



The Mysteries for Newport Pagnell

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April 2000

Performance for 21st April 2000

The performance commences in the grounds of the Parish Church.

After approximately half an hour, it continues with a procession from the Parish Church, along the High Street to the United reform Church (URC). Permission has been granted to close the High Street from Ousebank Street to St. Johns Street roundabout from 13:00 to 13:30. From the roundabout to the URC traffic will be held back to allow the procession by the local police on a temporary rolling basis.

The performance concludes in the grounds of the URC. Audience members will be invited into the URC church hall for refreshments. No performance will take place in the church hall.

As a fall back plan allowing for bad weather, the performance would take place either partially or entirely within the Parish Church. In this instance, stewarding would be used to ensure fire exits are kept clear and easily identifiable.

Performance for 23rd April 2000

The performance takes place entirely within Ousebank Gardens. Milton Keynes Council has granted permission for use of the gardens.

At the conclusion of the performance, audience members will be invited into the Brooklands Club for refreshments. No performance will take place in the premises of the Brooklands Club.

As a fall back plan allowing for bad weather, the performance would take place either partially or entirely within the Parish Church. In this instance, stewarding would be used to ensure fire exits are kept clear and easily identifiable.

Performances for 24th & 25th June 2000

The performance commences in the grounds of Ousebank Gardens. Permission for use of the gardens will be sort from Milton Keynes Council nearer the event. Verbal agreement has already been obtained

After approximately one hour, the action moves on to the grounds of the Parish Church. Further scenes take place here, lasting approximately half an hour.

The performance continues with a procession from the Parish Church, along the High Street to the United reform Church (URC). Permission to close the High Street will be applied for in due course.

The performance continues in the grounds of the URC for about fifteen minutes, before a further procession back along the High Street to Ousebank Gardens. Again, Permission to close the High Street will be applied for in due course.

The remainder of the performance takes place within Ousebank Gardens. At the conclusion of the performance, audience members will be invited into the Brooklands Club for refreshments. No performance will take place in the premises of the Brooklands Club.

As a fall back plan allowing for bad weather, the performance would take place either partially or entirely within the Parish Church. In this instance, stewarding would be used to ensure fire exits are kept clear and easily identifiable.

Administration & Safety

Performances for all dates are outdoor events. Only in the case of severely adverse weather conditions will performances, or parts thereof, be given in the Parish Church. In this event, adequate stewarding will be provided (at least six persons) in order to maintain safe entry and exit points. (As the Parish Church is not a permanent theatre, I believe that many of the conditions of the licence become invalid).

- Electrical Safety. No electrical installations are being made for the performances. No generators are being utilised.
- Gas Safety. No gas installations are being made and no LPG appliances are being utilised.
- Heating. No heating systems are being used.
- Stewarding. There will be provision of at least 3 dedicated crowd stewards. They will be identifiable as such. Additionally there will be a production crew of approximately 6 persons who will also take some responsibility for crowd management. An audience of two hundred persons maximum is anticipated for the June performances, and less for the April performances. Mobile telephones will be used to provide a means of contacting emergency services.
- Emergency access to all sites being used will not be affected by the performances in any way.
- Set. No stage or set is being erected for these performances. Use will be made of a some props, including a cross to be used in the crucifixion scene.
- Fist Aid. Arrangements have been made with St. John Ambulance Brigade for them to attend performances.
- Toilets will be available in the Brooklands Centre on 23rd April, 24th June & 25th June. Other public toilets may be available. The performance times are expected to be approximately:

21 st April	1 hour 15 minutes
23 rd April	1 hour
24 th & 25 th June	3 hours 30 minutes

The association has insurance cover for this event to a level of £5,000,000 of public liability cover. The association will indemnify the Council from all claims, actions, demands and costs arising from the use of Ousebank Gardens for the purpose of performing part of the Mystery cycle.

The performances do not require that any structure be erected, and there will be no vendors of food, drink or sweets invited to attend. The association will clear litter before leaving the sites.

Please see attached map for location of performance sites.