



Stage Whispers

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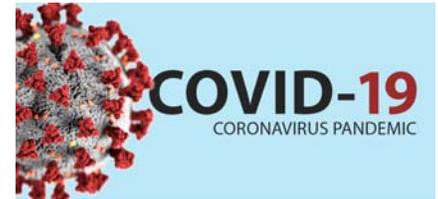
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EDITORIAL

I do hope you are all well and are coping with this lockdown! I'm sure all your gardens and DIY jobs are looking splendid with all of this fine weather and idle folk fed up with TV box sets! At least it all seems to be easing at the moment, let's hope there's no second wave! But it has played havoc with the Whips & Whippet plans for the year, however life goes on and hopefully we can reorganise events for 2021.

Message from WHIPS Chairman



WHIPS Chairman's letter June 2020: Current plans



Are the WHIPS still here....?

Yes we are, we are still here and although you haven't heard from us in a while or had the chance to join us for a show we are working in the background.

Unfortunately the current pandemic has played havoc with our planned programme for 2020 forcing cancellation of the Whippets performance of *Little Mermaid Jr* in March and the Spring Production of *Close to the Wind* in April.

Given the current situation, which seriously interferes with casting and rehearsals, it seems most unlikely that we can reschedule *Close to the Wind* as our Autumn production in October. For the same reasons, producing a pantomime for January 2021

will not be possible and so we have decided to abandon the 2020 programme and focus on 2021.

Assuming the regulations permit, the Whippets will stage *Little Mermaid Jr* on Thursday/Friday/Saturday 14th/15th/16th January 2021. If you had originally booked for the March 2020 production, existing tickets will be honoured for the equivalent day and time.

The ever popular WHIPS Quiz Night is scheduled for Saturday February 27th 2021.

Our Spring Production, provisionally *Close to the Wind*, is scheduled for 28th April to 1st May 2021

All events will be held at the West Horsley Village Hall.

For the moment our AGM for 2020 is on hold until we can gain access to the Village Hall and stage a safe and productive meeting. Your Committee will meet by videoconference on June 17th to review finances and the plans outlined above.

Meanwhile to keep ourselves entertained we are running online play readings via Zoom every two weeks; do get in touch if you would like to participate in one of these. As regulations permit over the summer we will also be carrying out some tidying and maintenance at the Coach House.

Finally I hope that you and your family remain safe and well; we all look forward to performing again and to your much valued support in the coming year.

Best Wishes

Colin Bailey

Chairman

PLAYREADINGS.... **zoom** online

Due to the wretched Covid 19 virus the regular monthly playreadings are currently halted, however A few of the regular Whips have been trying an online playreading via Zoom which have proven to be quite popular. Chris Cathles, Colin & Jack have organised the last few sessions and if you are interested in taking part we meet online at 8PM every other Thursdays and need your email details to invite you to be included. Colin is organising the next session on Thurs 25th at 8 prompt with an online script of Agatha Christy's 'The Patient' and 'Rats', two 1 act plays. We were possibly reading 'The Mousetrap' organised by Chris. A full length play takes about 2 hours and as **zoom** free sessions only last 40mins, we have to organise several sessions so the two 1 act plays would be more suitable

Please contact Colin if you wish to be included in the next session

I have to say though, the old physical versions were much better as the wine & cakes tasted infinitely better!



Whippets/Whips Youth Update

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Little mermaid

Whippets' production of Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. has now been pushed back to January. We really hope that restrictions will have sufficiently lifted by then so you can all enjoy this colourful, joyous musical. Our cast, costumes and sets are absolutely wonderful this year and the fabulous Academy award-winning score will have you humming show tunes long after you leave the hall.

Whippets thanks the nhs



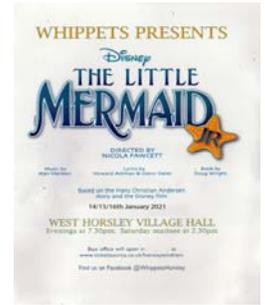
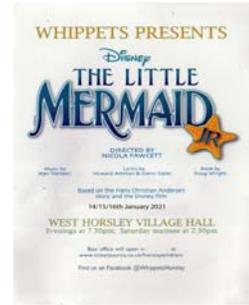
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Whips youth

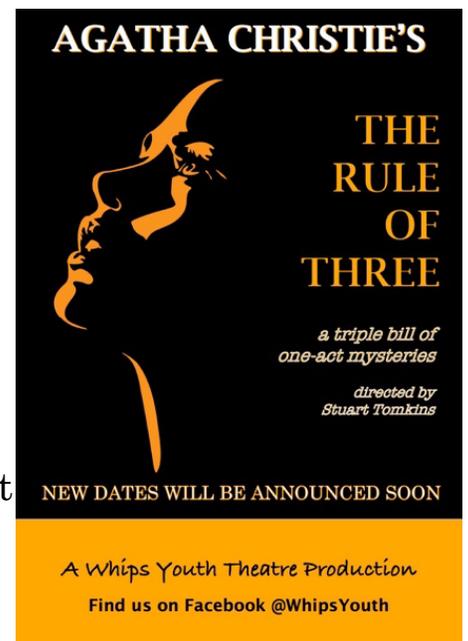
Whips Youth's production of Agatha Christie's The Rule of Three, which was originally scheduled for July, is now on hold, but 'the show will go on' so watch this space for updates. Whips Youth (ages 13-18) meets on Tuesday evenings at West Horsley Village Hall. If you would like to join us after lockdown please contact juliamclung@btinternet.com for details.

Facebook

For regular updates please like our Facebook pages at @WhippetsHorsley and @WhipsYouth.

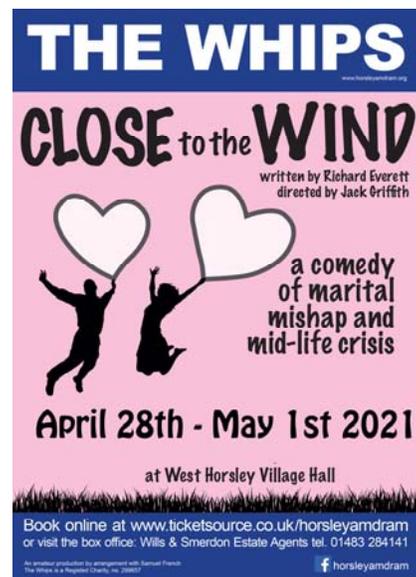


At the start of lockdown Whippets produced a short music video to thank NHS staff and key workers. With the wonders of technology the children created a virtual choir at home to accompany their wonderful photo messages. To watch their video please click here



PROPOSED SPRING 2021 PRODUCTION

The Whips 2020 spring production, Close to the Wind was well into Rehearsals at 'books down' stage (at least act1) in early March when 'Lockdown' occurred which was a great shame as it was going well and proving to be very funny, so it has been decided to defer the play until late April next year depending of course if the original cast can commit to that date new rehearsals starting in Feb2021



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MEERKAT NOTES

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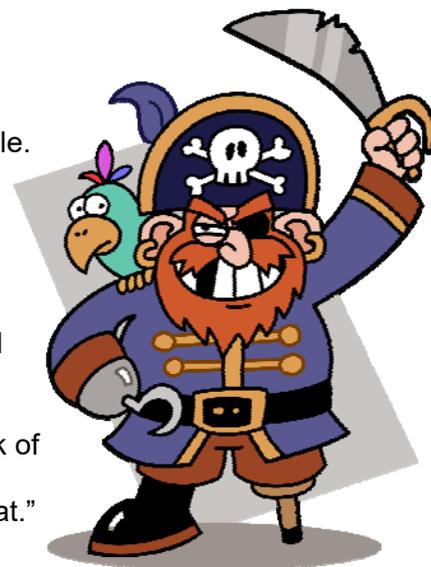
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th Dec 2020 Whips 'Billy Bash'
 2021
 14-16 Jan 'Little Mermaid' Whippets Production
 AGM - TBA
 27th Feb Whips Quiz night
 28 April – 1st May Autumn Production



AND FINALLY

A pirate walked into a pub and the barman said "Hey, I haven't seen you for a while. What happened? You look terrible."
 "What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."
 What about the wooden leg; you didn't have that before?"
 "Well, we were in a battle and I got hit by a cannonball, but I'm fine now."
 "Well, okay but what about that hook; what happened to your hand?"
 "We were in another battle. I boarded the ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off and I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine really."
 "What about the eye patch then?"
 "On a fine day in the doldrums, I was laying in a hammock on the deck and a flock of birds flew over and when I looked up one of them shat in my eye."
 "You're kidding" said the barman, "surely you can't lose an eye just because of that."
 The pirate replied "It was my first day with the hook."



This has been a 'get it out swiftly before 'Covid Lockdown stops!' production



