

# Stage Whispers

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## SPRING PRODUCTION

The Spring production is 'Role Play', a great 2001 comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, directed by Jack Griffith.

The set has been built, Technical rehearsal tonight then public dress rehearsal Wednesday.

Bring your own supper or light bites on Friday and the normal configuration on Saturday

*Please book your tickets for fri / Sat ASAP as Thursdays have sold out!*

## Seeking a Pianist

We are seeking a pianist to play for us at our next pantomime in January 2019. Performances will be at The West Horsley Village Hall 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January and weekly rehearsals take place in the Horsley area starting in October 2018. Our pantomime has yet to be selected but on past experience involves a lot of lively songs and fun for all participants. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be please contact Colin Bailey at [colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk) Many thanks.

## CAROL McGLONE

Sad, unexpected news that Carol McGlone died of a severe heart attack on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Carol was a very active and popular member of the Whips acting with great character in Lord Arthur Savill's Crime and others. She was also very keen on our playreading evenings always smiling and giggling at our various efforts. She will be greatly missed.

Peter McGlone, her husband, is at this time unsure of the funeral arrangements.



**THE WHIPS**  
ALAN AYCKBOURN'S HIT COMEDY  
**ROLE PLAY**  
Thurs 19 - Sat 21  
April 2018  
at West Horsley  
Village Hall  
8.00pm  
Thursday 19 April  
Supper Night - £16  
Friday 20 April  
Bring Your Own  
Supper Night - £10  
Saturday 21 April - £10  
Book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram)  
or visit the box office: Wills & Smerdon Estate Agents tel. 01483 284141  
An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French  
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## Meerkat Notes Committee meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

- Planning for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 continues, catering has been selected and guest list prepared. Invitations will go out soon. We are still looking for singers to join the entertainment.
- A major upgrade to the Whips lighting equipment has been completed at the Village Hall. Following failure of the previous elderly dimmer, replacements were installed. Big thanks to Neil Fuller and Chris Cathles for all their hard work.
- The Whips website [www.horsleyamdram.org](http://www.horsleyamdram.org) is now up and running following rebuild after a malicious hack.
- Young Whips will perform their one act play on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Tickets will include a supper.
- Whippets production of The Addams Family was hugely enjoyed and contributed a decent surplus to Society funds. Next year Annie jr.
- Whips will have a stall at the Horsley Arts Festival in Kingston Meadows on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We will showcase our 70 years.
- We are planning a pantomime in January 2019, looking for a pianist to play for rehearsals and performances.



## WHIPS 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANS

2018 is the WHIPS 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. We've come a long way since that first production (Sorcery in the Suburb by Philip Johnson) in Spring 1948 and we plan to celebrate on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

We are developing plans for an evening of entertainment with a catered buffet at the West Horsley Village Hall. There will be musical entertainment from WHIPS of all ages and a one act play.

We will also be staging an exhibition to showcase the WHIPS history of the past 70 years.

All WHIPS members will be invited so save the date. If you have any WHIPS memorabilia such as photos, programmes, posters we would love to have them for the exhibition. If you would like to take part we would also love to have you. If you can help please contact Chairman Colin Bailey on 01483 283372 or [colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk)

## PLAYREADING



The April playreading will be at Colin Bailey's house Foxcombe, Nightingale Rd EH KT245EW tel 283372 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8 prompt

Surrey County Council's Cabinet has postponed consideration of a report on the future of Surrey Performing Arts Library until its meeting on **24 April (2.00 p.m. in County Hall, Kingston upon Thames)**. The agenda for that meeting, and the council officers' report on SPAL, should be published on the County Council website on or about 17 April

## WHIPS AGM

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May ...see election forms at the bottom..Please make a note in your diaries





## WHIPPETS - THE ADDAMS FAMILY Report by Julia McClung



Well! What a fantastic show week that was! Despite some major technical difficulties I think it's safe to say the audience enjoyed our show. I received a number of congratulatory emails with many saying the Whippets shows "just get better and better" and how wonderful it is to "see the children develop as performers".

### The Team

Once again Nathan Rhys Farrell and Nicola Fawcett excelled as director and assistant director and I'm delighted to announce that they will be co-directing our 2019 production of Annie JR.

Our choreographer Sheree Paton did a wonderful job devising and teaching the many dance routines, and our creative team was completed by vocal coaches Emily Tietz and Esme Upcott. Thank you also to Claire Brown for her commitment to the Whippets as head chaperone, co-producer and chief tea-maker.



### Workshop/Auditions/Rehearsals



acting games. The second half was a casting workshop for the older children who were put through their paces vocally.

Casting for principals was announced shortly after the workshop which meant our lead actors could start learning their lines over the summer break.

Rehearsals began in September with an Ancestors Workshop. The children were invited to enter our "Design an Ancestor" competition and we were completely blown away by the high stand of entries, particularly our winning entry, Molly Addams, by Indie Taylor-MacKay.

The motto for this year's production was to "get ahead" and preparations for casting the show were well underway by 1 July when we held a two-part Addams Family Casting Workshop. The first half was for everyone to find out about the show. This included being taught a short section of dance and playing some character-based





With a strong push to learn the music and dance up front we were able to hold a rough run through of the whole the show before Christmas! This gave us plenty of time to polish the song and dance routings and for everyone to master all their cues and lines. If you saw the show you'll appreciate how hard they had all worked to perfect their scenes. Well done everyone!

Thanks to.....

"Get ahead" was also the motto for our talented and reliable production team. And they certainly did! There is a huge amount of work that has to be done to deliver the high standard of Whippets show everyone has come to expect. Our production team did a sterling job and everything came together beautifully, and mostly stress-free, just in time for set build and show week. Communication is key and this year's production team really worked well together.

There are too many parents to thank individually in this report but recognition must be given to the following for their dedication to Whippets:

- Charlotte Wilson (Backdrops);
- Nicola Fawcett, (Wardrobe); and
- Sally Maxwell, (Props).

Special thanks also to Evelyn Butcher who created our wonderful "portrait gallery" backdrop as part of her Art A Level portfolio.



These Whippets productions are the culmination of a huge effort by the cast, crew, parents and The Whips. I would like to add further thanks to members of The Whips without who's expertise and support we could not stage such wonderfully professional shows.

- Peter Davis (Set Build)
- Peter Magyar (Sound)
- Chris Cathles (Lighting)
- Neil Fuller (Stage Manager)
- Fran King (Box Office)

Dates for your diaries

- Annie Jr. Workshop, Sat 30 June
- Rehearsals begin Sat 8 Sept
  
- Set Build begins 15 March
- Show week 18-24 March



Thank you everyone. See you all next year.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19-21 April	Spring Production
26 <sup>th</sup> April playreading	Colin Bailey's house
17 <sup>th</sup> May playreadin	TBA Volunteers?
14 <sup>th</sup> June Playreading	TBA Volunteers?
12 July Playreading	TBA Volunteers?
16 <sup>th</sup> August Playreading	at Soo Tomkins house
13 <sup>th</sup> October Whips 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	WHVH

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## AND FINALLY

A Priest was about to finish his tour of duty, and was leaving his mission in the jungle, where he has spent years teaching the natives, when he realizes that the one thing he never taught them, was how to speak English.

So he takes the chief for a walk in the forest. He points to a tree and says to the chief, "This is a tree."

The chief looks at the tree and grunts, "Tree."

The Priest is pleased with the response. They walk a little further and he points to a rock and says, "This is a rock." Hearing this, the chief looks and repeats, "Rock."

The Priest was really getting enthusiastic about his results when he hears a rustling in the bushes. As they peek over the top, he sees a couple of natives in the midst of heavy petting activity.

The Priest is really flustered and quickly responds, "Man riding a bike."

The chief looks at the couple briefly, pulls out his blow gun and kills them both..

The Priest goes ballistic and yells at the chief that he has spent years teaching the tribe how to be civilized and be kind to each other, so how could he kill these people in cold blood that way?

The chief replied,  
**"My bike."**



This has been another 'get it out swiftly before the Whips play' production!



*THE WHIPS*

**NOTICE OF 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 8.00pm in the Cedar Room, West Horsley Village Hall, West Horsley**

*AGENDA*

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2017
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Membership report
- 7 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2018/19

The 2018/19 Committee is as follows: Colin Bailey (Chairman), Barbara Firth (Vice Chairman), Frances King (Hon Treasurer), Clare Punshon (Hon Secretary), Margaret Brazier, Margaret Pearce, Jan Hudson, Iain Macfarlane, Julia McClung, Brian Aitcheson and Tony Thompson.

There are two Committee Member positions vacant as Brian Aitcheson and Tony Thompson will be standing down at the AGM.

In accordance with the Rules all the above named now stand down and offer themselves for re-election.

**Nominations are now invited and should be made in writing, on the form attached, and submitted to the Hon Secretary by 8th May 2018. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.** Nominations from the floor of the meeting can only be accepted if insufficient written nominations are received by the due date.

- 8 Presentation of Awards
- 9 Any other business

