

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.

Performing Arts Library

The library as we know it will move in August/September From Denbies in Dorking to Ewell library and operated by NewSPAL, a new charitable body.

Moving everything from Denbies to Ewell Library was confirmed, somewhat to the disappointment of NewSPAL who fear the collection may be damaged unnecessarily by such a move. However, SCC seem determined to do this soon (even though the reasons and implications have not been adequately explained) so NewSpal see no prospect of Libraries being dissuaded from this. We can hope that SCC will see a quicker saving on the Properties budget as a result.

This move will make it very inconvenient for us to browse the playsets for our playreadings, the alternative is to select from the online listings if there will still one available and get a set delivered to Horsley library. Sounds easy but nothing as nice as perusing through the many racks of plays available. We shall see!

PLAYREADINGS

Next Thursday!

The July 12th playreading will be at Anna Price's house 'Abbotswood, High Park Ave EH KT245DF tel .07866532983...we will read Habeus Corpus by Alan Bennet

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

Hopefully the Performing Arts Library will again be operating from Ewell to allow us to borrow playsets for Sepembers playreading.....I need hosts for Sept,Oct,Nov,Dec please



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

AUDITION

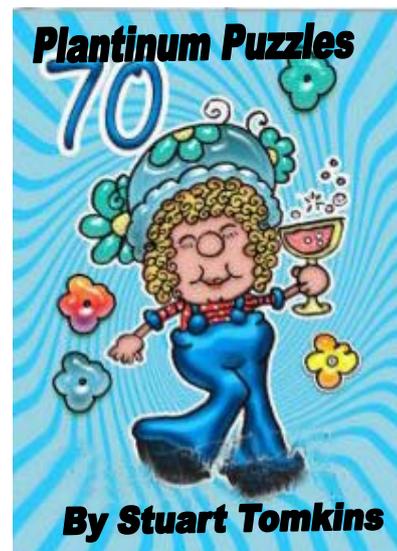
Auditions took place on 25th June for the one act play, Platinum Puzzles by Stuart Tomkins to be part of the Whips gala anniversary evening
And was cast satisfactorily:

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.



Meerkat Notes Committee meeting

Meerkats notes for committee meeting 04/07/18

- The window project for the WHVH is now on hold . Due to hall bookings and floor renovation there is insufficient time to do the work to a high standard
- The Whips- Youth Theatre production of 'Locked In' and cabaret supper evening was very successful. There was excellent feedback from the audience . This new group is extremely enthusiastic and talented
- The Whippets workshop for Annie took place on 30th June
- Happily the panto is going ahead with Fran King as director. **Could anyone step up to the plate as Producer ??**
- 71 people have accepted the invitation to the 70th anniversary celebrations . Please send in replies if you haven't already done so to enable us to finalise the catering .
- The entertainment will include a play which has been cast, and a cabaret of songs from 1948 to present day
- Whips took part in the Horsley Arts festival , sponsored a stage and Fran King helped organise and produce the show
- **A Child Protection Officer is needed to ensure the safety of our younger members**

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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

"A nun walks into the Mother Superior's office and plonks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh, heavy with frustration.

"What troubles you, Sister?" asked Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family."

"It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ."

"I seem to recall that," Mother Superior agreed "so I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?"

"Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I used profane language today."

"Goodness, Sister!" gasped Mother Superior "you must tell me all about it!"

"Well, we were on the 5th tee — and this hole is a monster, Mother — 540 yard par 5, with a nasty dogleg right and a hidden green ... and I hit the drive of my life. The sweetest swing I've ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted ... and it hits a bird in mid-flight!"

"Oh my" commiserated Mother Superior. "How unfortunate. But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister."

"No, that wasn't it," admitted the Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway."

"Oh, that would have made me blaspheme" sympathized Mother Superior.

"But I didn't, Mother!" sobbed the Sister "and I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws."

"So that's when you cursed," said Mother Superior with a knowing smile.

"Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green.... and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup."

Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said....

"You missed the putt, didn't you?"



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



