

Where there's a will there's a play

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THE Norman Robbins comedy-thriller *A Tomb With a View* is being brought to the stage by the Shinfield Players from Wednesday.

The scene is set for murder with four men and six women sitting in a sinister library which is presided over by the portrait of a grim-faced, mad-eyed old man. A worn-looking lawyer reads a will which holds the fate of millions of pounds worth of inheritance.

The oddball family includes Oliver who harbours werewolf tendencies, Lucien who leads an experimental life in the East Wing, Marcus who is unsuitably dressed as Julius Caesar, Dora who buries more than plants in her garden, Emily who needs the money in a hurry and Monica who has a hands-on approach to any man she meets.

They are joined by the gloomy Agatha who has a loathsome attitude to life, Marcus's nurse Anne and the solicitor Mr Penworthy who has a gambling problem, along with romantic novelist Ermytrude Ash and nervous secretary Penny Potter

All of them have a motive for murder and gradually the dead outnumber the living members of the cast through twists in the plot and mysteries uncovered to build up to a surprising conclusion, answering the question of who will get the money.

A Tomb With A View is on at Shinfield Players Theatre, Whitley Wood, from Wednesday (March 15) until Saturday, March 18, 7.45pm. Tickets £7, contact the box office on 0118 926 7135.