



One Man, Two Guvnors 30 Sept – 4 Oct 2025

Congleton Players' first production of our 2025/26 season will be the Richard Bean comedy *One Man, Two Guvnors*, to be directed by Louise Colohan. The play will be staged at Daneside Theatre from Tue 30th September to Sat 4th October. This will be the second time we have performed this play; it was hugely popular the last time and was a sell out, with a waiting list for tickets! Safe to say it is "back by popular demand!"

Summary

Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6,000 from the dad of his fiancée. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who has been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers.

Holed up at The Cricketers Arms, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a second job with one Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be reunited with Rachel. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors apart. Simple.

Based on the classic Italian comedy *Il Servitore di Due Padroni* (The Servant of Two Masters) by Carlo Goldoni, in this new English version by prizewinning playwright Richard Bean, with songs and music by Grant Olding, sex, food and money are high on the agenda.

Arrangements for casting

There will be a read through on **Thursday 19th June at 7pm** in the bar at Daneside Theatre.

Auditions will be held on **Sunday 29th June at 4:30pm** in Room 2 at Daneside Theatre. As far as possible auditionees will be asked to learn the audition piece for their chosen character, which will be sent out on request following the read through. This will help auditionees to concentrate on the character and acting. Those wishing to audition should complete the form here <https://forms.office.com/r/kBzsecDAjb> to give their details. Please audition just for one character, but do indicate on the form

if you would like to be considered for other roles if not successful with your chosen role.

Rehearsals

These will take place on Sunday evenings 6pm-9:30pm beginning 6th July and, from 4th August onwards, also on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.

Characters

~~Charlie "Charlie the Duck" Clench~~

Pauline Clench - his daughter

Harry Dangle

Alan – the son of Dangle

Dolly – an employee of Clench

Lloyd Boateng – a friend of Clench with a Welsh accent

~~Francis Henshall~~

Rachel/Roscoe Crabbe

Stanley Stubbers

Alfie – waiter, must be physically fit

Gareth – head waiter, could also be played by a woman

Others as required. There will be lots of opportunities for ensemble cast

(NB the characters ~~struck through~~ have been cast and auditions will not be held for these roles.)

Anyone interested in joining us for this production, either onstage or offstage, would be very welcome to come along to the read through on Thursday 19th June to find out more about the characters and the Director's vision for the production. It will be great to see lots of you there.