

# THE WHIPS



1948 - 1998

## PARTY PIECE

A COMEDY  
BY

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DIRECTED BY

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Richard Harris' *Party Piece* is not so much a romp as an observation of family and neighbourly relationships with a stubborn but cunning mother, a vulnerable son running a successful business with a long suffering second wife trying to relieve their consciences by persuading their mother to move closer to them whilst dreading the thought! A boring young doctor with his dutiful wife as neighbours who hope to impress their friends with a housewarming barbeque only to find their so called friends were making any excuse not to come! Many shades of Harris's *Outside Edge* here!

### CAST

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Michael Smedhurst                    | Phil Embury            |
| Roma Smedhurst, <i>his wife</i>      | Patricia Davis         |
| Mrs Hinson                           | Sue Floyd              |
| David, <i>her son</i>                | Norman Pearce          |
| Jennifer, <i>her daughter-in-law</i> | Jan Pearce             |
| Toby                                 | Charlie Crowther-Smith |
| Sandy                                | Miffy Davis            |

The action takes place in the gardens of the Smedhursts and the Hinsons.

*Act I A Saturday afternoon in summer*

*ACT II The same evening - 7.15pm*

### PRODUCTION TEAM

|                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Director                | Jack Griffith                        |
| Setting                 | Peter Davis                          |
| Stage Manager           | Fran King                            |
| Assistant Stage Manager | Brian Aitcheson                      |
| Properties              | Connie Biewer<br>Anne Whaley-Sou Sou |
| Lighting & Sound        | Charles Hope                         |
| Prompt                  | Aileen Aitcheson                     |
| Producer                | Helen Griffith                       |
| Front of House          | Janet White                          |
| Advance Box Office      | Audrey Wiltshire                     |

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*There will be an interval of 20  
minutes between Act I and Act II*