



Stage Whispers

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AUTUMN PRODUCTION

Two One act plays

A Dogs Life by Pam Valentine Directed by Soo Tomkins

Cast as follows;

Ben: Colin Bailey
 Fritz: Kevin Tomkins
 Fifi: Pam Campbell
 Ginger: Stuart Tomkins
 The Warden: Jack Griffith
 The Woman visitor: Miffy Davis

Hands Across The Sea by Noel Coward directed by Jan Hudson

Cast as follows:-

Lady Maureen Gilpin 'Piggie' – Fran King
 Com. Peter Gilpin – Richard Johnson
 Lieut. Commander . Alistair Corbett - Jack Griffith
 Mrs Wadhurst - Barbara Firth
 Mr Wadhurst – Colin Bailey
 Mr Burnham – Stuart Tomkins
 Major Gosling 'Bogey' – Tony Thompson
 Walters – Jan Hudson

SCENERY STORE

The scenery store externally was looking a bit sad so Jack, who generally looks after the exterior, set to removing the thick ivy on the wall, painting the various surfaces seen by the public, repairing the hinges on the main door, concreting & ash felting the hole in the road at the entrance plus many other bits & pieces. There is still more to do, painting & preparing all the other surfaces prior to undercoating and top coating the oil based white paint...volunteers please!



THE WHIPS
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Two, One Act Plays
A Dogs Life
 By Pam Valentine



Noel Coward
Hands Across The Sea



19th - 21st October 2017 at 8.00 PM
West Horsley Village Hall

Tickets online at www.horsleyamdram.ticketsource.co.uk
 Box Office: Wills & Smerdon, Estate Agents East Horsley. 01483 28 4141

SPRING PRODUCTION

The Spring production will be Role Play, a great 2001 comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, directed by Jack Griffith

In a Docklands apartment, Justin and Julie-Ann are preparing a dinner, while a storm rages outside. They have invited Justin's mother Arabella and her current foreign lothario to meet Julie-Ann's parents, Derek and Dee, for the first time. Justin and Julie-Ann are intent on getting married although there are already a few cracks in the relationship, not least Julie-Ann's humour bypass.

Justin is also discovering how tightly strung his fiancée is when a fork is lost and she makes the 'suggestion' the pair abstain from sex until after the marriage. To make matters worse, Justin is receiving calls from his increasingly drunk and incoherent mother.

Julie-Ann leaves to search for a new fork and Justin is left alone. Until a girl falls onto his balcony. Justin pulls in the dishevelled and bruised blonde and discovers she is Paige Petite, trying to escape her boyfriend Rudy's bodyguard and has dropped in from the flat above. Despite knowing the potential for disaster, he promises to help her and dresses her in Julie-Ann's best dress. By the time, Julie-Ann returns, Justin and Paige have been joined by the bodyguard Micky, who is obviously torn between his loyalties to his boss and Paige's blackmail tactics. Julie-Ann is horrified that Paige is wearing her best dress and that the pair won't leave. With the help of Micky's pistol, Julie-Ann is instructed to find a new dress from the flat upstairs.

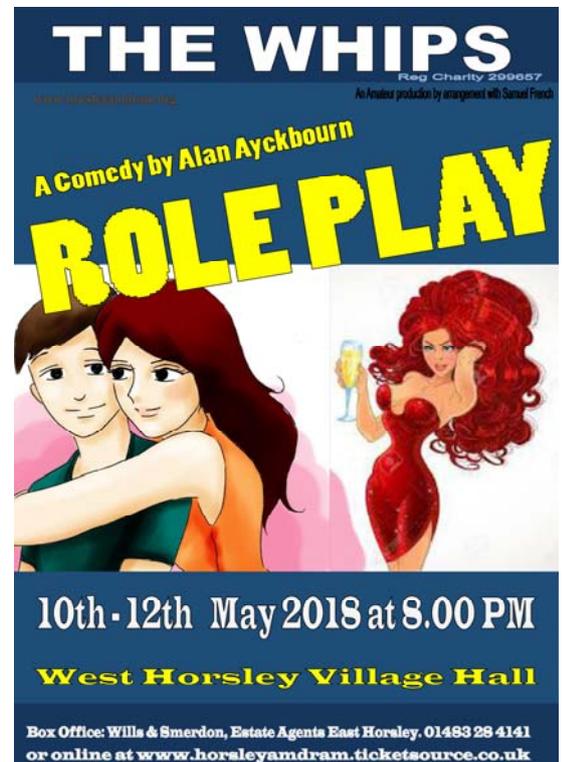
Derek and Dee arrive from Doncaster, where they are big in garden centres. They are somewhat shocked to see Julie-Ann in a revealing dress and are further shocked when Arabella arrives drunk and alone. She immediately mistakes Paige for Justin's fiancée and describes Julie-Ann as a 'dog'. Arabella collapses as Julie-Ann leaves screaming and Justin offers soup.

Dinner has apparently gone reasonably well and an incredibly politically incorrect Derek is discussing with Justin his prospects in the garden centre business; Justin's alarm bells now sounding particularly loudly when he also sees a vision of the future when Julie-Ann and Dee are together. Meanwhile, Micky and Paige are increasingly in stalemate about what to do when Ruby returns. Derek and Dee are extremely unimpressed by the pair and are further mortified when Paige demonstrates a dance for Justin; they believe she's a ballet dancer - she's not and performs a lap dance. Pushed to breaking-point, Julie-Ann attacks Paige. As they are separated, Julie-Ann offers to forgive Justin; he is silent.

Micky, aware that he is probably going to be hurt as much as Page when Ruby returns and having impressed Arabella, agrees to do a runner and to take Arabella back to her country home. Julie-Ann, Derek and Dee are together in her bedroom and Justin is alone with Paige trying to make some hard-decisions. Paige asks him for some cash to help her get away and he gives her both money and his coat. As she leaves, he asks rather desperately for her to let him go with her. Reluctantly she agrees and they escape the flat. A doorbell rings followed by a violent hammering. Derek, Dee and Julie-Ann go to answer, as the door opens, Derek manages a cry of alarm at the unseen visitor.

Cast Justin Lazenby 30, Julie-Ann Jobson *His fiancée*, 23, Paige Petite *An ex-dancer*, 29 Micky Rale *An ex-boxer*, 40, Derek Jobson *Julie-Ann's father*, 50s Dee Jobson *Julie-Ann's mother*, 45, Arabella Lazenby *Justin's mother*, 50s

Casting Meeting Thursday 7th December in the Cedar room...please contact Jack on jackgriffith6@gmail.com if interested



MEERKATS NOTES

Meerkats notes for committee meeting 19/06/17



- The Whips 70th anniversary party is to be held next year possibly in July. If you have any suggestions for the celebration please contact members of the committee
- ANYONE INTERESTED. The committee are still needing a secretary The job is not too onerous . There are 6 meetings a year for which agendas and minutes are needed. The only other task is booking the village hall in advance for plays/rehearsals etc. Please contact Colin Bailey if you think you could help .
- The black stage curtains and tabs are to be refurbished which will improve the stage appearance
- Many thanks to Jack Griffiths who has been hard at work painting the coach house, cutting back ivy and generally improving the exterior
- A social media manager is needed to help boost our on line profile-. Is there anyone who would be able to help us with this
- Future productions: - The Whippets will be performing 'The Addams Family' and the Whips Youth Theatre will be performing 'Loserville'. The Whips Autumn Production will be 2 one act plays 'It's a Dogs Life' by Pam Valentine , and 'Hands across the Sea ' by Noel Coward. The Spring production will be 'Role Play' by Alan Ayckbourn
- We will again take part in the West Horsley Village Fete as 'The Human Fruit Machine' Sat 9th Sept
- There will be a quiz night on Saturday 18th November

W.H VILLAGE FETE

Plea for help at the West Horsley Fete Saturday 9th September at West Horsley Place.

Fran needs people for the Human Fruit Machine. please contact her on 283051.-e-mail francesking123@btinternet.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 9 th Sept | W H Fete with 'Human fruit Machine |
| 14 th Sept | Playreading Barbara's house |
| 18-21 st October | Autumn Production |
| 26 th October | Playreading, Jan's house |
| 16 th November | Playreading TBA |
| 18 th November | Quiz night |
| 7 th December | Spring Production casting meeting |
| 14 th December | Whips Christmas Bash |
| 18 th January | Playreading Barbara's house |
| 26-27 January | Whips Youth Theatre: Loserville |
| 8 th Feb | Playreading Anna,s house |
| 10-12 th May | Spring Production |
| 22-24 th March | Whippets: The AddamsFamily |



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AND FINALLY

A woman walking down a street was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked her for a couple of quid for dinner. She took out her purse, got out £10 and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy wine with it instead of dinner?' 'No, I had to stop drinking years ago', the homeless woman told her. 'Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?' she asked. 'No, I don't waste time shopping,' the homeless woman said. 'I must spend my time trying to stay alive.' 'Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?' she asked. 'Are you crazy!' replied the homeless woman. 'I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!' 'Well, I said, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you to dinner with my husband and me tonight.' The homeless woman was shocked. 'Won't your husband be furious with you for that. I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.' She said, 'That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she gives up shopping, hair appointments, and wine.'



This has been another 'failed to Rush it out swiftly before Holidays' production!



