



Stage Whispers

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AUTUMN PRODUCTION

Having made extensive efforts to assemble a potential cast for the Autumn production of "Angels in Love" the Committee met on 15th June and accepted that at this time we lacked the resources both on-stage and back-stage to put on a quality production and therefore reluctantly decided to cancel.

The committee did however decide to perform instead a rehearsed reading of perhaps two one act plays. We felt that this would allow us to increase the availability of on stage actors and minimise the load backstage.

So two one act plays will be performed and read from scripts on two supper nights. The plays are

Say Something Happened by Alan Bennett, Directed by Frances King

Mum: Jan Hudson, Dad: Tony Thompson, June Potter: Veronica Keywood

Last Panto in Little Grimley by David Tristram, Directed by Colin Bailey

Gordon: Mike Ashworth, Bernard: Jack Griffith, Margaret: Clare Punshon, Joyce: Barbara Firth

PLAYREADINGS The next playreading will be on Wed Sept 14th at Anna Price's house, Abbotswood, High Park Avenue, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 5DF.tel. 07866532983 where we have another attempt to read Abigail's Party by Mike Lea

PANTOMIME

Pantomime January 2017

11th - 14th January (Supper Night 12th plus a matinee on 14th)

19th - 21st January (Charity Night 19th 1st Fetcham Scout Group plus matinee on 21st)

Treasure Island

By Cheryl Barrett

Directed by Stuart & Soo Tomkins

Casting date Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm The Canterbury Rooms St. Martin's Church East Horsley

Rehearsals start on Monday 3rd October Canterbury Rooms at 7.30pm

THE WHIPS
www.horsleyamdram.org present An Amateur production by arrangement with Flying Ducks Ben Charity 2006/7

Double Bill

Alan Bennett: **Say Something Happened**

David Tristram: **Last Panto in Little Grimley**

Two one act plays read from scripts
Including supper

Fri 21 Oct... Sat 22 Oct Supper Nights...
West Horsley Village Hall at 7.30PM
21st - 22nd October 2016

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



I, Jack Griffith, will be directing the Spring Production in April/May time. I am unsure what play to choose but as usual I prefer a comedy. If anybody has any suggestions of a play with a balanced cast of about 6 or 8 then please contact me. I do know that Anna Price would like to do, Abigale's Party by Mike Leigh with 2M & 3F. A 1970's classic that's difficult to do without mimicking Alison Steadman!. I'll try again & get it for a playreading.



TRACEY DAVIS

Sad, sad news last month with the death of Pat's only daughter, Tracey who died suddenly at her home in Fetcham. Tracey, a lovely women in her 40's often came to Whips events and playreadings. As well as a loved daughter, Tracey was a great 'mate' to her mother Pat, especially when Jeff was away on business going to the gym, walks etc. Tracey was just starting her final year at the Open University. A great loss and our heart goes out to Pat & Jeff.

The funeral took place in Leatherhead on 11th July with a life thanksgiving ceremony at St Mary's Church attended by many Whips, family & friends who loved and knew her and afterwards with refreshments at the Village Hall.

Pat wrote recently:

Dear All

I just wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of Jeff & I for all the lovely cards, flowers and words of comfort we have received at this very difficult time for us. Thank you too for the great support at the service on Monday - the service was everything I wanted it to be, a wonderful celebration of Tracey's life. Today I sent off a cheque to Epilepsy Action for £803 - the amazing amount donated at the service. We were able to gift aid this, pushing it up to nearer £1000 - thank you so much for your generous donations.

I think I should mention that I love talking about Tracey so if / when we meet, please don't feel that I might be upset if her name is mentioned - on the contrary, she made me laugh and I have some great memories which I love to share!

*Love
Pat*



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th Sep Panto Casting @ WHVH
 19th – 22nd October Whips Autumn Production
 12th November Quiz Night
 2017
 11-14 & 19-21st Jan Panto
 9-13 May Spring Production



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AND FINALLY

"Grandpa, what is a couple sex?
 The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question then she's old enough to get a straight answer.
 Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it.
 When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question?
 The little girl replied, "Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs.

And

Donald Trump goes on a fact-finding visit to Israel. While he is on a tour of Jerusalem he suffers a heart attack and dies.
 The undertaker tells the American Diplomats accompanying him, 'You can have him shipped home for \$50,000, or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land for just \$100.'
 The American Diplomats go into a corner and discuss for a few minutes. They come back to the undertaker and tell him they want Donald shipped home.
 The undertaker is puzzled and asks, 'Why would you spend \$50,000 to ship him home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$100?'
 The American Diplomats replied, 'Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. We just can't take the risk.'



This has been another 'Rush it out swiftly before September arrives production!

