



Stage Whispers

November 2019



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SPRING PRODUCTION

Casting meeting Thurs 5th December at the Canterbury rooms EH at 8pm prompt (note change of venue)

The Spring Production will be 'Close to the Wind' a modern comedy by Richard Everett directed by Jack Griffith 22-25 April 2020. Copies can be perused online by request to Jack.

Auditions for the 3 couples will be on Thurs 5th December at the Canterbury Rooms EH. Contact Jack if interested or an E copy of the script.

CHARACTERS

PAGES/65

	Act1	Act2	Tota
Gerry, a middle-aged man	16	27	43
Kate, Gerry's wife	16	25	41
Louise, their daughter	16	15	31
Julian, Louise's boyfriend	15	15	30
Mary, Gerry's mother	9	7	16
Roy, a friend of Mary's	10	10	20

The action of the play takes place in the home of Gerry and Kate, a period house in the Home Counties

Time: a night in winter

Gerry believes his twenty-three year marriage is all right, but wife Kate feels differently! Their lives have been a series of distractions - first home, children, second home - but now the children are going, Kate feels useless and wonders if it all hasn't been a mistake! Returning home after a disastrous visit to the theatre, ruined by Gerry's lively mother, Mary, Gerry and Kate attempt to salvage the evening at a local restaurant, but even that ends in a profiterole-throwing fight. Daughter Louise and her boyfriend Julian are key players in this light comedy of marital mishap and mid-life crisis, as are Mary and her beau, Roy. However the end of this amusing and very perceptive play finds Gerry and Kate curled up together on the sofa, for all the world like courting teenagers!

THE WHIPS
www.horsleyamdram.org Reg Charity 290657

Close to the Wind
Directed by Jack Griffith

A family Comedy by Richard Everett

22nd-25th April 2020
West Horsley Village Hall
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram
Box Office: Wills & Smerdon, Estate Agents East Horsley, 01483 28 4141

PLAYREADINGS....

Thurs 21st Nov at Jan Hudson's house, 96 Woodlands Rd Bookham KT2434HH Tel 01372457501 at 8PM
Please can I have volunteers for 2020 Jan+ for Hosting & maybe suggestions for plays to read.

Whips Youth Theatre

- The Whips Youth Theatre staged a very successful evening of music followed by a play. They will be staging another show at WHVH on 8th December 2019. Watch out for the details in the poster and be sure to book



Whips Youth Theatre Presents

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC & COMEDY

ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT - DON'T MISS OUT!

West Horsley Village Hall
7pm, Sunday 8 December

Please join Whips Youth & Whippets for some festive cheer!

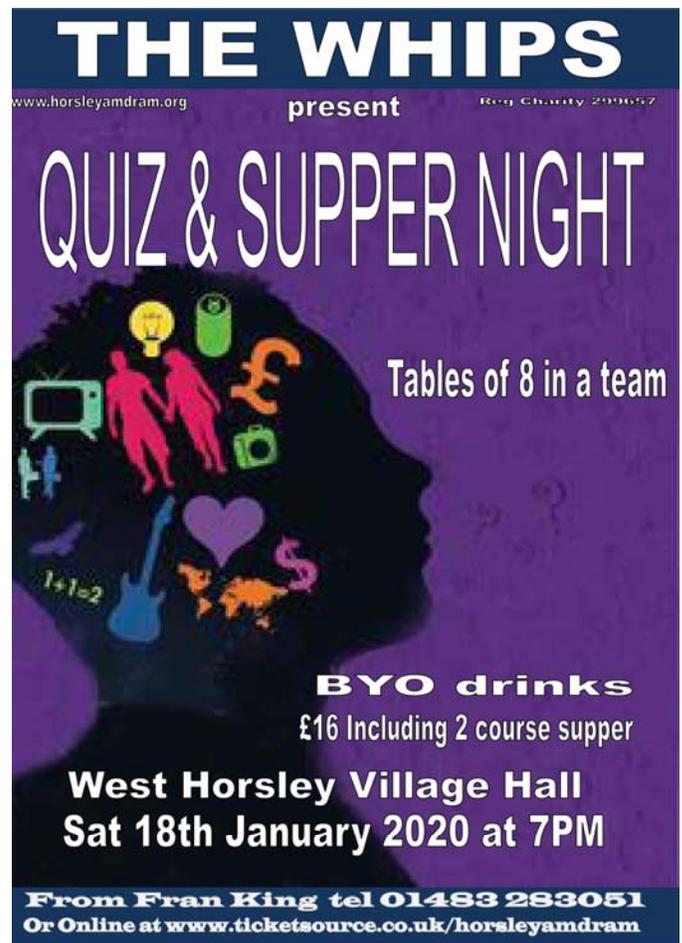
Tickets £10/8 on sale now at www.ticketsource.co.uk/horsleyamdram

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



THE WHIPS

www.horsleyamdram.org present Reg Charity 299657

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



Stage Whispers Christmas Billy Bash

Please contact Jack with your menu selections for the Billy Bash Tuesday December 17th at 7, for 7.30

At The King William Pub cost £27 incl tip & coffee. So far I have the selections below.

2019 Billy bash selections

- 1 Jan Hudson DCB
- 2 Jack Griffith AAA
- 3 Helen Griffith BCB
- 4 Tony Thompson AAA
- 5 Val Thompson AAB
- 6 June Bailey BDD
- 7 Colin Bailey DAB
- 8 Aileen Aitcheson BAA
- 9 Pat Davis DDB
- 10 Jeff Luther ABB
- 11 Barbara Firth AAB
- 12 Miffy Wilson AAD
- 13 Dale CBD



Starters

- A **Homemade Butternut Squash & Asparagus Soup (V)**
with locally baked bread & salted butter
- B **Smoked Salmon & Baby Prawn Cocktail**
with celeriac remoulade, toasted walnut & granary bread
- C **Homemade Ham Hock & Parsley Terrine**
with piccalilli & toasted ciabatta
- D **Caprese Salad (V)**
avocado, tomato & mozzarella salad with balsamic & basil oil dressing

Mains

- A **Succulent Roast Turkey With Lemon Thyme Butter**
with pigs in blankets, chestnut stuffing & white wine gravy
 - B **Oven Roasted Fillet of Sea Bream**
on a bed of rustic ratatouille
 - C **Sweet Potato, Brie & Butternut Squash Stuffed Filo Pastry (V)**
with a roasted cherry tomato sauce
 - D **Slow Roasted Rack Of Lamb**
with minted gravy
- all of the above served with garlic & thyme roasted potatoes,
honey roasted parsnip, sprouts, carrots & cauliflower*

Puddings

- A **Traditional Christmas Pudding**
with brandy sauce
- B **Homemade Crème Brûlée**
with almond biscotti
- C **Warm Chocolate Fudge Cake**
with whipped cream & dark chocolate sauce
- D **Cheese Board**
with homemade chutney, biscuits & apple

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

All I want 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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Play reading (Jan Hudson)	21st November 2019
Whips Youth Theatre Xmas Drama/Music show	7/8th December 2019
Casting meeting. 'Close to the Wind' .	5 th December 2019
Whips Billy Bash	17 th December 2019
Quiz Night	18th January 2020
Whippets: Little Mermaid Junior	13th to 22nd March 2020
Spring Production: Close to the wind	17th to 26th April 2020
AGM	21st May 2020
Autumn Production	9th to 18th October 2020
Pantomime	8th – 17th January 2021



AND FINALLY

I mowed the lawn today, and after doing so I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was really quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking. My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing, and I said, "Nothing." The reason I said "nothing" instead of saying "just thinking" is because she then would have asked, "About what?" At that point I would have had to explain that men are deep thinkers about various topics, which would lead to other questions.

Finally I pondered an age old question: Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the nuts? Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts, but how could they know? Well, after another beer, and some more heavy deductive thinking, I have come up with an answer to that question. Getting kicked in the nuts is more painful than having a baby, and even though I obviously couldn't really know, here is the reason for my conclusion. A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child." On the other hand, you never hear a chap say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the nuts."

I rest my case. Time for another beer, and then maybe a nap.



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



