

## Murder Mystery Themes

### Hollywood Scandal

**The Story:** “The Star” has descended upon Hollywood and is determined to hit the big time. The only problem is that so have many other beautiful and handsome potential stars. “The Star” creates many enemies in their quest and ultimately this leads to a tragic death in the cellar. Many people are implicated but only one person is the true murderer. Unravel the story of the cellar, the dangers in the gazebo and the love affair that reaches its height just before the party.

**Background:** A collection of Hollywood greats have come together to start up a film company called Beautiful People Productions.

**Costumes:** Guests come as their favourite Hollywood actor, personality or character.

**Setting:** A party on Hollywood Boulevard.

**Special Use:** All characters in this theme have names that can be male or female e.g. “The Publicist.” This means the Hollywood Scandal murder mystery is great as an all girl, all boy or hen’s night party.

### Tracy Gang (Roaring 20’s)

**The Story:** “Aiden Abet” the leader of the Tracy Gang developed a scam that netted him \$1m. However, once his victims caught on he became a hunted man. The \$1m was hidden in the Tracy Speakeasy and when it strangely reappears it leads to murder! Unravel the mystery of the dead man walking, the letters from William Shakespeare and the literary weekend.

**Background:** We are celebrating the success of the notorious Tracy Gang.

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed as a gangster, cabaret dancer, godfather, flapper girl, pimp, cop, F.B.I. agent, Scarface, hit man, dancer or any other 1920’s style character

**Setting:** The Tracy Speakeasy a 1920’s gangster lounge owned by the Tracy Gang.

### Caribbean Cruise

**The Story:** 30 years ago 3 friends found a treasure map leading to the Achilles treasure chest. They were going to devote their lives to finding the treasure but 2 of the trio got married and got greedy.

Skipping forward to today, “Nick Toff” (the owner of the cruise ship) has gone overboard and is presumed dead! Was it one of the crew? Or was someone trying to get their hands on the treasure map. Secret love affairs, revenge and greed are all the motivating factors that have resulted in murder.

**Background:** We are celebrating the maiden voyage of “The Achilles Tendon.”

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed as a sailor, crew member, pirate, Rastafarian, stowaway, Hawaiian, beach goer or a high society passenger.

**Setting:** The maiden voyage of “The Achilles Tendon” the latest cruise ship for the company “Relation Ships Inc.”

**Note:** Clients often say that the Caribbean Cruise theme is the easiest theme to dress for.

## Wild West

**The Story:** “The Sheriff” is the richest man in Farcry and everyone wants his money. When the Sheriff’s will falls into the wrong hands it creates a recipe for murder.

“The Sheriff” has underestimated the lengths people will go to for all that money. Many people are implicated but only one person is the true murderer. Unravel the story of the love affair, the baby swap and the sundown shootout that has everyone excited.

**Background:** We are celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Farcry Saloon.

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed as a cowboy, Indian brave/chief, townie, law keeper, outlaw, saloon girl, madam or any Wild West character.

**Setting:** The Farcry Saloon in the town of Farcry in the American Wild West 1837.

**Note:** This story includes a Wedding, so is great for Hen’s Nights.

## Christmas Capers

**The Story:** Santa is working hard to produce toys for the kids at Christmas. Sounds nice doesn't it? However former disgruntled employees keep trying to get in the way. Poison, backstabbing and betrayal are all part of the fun. Will you survive an icy winter in the North Pole?

**Background:** We are celebrating the joy of Santa's workshop in The North Pole.

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed as goblins, elves, kids, toys, reindeer, Santa, snowmen/women or any other Christmas themed costume.

**Setting:** Santa's workshop the North Pole.

## Haunted Horrors

**The Story:** Set in Dracula's Castle our ghosts, goblins and hob goblins just can't keep their hands to themselves. Lies, blackmail, secret affairs, mystery disappearances are just the beginning as this devilish, torturous and dastardly night of murder unfolds. You will be sacrificed to scandal and mayhem as you and your fellow ghouls unravel a twisted tangle of undead madness to ultimately be crowned the most vivacious vampires in Transylvania.

**Costumes:** Guests come as their favourite Ghost, Ghoul or other undead character.

**Setting:** A night in Nosferatu's Castle.

## Murder at the Diner

**The Story:** The Lightning Diner – where you get your grease faster than lightning – is celebrating a totally fab first year of business. Whether you're a jock or a square, a greaser or a paper shaker, a hip cat or an outta sight chick, you're invited – and what could be more of a gas than having a Sock Hop? But before the poodle skirts have time to start swaying, a death occurs and it appears to be the result of murder! Can you finger the culprit before the fuzz arrives to shut the joint down? Piece together the clues to work out who has 'ordered up' murder!

**Background:** We are celebrating the Lightning Diner's successful first year of business

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed as a greaser, bobby soxer, jock, cheerleader, waitress, square, rock n' roller, Pink Lady, T-Bird or any other 1950's style character

**Setting:** A 1950's 'Sock Hop' at the local diner

**Note:** Great for groups that like to get their dancin' shoes on!

## A Fairytale Fiasco

**The Story:** Life in Happy Ever After may look to be just that, but behind the golden façade lies scandalous affairs, shady business dealings and more than a dash of black magic. Who would want to kill one of the best-loved fairytale characters? Quick! Can your troupe of fictional folk unravel the tangled tale before the stroke of midnight?

**Background:** We are attending the annual gathering of the Interstory Fairytale Union

**Costumes:** Guests choose (or are allocated) a specific fairytale character in advance for this theme. Characters include princes, princesses, dwarves, fairies, witches, wolves & pigs.

**Setting:** Prince Charming & Cinderella's castle, in the kingdom of Happy Ever After

**Note:** Cross-dressing is encouraged!

## Murder on the Dance Floor

**The Story:** At the Jaguar Lounge in the late 1970's, the stage is set and the crowds have gathered to see who will win the coveted titles of King and Queen of Disco. But before the dance competition can start, tragedy strikes! The reigning Disco King has been found dead and it appears that he has been murdered! Is the culprit an aspiring challenger? A disgruntled colleague? A jealous rival? Piece together the clues to work out who has the 'killer' moves!

**Background:** We have gathered for the annual Disco-Dance Off, the biggest date in the disco calendar

**Costumes:** Guests come dressed in their 1970's finery – flares, afros, jumpsuits, punk gear, headbands, sideburns or any other style from the disco era

**Setting:** The Jaguar Lounge – the hottest disco club in town

**Note:** Great for groups that like to get their dancin' shoes on!



## Pandemonium at the Prom!

**The Story:** The year is 1989, and Pine Oaks Valley High is holding their annual prom! You're totally invited to the party, but you gotta dress the part! The 80s was such a rad decade, only the most bangin' kids are voted to be prom king and queen!

**Costumes:** Guests are asked to dress in their best 80s pop star outfits, this theme is fantastic for those who still feel nostalgic walking down the halls of their high school. Put on your old prom dress, or go a little overboard with the hairspray!