

# THE WHIPS

## confusions

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These five short plays deal riotously, but with sharply pointed undertones, with the human dilemma of loneliness; a mother unable to escape from baby talk (*Mother Figure*), a disastrous fête (*Gosforth's Fête*), an unsuccessful seduction attempt (*Drinking Companion*), a fraught dinner encounter (*Between Mouthfuls*) and the final play, *A Talk In The Park*, sums up, with five self-immolated characters on park benches.

Cast: in order of appearance:

### MOTHER FIGURE

Lucy  
Rosemary  
Terry  
Mr Puddle

FRAN KING  
PAM CAMPBELL  
NORMAN PEARCE  
EDWARD OAKTREE

### DRINKING COMPANIONS

Harry  
Paula  
Bernice  
Waiter

JACK GRIFFITH  
JULIA WILLIAMS  
FRAN KING  
NIALL TOOLE

### BETWEEN MOUTHFULS

Waiter  
Pearce  
Mrs Pearce  
Martin  
Polly

ROBERT WILTSHIRE  
NORMAN PEARCE  
ELAINE REAY  
JACK GRIFFITH  
PAM CAMPBELL

### GOSFORTH'S FETE

Mrs Pearce  
Milly  
Gosforth  
Vicar  
Stewart

ELAINE REAY  
SUE FLOYD  
NORMAN PEARCE  
JACK GRIFFITH  
MALCOLM WALMSLEY

### Backstage.

Stage Manager Robert Wiltshire  
Assistant Stage Manager Niall Toole

Assistant Director Jessica Miller

Props Marion Pertwee  
Pat Davies  
Betty Nokes

Costumes Sue Floyd

Lighting Peter Ellisson

Prompt Anthea Wright

Front of House Jill Early

Advance Box Office Geraldine Guthrie  
Box Office by courtesy of Wills & Smerdon,  
FSVA, Station Parade, East Horsley

### Scenes:

Mother Figure A LIVING ROOM

Drinking Companions A BAR

Between Mouthfuls A DINING ROOM

Gosforth's Fete A MARQUEE