



Stage Whispers

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PLAYREADINGS

The next playreading will be on Wed 18th March at Jan Hudson's house, 96 Woodlands Rd , Bookham KT234HH Tel 01372457501 where we will read a 'Farndale Avenue comedy' We need playreading hosts for July, Sep, Oct etc 2015 Please contact Jack on jackgriffith7@gmail.com who will organise the plays.

SPRING PRODUCTION

The spring production has been cast with eight

Characters, namely:-

Ray Gibbon.....Phil Embury
Shiela Gibbon.....Anna Price
Martin Walsh.....Colin Bailey
Gayle Walsh.....Jan Hudson
Barry Lovejoy.....Stuart Tomkins
Denise Lovejoy...Sophie Davis
Dave.....Kevin Tomkins
Di.....Pat Davis

Rehearsals have started on every Mon & Thurs & we are already at the 'books down' stage (well theoretically) , mainly in the Canterbury rooms E. Horsley, starting at 8pm..visitors welcome. Directed by Jack Griffith.

Producer, June Bailey , SM, Fran King..performances 5-9 May However as the hall is required for the general Election on Thurs 7th May. Public performances will be Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat

Tickets at W&S Estate Agents E Horsley or online at www.horsleyamdram.ticketsource.co.uk

Pullin' the Wool
A Comedy By Frank Vickery

5th, 6th, 8th, & Sat 9th May
At 8PM - West Horsley Village Hall

By arrangement with Samuel French Ltd

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MEERKAT'S NOTES

Meerkat's notes – 4th March

- Half of Bill Pertwee's legacy has now been spent on lighting. A new stage cloth is to be purchased with the rest to replace our well worn and paint splattered one.
- Flats and backcloths for the Whippets production of Oliver (designed by Peter Brazier) are being prepared with lots of help from parents
- There will be a fund raising quiz night on 12th Sept Following the very successful night last year .
- Thanks to the Young Whips for their excellent plays and to all who took part and provided the food at the recent supper nights .
- The Whippets production of 'Oliver' is practically sold out so do hurry if you want to see the show March 26th,27th,28th
- Rehearsals for the Spring production 'Pullin' the Wool' are progressing well with much hilarity for the cast
- Don't forget the casting meeting for the Autumn production 'We'll Always have Paris' (May 27th) . Any Yves Montand look-alikes out there would be very welcome !!
- West Horsley Village Hall now has a website www.westhorsleyvillagehall.org
- The 67th AGM will be held on Thursday 21st May in the village hall at 8.00pm. If anyone would like to stand for committee please find Nomination forms d at the end of Whispers

YOUNG WHIPS PRODUCTION

What a talented bunch our current Young Whips are! They put on a tremendous show for us on the last weekend in February – every one of them acted superbly. Eleven 13/14 years old who finished Whippets last year took part plus 3 older teenagers in their Lower Sixth form year. We even had guest appearances from someone who was too old for Young Whips (just!) and someone slightly too young, both of whom stepped in at the last minute when one of the group's members pulled out.



The first play was *The Dog Sitters* by Sarah Cowan, a fast and furious comedy lasting 20 frantic minutes. Some teenagers undertake an evening's Dog Sitting looking after Dixey, Gloria ('he's my life, I love him') Ponsanby's dog. When they find a rigid dog in the garden they think that Dixey has died and high farce ensues as they try ever more frantically to conceal the news from a succession of visitors. The kids kept the pace up throughout and ensured that the audience had plenty of laughs.

The second play was *Pride, Prejudice and Other Qualities* by Geoff Bamber. Some of you may have noticed a passing resemblance to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*? Set at the turn of the eighteenth century, Mr & Mrs Bennet are trying to marry off their five daughters. Some new young gentlemen arrive in the area and attract the attention of the Bennet girls. Weddings are on and then off and then on again. Eventually three of them manage to capture a man and live happily ever after. The Young Whips loved dressing up in eighteenth century dress and they looked beautiful/dashing according to sex. They carried off their roles with aplomb and every one of them made their mark and left us wanting more.



Thanks must go to all those who helped in so many ways but especially Richard Johnson whose direction was admired by all, Aileen Aitcheson who worked tirelessly throughout the rehearsal period and at show time, Brian Aitcheson for his wonderful sets (complete with revolving fireplaces!), Iain Macfarlane and Brian for their great stage management and Chris Cathles for all his work on sound and light. The parents of the cast were also incredibly supportive and to each of them I say thank you.

The two supper evenings were a resounding success and virtually sold out. As members of the audience said, "where else can you get a 2 course meal and great entertainment for £10". Where indeed!

Janice Bennett
Young Whips Manager



AGM

Dear Whips Members

We are fast approaching our AGM on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 8.00pm at the West Horsley Village Hall. In this edition of Stage Whispers you will see the notice of 67th Annual General Meeting and a Nomination Form. We would really like to have some new people on the committee enthused with new ideas. If you feel this is something you would like to do please fill in the nomination form and get it back to me by 11th May 2015.

June Bailey
Hon. Secretary

AUTUMN 2015 PRODUCTION

Fran King is directing the 2015 Autumn production, 'We'll always have Paris' by Jill Hyam ..**Casting will take place Wed 27th May at 8PM in the Cedar Room WHVH**
A play we read at a recent playreading with 4 females & 1 Male.

The plot sees three English ladies 'of a certain age' meeting up in Paris for a reunion.

Quadruple divorcee Raquel, who's on the look-out for a new toy boy, and the recently widowed Anna never did get on at school, so it's left to retired headmistress Nancy to keep the peace between them.

The trio are wooed by Charlot, their cabaret-singing French handyman, and harried by their fearsome landlady Madame Boussiron,

By the end of the play, 'les femmes anglaises' find that their personalities, outlooks and futures have all changed in ways they could never have predicted when their reunion began.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 18th Playreading Jan Hudson's house
March 26th – 28th Whippets *Oliver*
April 15th Playreading at Anna Price's house
May 6-9th Spring Production..Pullin' the Wool
May 20th Playreading at Pat Davis's house (note change)
May 21st AGM at the WHV hall
May 27th Casting Meeting for the Autumn Production
June 17th Playreading Soo Tomkin's house



WHIPPETS

Frantic final rehearsals are taking place
For the near sell out performances in two weeks
Time. Many of the eye catching Oliver large signs
Are seen around the village.
Those with computers are finding the new online
Booking system very effective, those without a
Computer, refer to your six year old son/grandson!



AND FINALLY

Well Gemma,

A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears music.
No one is around, so he starts searching for the source.

He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: "Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770- 1827. "

Then he realizes that the music is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward!

Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him.

By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backwards.

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth Symphony is playing, again backwards.

The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread, and a crowd has gathered around the grave.

They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward. Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group.

Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"I would have thought it was obvious," the caretaker says: "He's decomposing."



This has been another 'A more relaxed edition as there aren't any deadlines to meet' production!



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NOTICE OF 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2015 at 8.00pm at the West Horsley Village Hall, West Horsley.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2014
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Membership report

7 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2015/16

The 2014/15 Committee is as follows: Tony Thompson (Chairman), Barbara Firth (Vice Chairman), Frances King (Hon Treasurer), June Bailey (Hon Secretary), Margaret Brazier, Margaret Pearce, Janice Bennett, Jan Hudson, Pat Davis, Iain Macfarlane and Brian Aitcheson.

In accordance with the Rules all the above named now stand down and offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations are now invited and should be made in writing, on the form attached, and submitted to the Hon Secretary by 11th May 2015. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. Nominations from the floor of the meeting can only be accepted if insufficient written nominations are received by the due date.

- 8 Presentation of Awards
- 9 Any other business

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NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate..... (Block Capitals please)

For the position of:

- a) Chairman )
- b) Vice Chairman )
- c) Hon Secretary ) (Please tick as appropriate)
- d) Hon Treasurer )
- e) Committee Member )

Name: Signed

I wish to second the above nomination:

Name: Signed

I agree to the above nomination for election to the 2015/16 Whips Committee as above:

Name: Signed

Please return to the Hon Secretary: June Bailey, Foxcombe, Nightingale Road, East Horsley, KT24 5EW to arrive by **11th May 2015**.

