

Stage Whispers

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PANTO, JAN. 2019

We are getting concerned! The January 2019 Panto is in danger of not happening as we have no volunteers for Director, choreographer, musical director or pianist and as such we have no idea of an actual pantomime script!

It would be good to hear from any of you out there willing to organise such an event.



HORSLEY ARTS FESTIVAL

On one of the hottest days of the year so far (Sunday May 27th) the WHIPS joined other local organisations at the Horsley Arts Festival in Kingston Meadows, East Horsley. We focused on our up-coming 70th Anniversary celebrations and in addition to running our own display the WHIPS sponsored one of the sound stages under the banner of *The WHIPS 70th Anniversary Stage*. The WHIPS display offered photographs, posters and programmes going back as far as 1948 presented by WHIPS members in a variety of colourful costumes. We had lots of interest with both youngsters and parents trying to identify themselves in the photographs. Several visitors expressed interest in perhaps joining the WHIPS. Joanne Rowlands performed a wonderful set on the WHIPS stage and Brian and Aileen Aitcheson were both heavily involved in organising the Arts Festival. Thanks for the bunting Brian !! Many thanks to Margaret

Pearce, Frances King, Jan Hudson (and sister-in-law Tricia), Clare Punshon and June Bailev for hard work in preparing and manning the display.



PLAYREADINGS



The June Playreading will be at Jan Hudsons house 96, Woodland Rd Bookham KT234HH tel 01372457501 on Thursday 14th June where we will read Pack of Lies by Hugh Whitmore

The July 12th playreading will be at Anna Price's house 'Abbotswood, High Park Ave EH KT245DF tel .07866532983

The August 16th playreading will be at Soo Tomkin's house 67 Orchard Close, Fetcham KT229JL tel 01372386458

Hopefully the Performing Arts Library will still be operating from somewhere to allow us to borrow playsets!

WHIPS 70th ANNIVERSARY PLANS

2018 is the WHIPS 70th 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 13th 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

AUDITIONS

AUDITION ALERT! 25th June

Please note that for anyone interested in taking part in the autumn anniversary show, Soo Tomkins (director) will be hosting auditions for a short play on Monday 25th June, at 8pm, at the Canterbury Rooms in East Horsley. Please see below synopsis and character information:

Date: Monday 25th June

Location: Canterbury Rooms, East Horsley

Time: 8.00pm onwards

Play: Platinum Puzzles (a short play)

Synopsis: Paul decides to plan a surprise 70th birthday party for his wife, Barbara. Unfortunately for him, he makes the mistake of enlisting the help of his hapless son, Jason, who hasn't organised the band, hasn't remembered the food, hasn't booked the village hall in time, and has already drunk most of the alcohol. What could possibly go wrong?

Characters:

Paul (m) - early 70's, novice party planner Barbara (f) - 70 today, Paul's wife Jason (m) - late 30's / early 40's, Paul and Barbara's son Marie (f) - late 30's / early 40's, Jason's flatmate Dave (m) - late 20's, Jason's associate Mrs Linett (f) - 60's, village hall caretaker Narrator (m/f) - any age, could be adapted as a male or female role if necessary AND Chorus (m/f) - a Chorus of exercisers, ballroom dancers and partygoers (the more the merrier) - some will have lines, half a dozen or so lines maximum.

Come and take an active role in the celebration of the Whips 70th anniversary! No ground-breaking acting talent required (as Stuart will almost certainly audition) - we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible on the 25th!

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WHIPS 70th Anniversary Gala Evening

Featuring **Whippets / Young Whips / Whips performing 'a Musical Entertainment'**

Plus **Platinum Puzzles (a short play) By Stuart Tomkins**

Saturday 13th October 2018
Supper at 7pm: show at 8pm

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

Platinum Puzzles
70
By Stuart Tomkins

Meerkat Notes Committee meeting

Meerkats notes for committee meeting 23/05/18

- The window adjacent to the stage corridor is to be bricked up for safety and to house the new dimmers. This is subject to formal approval
- New backcloths may be needed for the Whippets production of Annie
- Publicity for 70th anniversary is to be circulated to local outlets to increase the general knowledge about The Whips
- There is a workshop for 'Annie' on 30th Jun in WHVH 9.30- 12.30. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Julia McClung juliamcclung@btinternet.com
- The whips Youth Theatre are staging 'Locked In' on June 10th. In the village hall. This is a supper evening and is Sold Out! Doors open 6.45 for 7.00 supper
- The recent production by the Whips of Alan Ayckbourn's 'Role Play' was very well received by all who came to see it
- The 70th anniversary celebrations will feature a One act play – yet to be decided
- This is panto year but needs a director and team. We would welcome anyone who would like to take on this role
- Invitations have been sent out to all members for the 70th anniversary celebrations. Please send your replies to Fran King if you are able to attend
- The Quiz night has been booked for 26/01/19. More details to follow
- The Whips will have a stall at The Horsley Arts festival on 27/05
- The new regs for data protection (GDPR) will come into being on 25/05/18. You will be receiving an update on this and ask that you be aware
- Surrey Performing Arts library is in jeopardy and may close or be dispersed. This is a valuable resource and Whips have pledged £500.00 towards the £85000 needed for a charity to take over the running of this important media library
- A new child protection officer is required to oversee the safety of our younger members.

WHIPS AGM

About 15 folk attended the AGM on Wed 16th May where only one committee member, Tony Thompson & Margaret Pearce retired after about 100 years! and the rest stood for re-election...
The Awards were:-

Olivia Fawcett won the Whippets cup for her role as Wednesday in The Addams Family. Olivia also excelled as Gertrude in Seussical Jr.

James Stephens won the Whips Youth cup for his role as Guido Fawkes in Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

Pat Davis as Arabella in Role Play—supporting actress

Phil Embury for Mickey in Role Play – Supporting actor

Emily Ingold for Best First as Julie- Ann in Role Play

Tony Thompson for all his input into Whips and retirement from the committee

Jack Griffith (not sure what he did to deserve a cup !!!) only kidding -- for all his hard work editing Whispers. Directing and managing play readings



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th June Playreading at Jan Hudson's house
25th June Auditions for Platinum Puzzles, Canterbury Rooms EH 8pm
12 July Playreading at Anna Price's house
16th August Playreading at Soo Tomkins house
13th Sep Playreading TBA Volunteer???
13th October Whips 70th Anniversary WHVH

AND FINALLY

It was entertainment night at the senior citizens' center.

After the community sing along led by Alice at the piano, it was time for the star of the show- Claude the Hypnotist!

Claude explained that he was going to put the whole audience into a trance.

"Yes, each and every one of you and all at the same time." said Claude.

The excited chatter dropped to silence as Claude carefully withdrew from his waistcoat pocket; a beautiful antique gold pocket watch and chain.

"I want you to keep your eyes on this watch" said Claude, holding the watch high for all to see.

"It is a very special and valuable watch that has been in my family for six generations" said Claude.

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting

"Watch the watch --- Watch the watch ----Watch the watch"

The audience became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth.

The lights were twinkling as they were reflected from its gleaming surfaces.

A hundred and fifty pairs of eyes followed the movements of the gently swaying watch.

They were hypnotized.

And then, suddenly, the chain broke!!!

The beautiful watch fell to the stage and burst apart on impact"

"SH*T" said Claude.

It took them three days to clean the Senior Citizens ' Center and Claude was never invited there again.



This has been another 'get it out swiftly before the' Play reading comes' production!



