but weren't sure why.**

### Anthony Booth-Roberts

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM?

Husband of your friend Mariella. You are a bit **suspicious** of him.

Have **never liked him that much**. Would like to see him taken down a peg or two – you know your flirting with his wife annoys him – but you don't care. **He has bad breath – halitosis ( and comes to try and get that fixed)**

### Wilson Banks

You don't know much about him – except that he's a paparazzi photographer and husband of Robyn

He called in to see if his wife had been in yet earlier in the day because he knew she had forgotten to [pay the previous week's bill.

**He does not attend the practice himself.**

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### YOUR IDEAS

You have no idea who might have done it – Sandy had no enemies in the world!

**Opportunity** – You work closely with him – see him all the time.

TOP SECRET

Motive – you are a blackmailer (of lots of people – Sandy had found out because of the odd Crown in Zoe's mouth

Opportunity – You could have done it at any time since you work there.

Method – you have a knowledge of poisons through your work.

## Mark Harley

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – the disc is called *HOOTS MON* an eclectic mix of hip Scottish Melodies and Caribbean reggae. You are a successful artist. The book is a simple band bio – about your group.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

1. You are **engaged to Zoe Patella**. She is an identical twin of Sonia who unfortunately was killed on one of their adventures. You love Zoe to bits and comforted her and helped her get over her sister's death.
2. **You could never tell the twins apart – except that Zoe always called you 'Bunny' a pet name.**
3. **LAST YEAR** during an expedition **Sonia was killed** in tragic circumstances. The expedition was to **row across the Pacific** and they set off from California but you got blown off course in bad weather. During a storm Sonia was **washed overboard** (so you say) and eventually you were washed up on the Solomon islands. You say you were distraught about this. You worked very hard at comforting her but Zoe really doesn't want to talk to you about it.
4. You are **planning to Canoe up the Yangtze River in China** with Zoe – to keep an eye on her.
5. Apart from that **the most important thing in your life is music.**

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### **What you think of the others.....**

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

**Zoe Patella** Your fiancée –  
You love her to bits  
You **would do anything for her**

### **Robyn Banks**

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you don't know much about her.** – **You met her briefly** when her husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot of the band for Hollow Magazine.

### **Mariella Booth-Roberts**

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you can't actually stand her** because she published some awful photos of Zoe and Sonia in *Hollow Magazine* after the Africa trip and she tried to make out that Zoe and Sonia weren't on good terms and had fallen out when you and Zoe got engaged.

**She arranged for you to go to the dentists for orthodontic work**

### **Shirley Crown**

**Is a good friend of Zoe's.** She is a running star – Olympic gold medallist – She has just completed her autobiography – *Golden Crown On the Run* in which she exposes certain drug scandals in the sport.

She's **engaged to Julian Taylor** – your guitarist

**You like her**

### **Isabel Houston**

**You don't really know her at all.** She is the Practice Manager at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man). You only know her from seeing her when you have gone to the dentist.

**Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN**

*Celebrity Dentist* You went to him for orthodontic work – you know it was him – the twins were so alike – but **YOU are aware that one was left and one was right handed**. It was definitely Sandy you saw today.

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity Dentist* You saw him in passing today.  
**Seems like a nice enough guy.**

**Mark Harley - YOURSELF**

**Julian Taylor**

Guitarist with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – you have known him since you were kids together the **three of you are pretty inseparable** – he is going out with Shirley Crown the Olympic athlete. He's s good guitarist – the best.

**Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (Julian's younger brother) you have **known him since you were kids together the three of you are pretty inseparable**. You think he's a fantastic drummer.

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella and because of this you **don't like him and think he's a pompous oaf**. **You've never actually met him.**

**Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. He took the photos of you and the band and he took some of Zoe and Sonia that upset Zoe and sold them to Hollow Magazine – **you don't like him because his photos made fun of Zoe**

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**YOUR IDEAS**

You think **Isabel Houston** did it because Zoe told you she heard them arguing today when she called in to pay her dental bill. She was asking him for money to go to on a shopping trip to Paris – and he was refusing.

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today

TOP SECRET

Motive – None

Opportunity – You attended the practice this afternoon

Method – you have found some chemicals that Zoe had been mixing at home

# Julian Taylor

Guitar player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – the disc is called *HOOTS MON* an eclectic mix of hip Scottish Melodies and Caribbean reggae. You are a successful artist. The book is a simple band bio – about your group.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

1. You are **going out with Shirley Crown** – the Olympic gold medallist at the 2,4,8 and 1500 m races. You met at some party – she's great.
2. **You went to University in London** and studied pharmacy (the making of drugs).
3. **You really live for your music**

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**What you think of the others.....**

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

## Zoe Patella

Is your friend Mark Harley's fiancée – **you like her** – pretty but not as nice as Shirley  
You know she had an identical twin sister Sonia – **you could never tell them apart**  
You think she's pretty brave and possibly a bit ruthless – she must be to go on such dangerous adventures.

## Robyn Banks

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book –  
*How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you don't know much about her.** –  
**You met her briefly** when her husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot of the band for Hollow Magazine.

## Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you don't know much about her except that she arranged for you to go to the dentists for orthodontic work**

## Shirley Crown

Your girlfriend of about a year  
She is fantastic  
She runs like the wind  
She is **gorgeous - - just go a bit overboard about her**  
She recently published a book *Golden Crown On the Run* in which she exposes certain drug scandals in the sport.

## Isabel Houston

**You don't really know her at all.** She is the Practice Manager at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man). You only know her from seeing her when you have gone to the dentist.

## Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN

*Celebrity Dentist* You went to him for orthodontic work – you think it was him – the twins were so alike – **YOU are not aware that one was left and one was right handed. seemed like a nice enough guy.**

## Donald Houston

*Celebrity Dentist* You saw him when you attended his brother for orthodontic work – you think it was him – the twins were so alike – **YOU are not aware that one was left and one was right handed.**  
**Seems like a nice enough guy.**

**Mark Harley -**

Lifelong friend and Bass Player and lead singer of your band. He's engaged to Zoe – you think he's cool – **he's your best friend.**

**Julian Taylor                      YOURSELF**

**Kingston Taylor**

Drummer with the reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors (your younger brother) you are close, so you say, (but actually he can be a bit of a pain in the neck) **You think he's a fantastic drummer.**

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella and because of this you **don't like him and think he's a pompous oaf. You've never actually met him.**

**Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. He took the photos of the band – you know Zoe was unhappy about some photos that he took of her. **you don't like him much – a bit creepy**

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***YOUR IDEAS***

You think **Isabel Houston** did it because Zoe told Mark who told you she heard them arguing today when she called in to pay her dental bill. She was asking him for money to go on a shopping trip to Paris – and he was refusing.

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today with Mark and Kingston

TOP SECRET

Motive – You have discovered that – DONALD HOUSTON had discovered from Shirley's hand bag that she had used drugs and knew he might blackmail her – but you got the wrong twin.

Opportunity – You attended the practice this afternoon

Method – you have knowledge of drugs

# Kingston Taylor

Drummer with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – the band are on a world tour and are publicising their new disc and biography at the festival – the disc is called *HOOTS MON* an eclectic mix of hip Scottish Melodies and Caribbean reggae. You are a successful artist. The book is a simple band bio – about your group. Things to get across  
**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

1. You are the younger brother of Julian. He studied pharmacy at London University – you studied **internet science and technology and politics** at the same University.
2. **You don't like your brother (Julian)** much – especially because you wanted to go out with Shirley Crown and he 'stole' her from you.
3. **Donald Houston** whom you attended for dental work was always asking you funny questions about Mark, Julian, Zoe, Shirley – as if looking for information – you thought that a bit strange.
4. You found out something really interesting about a certain famous politician which you told Donald Houston about – something scandalous. (*Refuse to tell anyone what this was but if they ask if it's Anthony Booth Roberts - just smile and say 'might be'*)

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**What you think of the others.....**

## Zoe Patella

Is your friend Mark Harley's fiancée – **you like her** – You know she had an identical twin sister Sonia – you could never tell them apart  
You think she's pretty brave and possibly a bit ruthless – she must be to go on such dangerous adventures. **You are cross that she is going to take him away up the Yangtze when you're trying to promote your album.**

## Robyn Banks

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you don't know much about her.** –  
**You met her briefly** when her husband (WILSON) did a photo shoot of the band for Hollow Magazine. She's a bit of a pain – her voice irritates you.

## Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you don't know much about her except that she arranged for you to go to the dentists for orthodontic work.** You're cross about the way she hangs about. (*just be a grumpy moan about people*).

## Shirley Crown

Your brother's girlfriend of about a year – but **you feel he 'stole' her from you**  
**You thought she was fantastic – but now you're in the huff with her because she's going out with Julian.**

She recently published a book *Golden Crown On the Run* in which she exposes certain drug scandals in the sport.

## Isabel Houston

**You don't really know her at all.** She is the Practice Manager at the dentists, wife of Sandy Houston (the dead man). You only know her from seeing her when you have gone to the dentist. – but she's *'like all receptionists – a dragon...'*

## Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN

*Celebrity Dentist* **You thought it was funny that the twins looked so alike. You noticed that Sandy was left handed** – and you thought it funny that Julian was so thick he couldn't tell them apart.

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity Dentist* **He's the one you usually saw to get your teeth done** – the right handed one. **He used to ask you funny questions about Mark, Julian, Zoe, Shirley always pumping you for information. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND BE SURE TO SAY 'SANDY WASN'T LIKE THAT THOUGH'.**

**Mark Harley -**

Lifelong friend and Bass Player and lead singer of your band. He's engaged to Zoe – you think he's cool – he's your best friend. **But you are cross and grumpy that he's about to abandon you to up the Yangtze with Zoe – when you're meant to be promoting your album!**

**Julian Taylor**

Your elder brother – the guitar player with the band. You **don't really like him that much – he's always tried to show that he's better than you – the way big brother's do and you are cross that he went for the same girl (Shirley Crown) and 'stole her from you – just when you were about to ask her out.**

**Kingston Taylor      YOURSELF**

**Anthony Booth-Roberts**

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella and because of this you **don't like him and think he's a pompous idiot though you've never actually met him.**

**Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. He took the photos of the band – you know Zoe was unhappy about some photos that he took of her. **you don't like him much – a bit creepy**

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**YOUR IDEAS**

You think it could have been almost anyone – except maybe Mark – he wouldn't have the brains to do something like that.

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today to make an appointment.

TOP SECRET

Motive – actually hate your brother and could have framed him for the murder.

Opportunity – You attended the practice this afternoon

Method – you have no knowledge of drugs – but could have used something opportunistically

# Anthony Booth Roberts

You are a millionaire and have made your dosh in publishing (newspapers). You have not yet ventured into publishing books but this is something that you are interested in doing.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

Information to try and get across

1. You are very ambitious and **want to be prime minister**. You are presently an MP for NEW TORY the successful new party.
2. You are a **self made man** – came from a poor background in the East End of Dossingham
3. You are very wealthy – and made your money in publishing magazines and newspapers. Be very cagey about where you got your initial money – (it transpires that you made money in an internet money fraud when you were younger – but your ‘roots are very hazy and vague)
4. You love Mariella your wife very much.
5. You like gardening and use a variety of poisons to kill slugs and mice and use Morfaron – the mouse and rat poison
6. You are a computer whiz – you studied computing at London School of Economics - boast about being very good at it. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**

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***What you think of the others.....***

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

## **Zoe Patella**

You **only know about her from what you’ve read in the papers** – nothing much (she is an adventurer and her twin Sonia drowned when they were rowing across the Pacific last year. That’s as much as you really know about her.

## **Robyn Banks**

You know she is a Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding* – **but you say you don’t know much about her.** –

*It will come out later that you and she were involved in an internet money scam many years ago – you may have to deny that .... Say that’s a preposterous idea.*

## **Mariella Booth-Roberts**

Your wife.

**You adore her – (just go a bit overboard about her)**

She is editor of *Hollow Magazine* – one of the titles your fortune is based on.

You’ve been married for 12 years – no kids. Very happy together.

## **Shirley Crown**

The Olympic medallist – what a credit to our country. **Talk about her ‘Great Britishness’**

But you have **never met her** and do not know her personally

## **Isabel Houston**

**She is an old friend of your wife’s.** They grew up together and she is married to Sandy (the victim). You know her a bit **don’t like her much** she’s such a moan **Poor Sandy she was always spending money on clothes no wonder he always broke**

## **Sandy Houston THE DEAD MAN**

*Celebrity Dentist* **The husband of your wife’s friend** –. You can’t think why anyone would want to kill him. **You attended the practice for your bad breath**

**Donald Houston**

*Celebrity Dentist* you have attended both of the twins because of your bad breath  
**He was so identical to Sandy you could never tell them apart.**  
**You attended the practice for your bad breath**

**THE BAND – JUST GO ON AT LENGTH ABOUT DELINQUENTS.....**

**Mark Harley -**

Some whippersnapper pop star or something – everything that's bad about young people – **you can't stand him but don't know anything really about him.**

**Julian Taylor**

Some whippersnapper pop star or something – everything that's bad about young people – **you can't stand him but don't know anything really about him.**

**Kingston Taylor**

Some whippersnapper pop star or something – everything that's bad about young people – **you can't stand him but don't know anything really about him.**

**Anthony Booth-Roberts – YOURSELF**

**Wilson Banks**

Paparazzi photographer. Some connection of your wife's – you don't trust these guys – they might get a poor shot of you.  
**You don't like him much**

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**YOUR IDEAS**

You think **it will be one of the pop music types – I mean look at their hair and those stupid hats.**

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today with your wife who was leaving chocolates for all three

**TOP SECRET**

Motive –Donald has been blackmailing your over the internet fraud many years ago  
You may therefore have been trying to bump off Donald and got Sandy by mistake.  
Opportunity – You visited the practice today with your wife with a gift of chocolates

Method – would be poison from your greenhouse

## Wilson Banks

You are a **paparazzi photographer** – taking photos that you can sell to the press.

You are married to **Robyn Banks** the Female Business Guru – and author of the self help book – *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks*. She has made a lot of money out of her book and through her technique of borrowing money to invest quickly in property.

**The important facts to get across about yourself are that:**

1. You are **married to Robyn Banks** the business guru. You think she's great
2. **You and Robyn love money** – you like making it you like spending it. –
3. You don't **really like the people you photograph** – or celebrities for that matter – you think they should be brought down a peg or two – that's why you like your work so much.
4. **Be cagey about how you met Robyn – and refuse to answer any details about her** - "*she's allowed her privacy you know*"

*You are a pretty mean character who doesn't really like anyone except yourself and your wife (Robyn) Play this for all it's worth..*

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**What you think of the others.....**

*Much of this is stuff that everyone knows the important stuff to get across is in **bold type***

### Zoe Patella

You have photographed her – she's a **stuck up bitch** and you got some great grumpy shots of her and her twin sister that you managed to get published. They were cross – but so what – do they think they're important?

### Robyn Banks

#### Your wife

You **love her to bits** and like making money with her – You can admit that she likes money and fame – but you'd do anything for her.

### Mariella Booth-Roberts

Is the editor of *Hollow Magazine* – **you put up with her because she buys your photos** but **she's a pain in the neck** just likes glitz and glamour – no better than any of the others.

### Shirley Crown

You have photographed her – she's got nice face but you hate her. **Another stuck up so and so** who thinks that she's important just because she can run fast.

### Isabel Houston

**You don't know her at all.** She is the Practice Manager at your wife's dentist. You saw her for the first time when you called there today. **She looks a right bitch** – You **'wouldn't like to be married to her'**.

### Sandy Houston            THE DEAD MAN

*Celebrity Dentist* you have never been to the dentists before this afternoon when you came with your wife – you **instinctively hate him** – Celebrity teeth – that's all celebrities are – people with white straight teeth and nothing between the ears – **you're not sorry he's dead that should happen to everyone like that – the world would be a better place if all the people like him were dead.**

### Donald Houston

*Celebrity Dentist* **You hate him like his brother.** What a pratt!!! You think he's just a **pompous self fulfilled idiot.** Who would want to read a book about his time in Africa - how stupid! You have never met him and would rather not!!  
*You might say, 'Mariella wants me to shoot him for the magazine – I'd rather just shoot him!*

### Mark Harley

Bass player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – **the band are in your view a wasted bunch of dossers who'd be better off doing real work** like community service or down a mine! You photographed the group for Hollow Magazine. Oh what a bunch of wally's – and they think they're cool!!!

You're **cross that your wife thinks he's cool** – she can be a bit stupid like that sometimes.  
He's the worst of the three.

### Julian Taylor

Guitar player with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – **the band are in your view a wasted bunch of dossers who'd be better off doing real work** like community service or down a mine! You photographed the group for Hollow Magazine. Oh what a bunch of wally's – and they think they're cool!!!

**You're cross that your wife thinks he's cool** – she can be a bit stupid like that sometimes.  
You think he's probably a druggie – aren't they all.

### Kingston Taylor

Drummer with the hip reggae band Mark Harley and the Taylors – **the band are in your view a wasted bunch of dossers who'd be better off doing real work** like community service or down a mine! You photographed the group for Hollow Magazine. Oh what a bunch of wally's – and they think they're cool!!!

**You're cross that your wife thinks he's cool** – she can be a bit stupid like that sometimes.

You have noticed he doesn't like his brother – they were on and on at each other during the photo shoot

### Anthony Booth-Roberts

Millionaire publisher – up and coming MP tipped to be a future PM? Husband of Mariella.

**You know your wife likes him.**

But you think he's a **great big fatheaded windbag.** The best thing that could happen to him would be a scandal that brings him down to size—**you're on the look out for Something some scandal to catch him with.** Something will turn up – it always does no one is pure!!!

### Wilson Banks

### YOURSELF

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### YOUR IDEAS

Could be anyone except you or your wife. Make a big issue of wanting to be in on the action to get a good photo at the time of the arrest. This could be the scoop of your whole career. You can even gloat over what it will be like to see each of them brought down a peg – just be nasty about everyone. (You are a nasty person)

**Opportunity** –You called at the practice today with your wife about 4.30 to pay your bill. You had forgotten your money last week and had popped in to pay for the filling he had done.

#### TOP SECRET

Motive – you know your wife once was a in jail and DONALD HOUSTON is blackmailing her –

Opportunity – You attended the practice this afternoon

Method – NONE

# Information Packs For Teams

## On tables when teams arrive

1. Rules of Play
2. Aldringham Echoes Newspaper
3. Welcome Card to the Aldringham Book Festival Chat Show

## In First Pack

1. CID CDC information – instructions as regards the investigation
2. Extracts from relevant books
  - i) - *Twins on the Nile* – by Zoe Patella
  - ii) - *How to Succeed at Succeeding – How I Became an Overnight Success in Just Three Weeks* – by Robyn Banks
  - iii) - *Golden Crown on the Run* – by Shirley Crown
  - iv) - *Open Wide in the Jaws of Death* – by Donald Houston
  - v) - *Hoots Mon* – about the Reggae Band Mark Harley and the Taylors
  - vi) - *Greater Britain – As I See It* – by Anthony Booth Roberts
3. A copy of an article from *Hollow Magazine*
4. Preliminary Autopsy Report

## In the Second Pack

1. Final Autopsy Report
2. Diary for the day
3. Old Newspaper cutting about an internet fraud
4. Dental Records

## Third Info

1. Old CCTV footage
2. Photographs

## **Rules of Play.**

In a short while a producer from BBC Radio will welcome you all to this event at the Aldringham Book Festival. At that point suspend all your disbelief and become instantly master detectives. Enter into character and enjoy.

The scene will be set for a pleasant evening of entertainment – but this will be shattered by the discovery of a body. At this point you are invited to become instantly a Poirot, a Marple, a Colombo, a Morse, a Pascoe, a Frost, a Cadfael, a Falco, a Marlowe, a Collinder.....

### **Choose a name for your team and work as a team**

Your team will be given the opportunity to view the scene of the crime and to interview all of the suspects more than once. The suspects will come round your tables and answer questions you put to them. They all have certain information – but remember they may not be able to answer some of your questions (if it's irrelevant they won't know). Try to get the heart of what they actually know.

### **Viewing the scene of the crime.**

After the discovery of the body you will be given the opportunity to view the *locus*. Because of time you will be given **three minutes** at the beginning to view the scene of the crime. Please move on when asked to let the next team have a look. *You may come back later because it will remain intact till late on in the evening* so don't worry if you think you've been rushed.

### **Interviewing the suspects**

You may interview each suspect for **5 minutes** at each sitting. They will rotate round the tables when a bell sounds. *Again don't worry if you've not finished questioning them because you will get at least two chances to speak to them.* Please don't hog them, even if you like them – which is very unlikely – because they will come back.

### **Making your accusation**

At the end of the evening you should put your solution to the crime in an envelope before our super sleuth **Jeremy Brankston** disentangles the riddle for you.

### **If you need Help!!!!**

At any time you may ask the BBC Producer (Murray) for advice – because the BBC are organising the event and he knows where everyone is – or one of the assistant detectives (likely looking YOOFs) may be able to help you.

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So now sit back – suspend your disbelief – you have just entered the Big Tent at the Aldringham Book Festival where you are about to enjoy a relaxed evening of entertainment hosted by chat show star and national hero (– former Chief Constable of the Metropolitan Police Force turned broadcaster – saviour of the Crown Jewels – jolly good egg all-round ) Sir Jeremy Brankston. But beware something sinister may be about to happen.....

## **TIPS** – from YOOF on how to be good sleuths –

### **DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONING :**

1. At the beginning – concentrate on **getting to know the characters** – what they think about things – don't worry too much about where they were at the time of death (that will be important later).
2. Really think about whether they might have a **motive** or not. They are a pretty horrible group of people actually and perhaps they any one of them might have done it. But you should work hard at the early part at trying to understand what each character's motive might have been

### **DURING THE SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONING**

1. This is the time to think harder about how the murder was actually done. Hopefully you'll have some idea as to why it might have happened but remember that the murderer must have been **able** to have done it
2. Clarify anything else - you will at the end be able to ask any character back.

(Tips for YOOFs are also gratefully received)

# Instruction From CID Central Department of Criminality

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Murder Investigation - File Notes

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Case no	909256524
Name	Sandy Houston
Occupation	Dentist – Orthodontist – Aldringham
Age	Uncertain – early 40s

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Advisory Notes from Senior Investigating Detective (SID)

**Sandy Houston** one of the twin celebrity dentists and dentists to the celebrities from Aldringham has been found dead in his surgery during the annual Aldringham Book Festival.

**We wish to conclude this case quickly – please proceed with your urgent investigation to find out**

- **who** murdered Sandy Houston
- **why** they murdered him
- **how** they murdered him
- **when** they murdered him

CID-CDC will pass on the autopsy and other background information as soon as possible.

Enclosed are those details on the dead man and some of the people identified as suspects that we have been able to gather together already.

Sid.

**Note to the teams of investigators from CID**

**Re: the Houston case –**

The following information may be of help to you – Enclosed 4 items

- Preliminary autopsy findings
- Extracts from books written by suspects
- Toxicology Report on items in the room
- Article from *Hollow Magazine* .

I. T. S. Dunn (superintendent) CID

**Preliminary Autopsy Report  
on the Death of Sandy Houston**

I have examined the remains of the late Sandy Houston.

Fit and healthy looking male of about 40. All organs were healthy, there were no signs of any disease. Death, therefore, is not in my view due to natural causes.

Preliminary screening has detected an unusual substance in his blood. I will have to run further tests to identify this substance and determine whether it is known to be harmful or not. This has been sent for further analysis. The results will be available to you later.

I would put the time of death at around somewhere between 3.30 and 5.30pm  
– I cannot be more accurate than this.

Dr E N T Fitnemoore  
Patholgist

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# TOXICOLGY REPORT

**Two poisonous substances have been found in the dental surgery.**

- 1. INVISIBOLOL** – a very difficult drug to detect in small doses performance enhancing for sportsmen and athletes – in large doses **FATAL** this was found in the syringe and also a jar and in small traces in one of the coffee cups– **this would cause death 2 hours after being administered -**
- 2. Morfaron** – a mouse and rat poison (also poisonous to humans) – developed by a student at Cambridge – now available for sale in a slightly modified form in most garden centres – This was found in one of the coffee cups in the surgery in which the dead man was found **This takes almost exactly 45 minutes to have it's effects which are sudden and fatal**

**Urgent Memo to the teams of investigators  
from Crime Squad**

**Grade – Highly Classified**

Re the Houston case –

We have more items that may be of interest to you.

1. The final autopsy report
2. Surgery Diary for the day
3. A newspaper cutting
4. Dental Records of recent work done in the practice.

**I. T. S. Dunn (superintendent) CID**

## **Final Autopsy Report and Toxicology Report –**

I have now concluded that death was due to poison with **Morfaron Mouse Poison** which was ingested by the deceased. **Death** would have occurred about **45 – 50 minutes** after ingestion and would have been very sudden - to him instantaneous

Analysis is as follows :

Coffee cup 1 – minor traces of INVISIBOLOL – such as may have been washed out his mouth while drinking

Coffee Cup 2 – large traces of Morfaron

Syringes – one contained INVISIBOLOL  
– the other traces of Morfaron at a highly concentrated level

Dr E N T Fitnemoore Pathologist

**STOP HERE CAN YOU WORK IT OUT????**

**ACT 4** (Coffee and mints)

Each team puts their accusation in a sealed envelope which is passed to the master sleuth who opens and reads their accounts of who did it why... with what.. Then in good Agatha Christie Style he acts out the solution....

POIROT takes the stage to unravel the mystery – this is the main ‘acting part’

# ARREST WARRANT

THIS WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF :

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ON SUSPICION OF THE MURDER OF  
SANDY HOUSTON BDS

WHO WAS MURDERED

IN \_\_\_\_\_

AT \_\_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK

WE BELIEVE THE SUSPECT KILLED HIM IN THE  
FOLLOWING WAY

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BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED

*members of the*

*Detective Agency*

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## TEACHING POINT

### And a Teaching Point...

We used the evening as part of our regular youth programme – it attracted a number of new faces. At the end we spent a short time *considering the evidence*. In a murder investigation we consider the evidence.

1. The written evidence ( the notes that was left, the book we found – the police dossiers) All these helped us build up a picture about what happened – and what people were like. We have loads of written evidence for the existence of Jesus (more historical documents than there are to prove that Julius Caesar existed!)
  2. The eyewitness accounts : Consider the story of Thomas the doubter and also the passage in 1 Corinthians 15 where 500 people saw the risen Jesus at once.
  3. The Circumstantial evidence. Things that point to what happened. This is what happens when a life is changed by Jesus. People see the change – and may wonder why.
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## The Series of Events

The murder was committed by the Booth Roberts.

The Motive was to cover up the fact of the scandal of the internet fraud. Donald had learned of this and contacted Anthony Booth Roberts to blackmail him. Together they planned the murder

The Method was Morfaron Poison in the second cup of coffee

They attended the practice with chocolates for all 3 – hoping that this would confuse any investigation. They managed to get into the surgery and slipped some poison into the coffee- but Sandy drank it because he was using that room.

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The surgery was busy in the afternoon - people were coming and going – the twins were both working and Isabel was on the desk at reception.

The surgery began at 2pm – the poison was administered in the coffee at 4.30pm

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**2pm :** **Donald** in his surgery setting equipment for the afternoon & doing paperwork

**Sandy** in his surgery

**Isabel Houston** – at reception desk

**Zoe Patella** arrives is seen by **Sandy** – who is seeing her for the second time  
*We might assume that she is aware that he dental records don't match – or that he challenges her about them or makes some kind of comment like 'that's unusual Donald's records say you should have a crown on the left side – but you have a crown on the right...'*

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**2.30** **Zoe Patella** leaves – notices **Robyn Banks** at the desk settling a bill or something with Isabel Houston.

**Isabel Houston** notices **Zoe** leaving. She looks upset – a bit flustered. Isabel is also attending to **Robyn Banks** who has arrived to settle an outstanding bill and have a quick check up with **Donald Houston**. She has just taken a cup of coffee in to Donald.

**Robyn banks** arrives – notices

1. **Zoe Patella** leaving – notices she looks a bit flustered & upset.
2. She sees **Isabel Houston** taking a cup of **coffee** into **Donald**.

Robyn is here to pay for the filling she had done last week (she'd forgotten her credit card) She pays at the desk – takes about 10 minutes And she asks if she can see **Donald** – she is shown into Donald's surgery..

**Donald Houston** - has been doing paper work up to this point – Isabel brings him a cup of coffee and as she goes back out to the reception – he notices **Robyn Banks** arriving and **Zoe** leaving Sandy's room

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**2.40 Donald Houston** – indicates that he has been doing paper work up to this point – **Robyn Banks** is shown in for a check up after last week's filling and he sees her. As the door is closing she is aware that **Sandy and his wife Isobel** are having some **argument** about money

He has Robyn in his surgery until 3.00 pm  
*We might assume that he is blackmailing her – she might be paying him money – or pleading with him, who knows?.*

**Robyn Banks** – is shown into Donald's surgery. Two things happen

1. She notices an almost empty cup of coffee on his table. (*This is the one that proves to have the performance enhancing drug INVISIBOLOL in it – he has manufactured it – so keen is he to win the squash tournament*)

2. As the door is closing she is aware that **Sandy and his wife Isobel** are having some **argument** about money

**Shirley Crown** arrives – just as **Robyn Banks** is being shown into Donald's Surgery – she overhears **Sandy and his wife Isobel arguing** about Money. She collects her handbag and has a quick check up with Sandy

**Isobel Houston** is arguing with her husband – she says not about anything important. – confirms that Shirley Crown saw Sandy in his room

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**3.00 The Reggae Band arrive –**

**Mark Harley** is shown into **Sandy's** surgery, as Shirley is leaving, they say hi. No coffee or chocolates present. Sandy works on his mouth (complicated orthodontics) until after 4pm.

**Kingston Taylor** As he goes into Donald's room, **Robyn Banks** who was the patient before is just leaving from Donald's room. He sees Donald for some orthodontics until 3.30 – goes into the waiting room . There is an empty cup of coffee on the table – but no chocolates

**Julian Taylor** waits in the waiting room

**Isabel Houston** can confirm that Robyn left, Mark went into Sandy's room, Kingston went into Donald's room and Julian waited in the waiting room.

**Donald Houston** can confirm that Robyn left and Mark Harley came in for some complicated orthodontics

**Robyn Banks** - leaves and notices the Reggae band there – Mark Harley goes next into Donald's room

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**3.30 Kingston Taylor and Julian** swap places – Julian goes into Donald's room for his dental work – Kingston waits in the waiting room

**Isobel Houston** confirms this

3.45. **Kingston Taylor** is fed up waiting he goes into Donald's room – to say to **his brother** that he's off and will see him later Donald is not happy about being interrupted.

**Kingston, Julian, Isobel and Donald** all confirm this

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4.00 **Julian Taylor** leaves the surgery

**Donald Houston** – leaves shortly afterwards – he has a squash match

**Mark Harley** is still with Sandy. But some equipment isn't working and they both move into the now vacant room of Donald's.

**Isobel Houston** makes a cup of coffee and confirms this

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4.15 **Mariella and Anthony Booth Roberts** arrive. They chat to Isobel and give her a box of chocolates for each of Donald, Isobel and Sandy

**Isobel Houston** confirms this

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4.30 **Mark Harley** finally finished and goes to the desk to pay –  
He sees the **Booth Roberts** at the desk talking to Isobel.  
He hears **Sandy** saying grumpily – 'where is my coffee?'  
**Wilson Banks** has just arrived looking for his wife  
**Mariella Booth Roberts** stays at the desk  
He sees **Isobel Houston** take her husband in some coffee and come back out *then*  
**Anthony Booth Roberts** says 'Hey Donald here's some chocolates for you' and he sees ABR nip into the surgery – Mark thinks it's quite amusing since he's got the wrong twin – but doesn't say anything.

The **Booth Roberts** confirm the story but deny that Anthony went into the room

**Isobel Houston** confirms the story and that **Anthony** went into the room.  
She too thought it was a bit amusing that he'd got the wrong twin – he is pompous!!

**Wilson Banks** confirm this

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4.40 **Mariella Booth Roberts**  
**Anthony Booth Roberts**  
**Wilson Banks**  
**Mark Harley** all leave

They all see **Zoe Patella** waiting outside for Mark – all confirm this.

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4.45 **Isobel Houston** (who says that she has arranged to leave and to see Sandy at the festival tonight) leaves the surgery.

**Zoe Patella and Mark Harley** who are walking away at this time – confirm this

5.15 – **Sandy is all alone in the surgery and dies.**

## Notes for the solving detective

Familiarise yourself with the :

**MOTIVES** everyone might have – from the motive sheet. The motives are quite fun – it doesn't really matter if everyone doesn't work out what they were but you can have fun with it.

**METHOD** you can rush through this a bit – the important point is that it was the MORFARON poison in the *second cup of coffee that did it*.

There are plenty of chemists in the plot who might have made the poison – in fact Zoe (or rather Sonia who is pretending to be Zoe) invented it. But it is Anthony and Mariella who have it in their greenhouse who use it.

The INVISIBOLOL – is a red herring – something to throw suspicion on Shirley Crown – but Donald has worked out how to manufacture it and is using it to try and enhance his chance at squash. – That's why it is found in the first coffee cup.

### CLUES AT THE SCENE -

1. An lap top with a web page on INVISIBOLOL on it – *Donald trying to make it*
2. a syringes and needles *One with each drug – see toxicology report*
3. Various medical vials *To set the scene only*
4. Two sets of dental x-rays *The evidence that shoes Zoe is actually Sonia*
5. A map open at the Pacific Ocean – *To set the scene only ? Blackmail*
6. A set of false teeth *To set the scene only*
7. A jar with a liquid in it *Invisobolol*
8. A box of chocolates one or two missing – *Suggest a route for poison but OK*
9. A picture of (the Houston brothers). *To set the scene*
10. A set of Rasta beads broken *To indicate presence of the Band – no more*
11. A copy of each of the books that are to be discussed – *To suggest Donald needed to know lots about lots of people – he was a blackmailer*
12. Photographs of famous smiling faces – *To set the scene*
13. Two cups of coffee (empty) *Very important the 1<sup>st</sup> contained DONALD's Invisibolol – the second the actual poison – the poisoned chalice*
14. A torn scrap of paper with ".....Crown is wrong.." – *Is it Shirley Crown therefore who's implicated or is it the Crown in Zoe's mouth in the wrong place– It is the crown in Zoe's mouth that shows she is actually Sonia – that the note is about.*
15. A torn fragment of writing in the dead man's hand *Not important*
16. A diary open with today's appointments
17. Phone with text message – Be there at 5pm no later  
*a blackmail threat or the squash match?*
18. Newspaper cutting about Anthony Booth Roberts *Show's Donald's interest in other people*

19. A watch on the victims right wrist broken and stopped at 5.15pm  
*the time of death – the watch broken in his convulsive fit.*
- 20 The name on the door is Donald Houston
21. There is another door with Sandy Houston on it

### **SOME JOKES TO MAKE**

Houston – we have a problem

Isabel Houston - sometimes known as Bella – Bellahouston

Hoots Mon – The Scottish Reggae band

Did the dentist die of a gnawing pain?

