

# Stage Whispers

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**A Happy Christmas & new year to all of you**

## SPRING PRODUCTION

The Spring Production 'Close to the Wind' a modern comedy by Richard Everett directed by Jack Griffith 22-25 April 2020. After the casting meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec , the following cast was selected

Gerry...Phil Embury  
Kate.....Hannah Jordan  
Louise..Veronica Keywood  
Julian...Matthew Chapman  
Mary...Jan Hudson  
Roy.....Tony Thompson

We welcome Matthew Chapman back again ( last seen as Lord Arthur in Lord Arthur Saville's Crime in April 2017)

However we need back stage folk such as

Props

Costumes

Producer

Set designer and Building Forman

Publicity

Jack has offers from Colin & Fran at rehearsals which will be really helpful

## PLAYREADINGS....

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at Barbara Firths house Rosemount, Woodlands Drive EH KT245AN Tel 283262 @ 8 Prompt

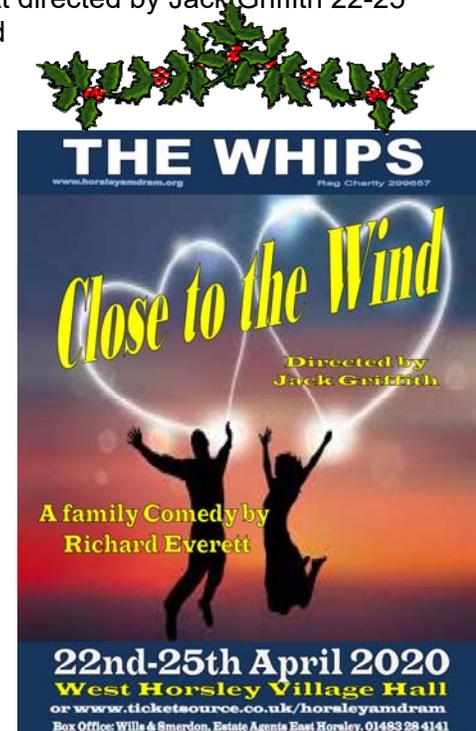
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 at Anna Price's house , 'Abbotswood' High park ave KT245DFtel 07866532983 @ 8 Prompt

Please can I have volunteers for 2020 Feb+ for Hosting & maybe suggestions for plays to read.

It has been suggested that we have some of our playreadings in a local pub so other members of the public can join us...not absolutely sure how this would work but am willing to be guided!

## BILLY BASH

A great evening was had at the 'Billy Bash' on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, noisy as ever with (as ever) Barbara arriving late having been texted by Pat and replying " Oh good I'd forgotten and was cooking my supper, I'll be down there ASAP!"



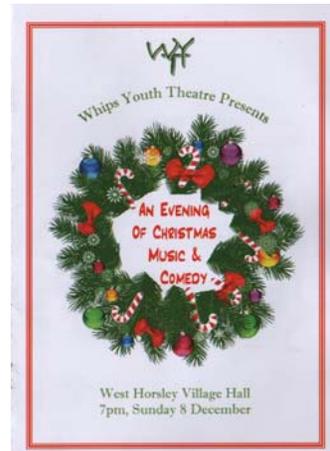
# Whips Youth Theatre/Whippets

. The Whips Youth Theatre staged a very successful evening of a play followed by music at the show at WHVH on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

What a fantastic entertaining night it was with act 1 being a one act play 'Final Dress rehearsal' a highly believable play about the problems of an under rehearsed production ( seemed fairly familiar to me Ed). Amusing and well played by all.

Act 2 was a variety of 15 songs called 'Christmas in New York', excellently performed by the Whips youth theatre and Whippets with full recorded band backup and dance routines brilliantly M.C.'d by Tommy McClung

- Eartha Kitts Santa Baby wonderfully sung by Bella Grieve backed up by 6 WYT boys smartly dressed chanting de dum de dum will stay with me for a long time
- Best yet! This group wonderfully directed by Julia McClung and Nicola Fawcett deserve all the praise they can get. Well done all, I look forward to their next production, 'The Rule of Three' a triple bill of one act plays directed by Stuart Tomkins 17-18July 2020



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY 2020 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE WHIPS LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM GLORIOUS DEVON JACKIE & JOHN WALSTER



## QUIZ NIGHT

This very popular event is again being held at the WHV hall This time in January, so book your tickets! Organise your own table of eight or we will include you Accordingly

## ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

All I wanted for Christmas.....



.....is a new Chairman, a Secretary and some new members! Next May 2020 I will step down as WHIPS Chairman after four years in the role. We currently have no Secretary and whilst I am grateful to those who joined the Committee this year we certainly have a need for more WHIPS members to join the Committee. Aside from the Committee we are finding it increasingly difficult to resource and cast our WHIPS productions. This means of course that the work load falls on a smaller number of people and is not sustainable long term. If you are not a "Committee person" we have lots of opportunities to help with producing, social media, costumes, set building as well as on-stage.

So please get in touch if you would like to be involved and I can explain more.

Colin Bailey.....WHIPS Chairman [colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colinbailey@hotmail.co.uk)



## WHIPPETS

WHIPPETS PRESENTS

Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID

DIRECTED BY NICOLA FAWCETT

Music by Alan Menken      Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater      Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

19, 20 & 21 MARCH

WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Evenings at 7.30pm; Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Box office will open in February at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram).

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**THE WHIPS**

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**QUIZ & SUPPER NIGHT**

Tables of 8 in a team

**BYO drinks**  
£16 Including 2 course supper

**West Horsley Village Hall**  
**Sat 18th January 2020 at 7PM**

From Fran King tel 01483 283051  
Or Online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram)

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night	18th January 2020
Playreading Barbara Firth's	Thur 30 Jan
Playreading ..Anna Price's	Wed 19 Feb
Whippets: Little Mermaid Junior	13th to 22nd March
Spring Production: Close to the wind	17th to 26th April
AGM	21st May
Whips Youth Theatre 3x 1 act mystery plays	17-18 July
Autumn Production	9th to 18th October
Pantomime	8th – 17th January



## AND FINALLY

Walking down the street, a Member of Parliament is hit by a lorry and dies. His soul arrives in Heaven and is met by St. Peter. He says, "

'Welcome to heaven. Before you settle in, it seems there's a problem. We seldom see anyone in such a high office around here, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'Just let me in,' says the politician.

'Well, I'd like to but I have instructions from above. You'll have to spend one day in Hell and one in Heaven, then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in Heaven,' says the MP.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.' replies St Peter

With that, St. Peter escorts him to the lift and he went down, down, down to Hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and dressed in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.



Also present is the Devil, a very nice, friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They're having such a good time that before he realises, it's time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and wave as the lift rises....

The door opens in Heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to show you around Heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing harps and singing. They have a good time and, before he realises it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. 'Well, you've spent a day in Hell and another in Heaven. Now choose your eternity.'

The MP reflects for a minute, then answers: 'Well, I would never have thought it before, I mean Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in Hell.' So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down down to Hell.

When the doors open he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and refuse.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the rubbish and putting it in black bags as more garbage falls from above.

The Devil comes over and puts his arm around his shoulder.

'I don't understand,' stammers the MP, "yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened? '

The Devil looks at him, smiles and says, ' Yesterday we were campaigning...

Today you voted



This has been a 'get it out swiftly before Christmas holiday' production

