## Mysteries brought to life at your local library

Mystery lovers are more than happy to see their favourite detectives brought to life on the television screen. Now we can see if the author's description of the characters and our own imagined version will match that of the actors chosen to portray them.

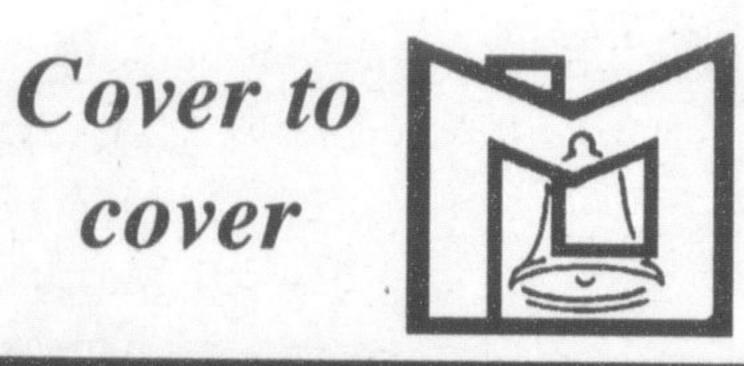
Some actors become the character: if you've ever seen John Thaw playing Inspector Morse you'll never read another Colin Dexter novel again without thinking of Thaw's portrayal.

So if you like reading mysteries and watching them on video, we have a wide selection of both at the Milton Public Library.

P.D. James's mysteries always have a unique sense of place, and her latest book, The Lighthouse is no exception. We can imagine how it will look on film when it finally comes to the screen. But meanwhile, you can watch Commander Adam Dalgleish, played superbly by Roy Marsden, in Cover Her Face, A Certain Justice and Death In

Holy Orders; all available in book or video version at the library.

The police team Barnaby and Troy, who star in Midsomer



Murders Series, is the charming creation of author Caroline Graham. The ugliness that lies under the peaceful village setting lends truth to the quotation in one of P.D. James's novels that "there is more violence in an English hedgerow than in the meanest streets of a great city." Catch the pair on video in Blood Will Out and Garden Of Death. The Midsomer Villages are rife with crime in both print and film.

The Inspector Lynley Mysteries on video are the English invention of American author Elizabeth George. Several of her mysteries have been filmed featuring the aristocratic

Lord Lynley and his working-class assistant; the volatile Barbara Havers. The tension between the two in the novels translates well to the films and makes for interesting viewing. Try some of her books like In Pursuit Of The Proper Sinner or In The Presence Of The Enemy.

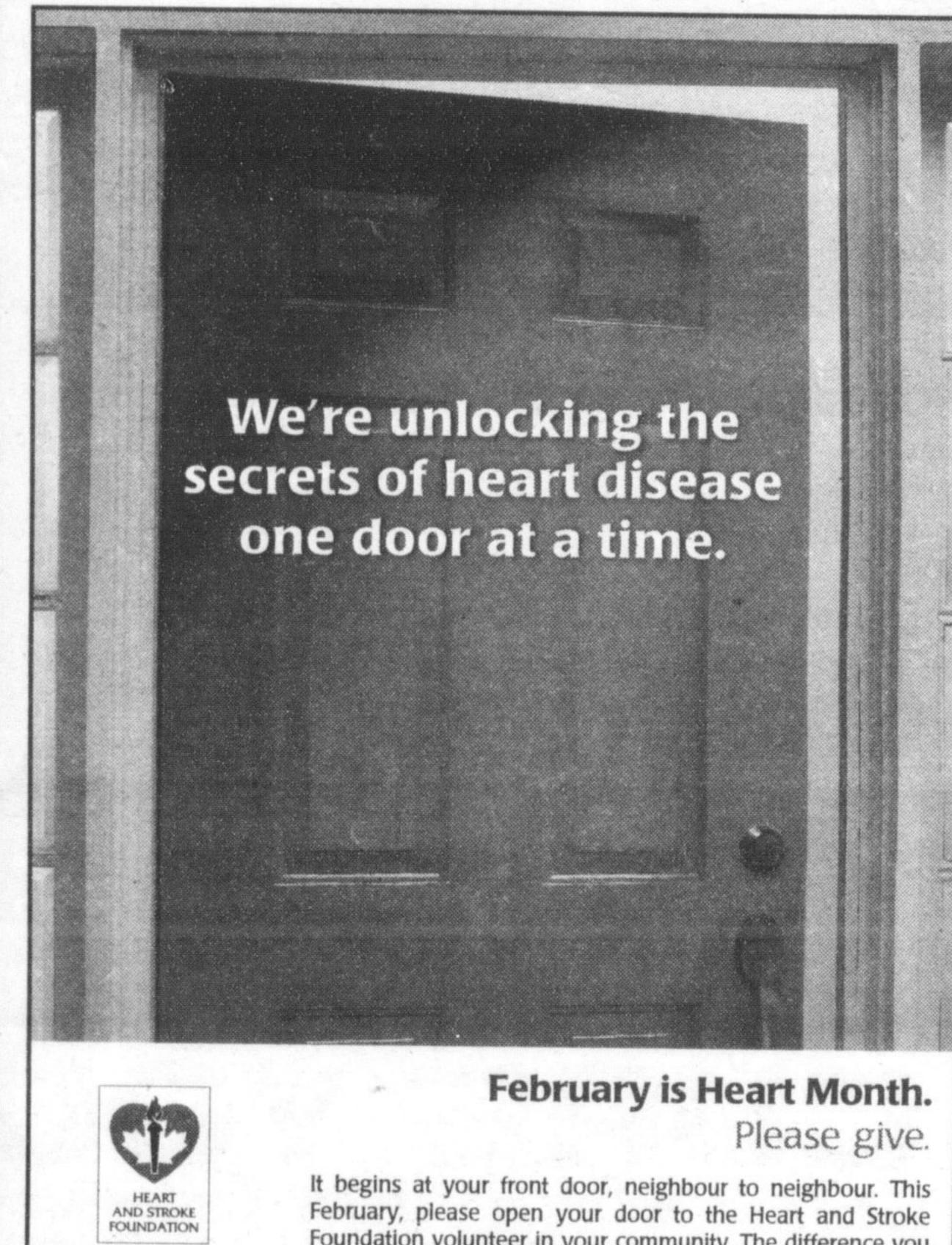
Many of Agatha Christie's mysteries have been made into feature films starring major actors, like Elizabeth Taylor, Mia Farrow and Peter Ustinov. Several actors have also portrayed Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot over the years. But David Suchet's Poirot In One Two, Buckle My Shoe and Joan Hickson's Miss Marple in The Mirror crack'd, best capture the intention of the author in these and many other videos in the series available at the library.

We can't leave out R.D. Wingfield's rumpled DI Jack Frost; aptly portrayed by actor David Jason in the video series Frost. And who would have imagined Diana Rigg playing the part of a campy 1920's Home Office analyst in the Gladys Mitchell series The Mrs Bradley Mysteries.

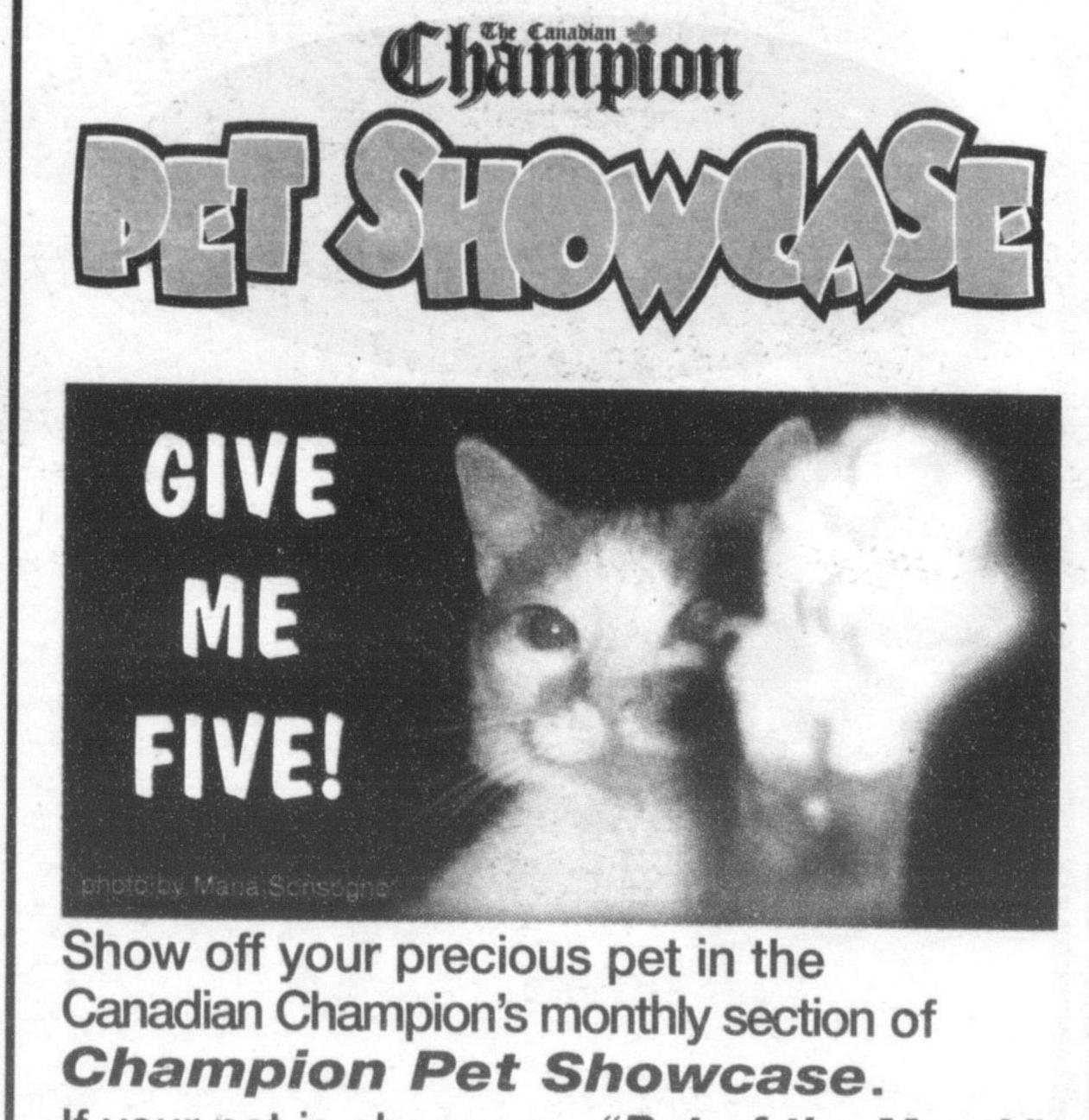
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