



Stage Whispers



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Editorial

Welcome to 2021, A happy new year to you all but still we wait for some light at the end of the tunnel for the resumption of all our thespian activities. It looks fairly grim at least until after summer when we can all get vaccinated and free of this ghastly virus and start hugging, sorry, acting again!
However we are still running as a society and rest assured that we will be back in full force as soon as possible. Watch this space but not until September/October methinks!

Geraldine Guthrie

Sad news, Geraldine Guthrie died in a nursing home, Winchester on December 17th.
Geraldine (Gerry) was a stalwart member of the Whips from the 1980's to 2010 directing & acting in several pantomimes and productions mainly on at the Electric theatre.
Gerry & husband, John left Horsley to live in Winchester about 2011
John advises:-Geraldine's funeral will be held at Basingstoke Crematorium at 1145 hrs Wednesday 6th January. We would have liked to see everyone but are restricted to max 30 people and this will be family. If anyone wishes to send flowers the undertaker is Richard Steel and Partners, Winchester. We have not suggested any charity but I think Geraldine would like support for either Winchester Cathedral or MacMillan Nurses, both near to her heart if anyone wishes. We do intend to have a Memorial Service once covid-19 restrictions are lifted.



PLAYREADINGS.... **zoom** online...This Thursday!

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 fairly 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 7th Jan at 8** prompt with a Chris Cathles organised online script. Please contact Colin if you wish to be included in the next session

I have to say though, the old physical versions were much nicer as the wine & cakes tasted infinitely better! Requests to meet at the Billy had no responses from members or Mark the publican so we can either carry on with scripts that Chris can obtain off the web or get real performing arts library scripts pending government regulations .Please get in touch if you're interested.



AGM BY ZOOM

A strange but successful AGM was had in December with quite a few onliners. It seems we are in a good financial state despite cancelled production rehearsal costs etc. The old committee will continue under the chairmanship of Colin thank goodness!



SOO & KEVIN TOMKINS

Soo & Kevin Tomkins were great supporters of the Whips together with son Stuart they directed and acted in many of our panto's & plays, they will be sorely missed, at least Stuart, living in Guildford now is still with us!

Soo says, I would like to say how much fun we have had over the years with the Whips. I have lots of memories to keep me going into old age, particularly the Tons of Money Tour to Wales! We will really miss everyone and we hope it will soon be possible for you to start performing again. We wish you the very best of luck with whatever you manage to put on. We will be moving on 11th January to:-

Rose Cottage

Knowstone

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They will be changing their email addresses but for now they can be contacted on

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Best of luck Soo & Kevin!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All in the air I'm afraid



AND FINALLY

A loud pounding on the door awakened a man & his wife at 3am.



The man gets up & goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain is asking for a push.

“Not a chance” says the husband, “It is 3:00 in the morning” He slams the door & returns to bed.

“Who was that?” asked his wife.

“Just some drunk asking for a push” he answers.

“Did you help him?” she asks.



“No, I did not, it’s 3am in the morning & it’s bloomin’ pouring with rain out there!”

“Well you have a short memory,” says his wife. “Can’t you remember about three months ago when our car broke down and those two fellows helped us? I think you should help him and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know.”

The man does as he is told, gets dressed and goes out into the dark, “Hello, are you still there?”

“Yes” comes back the answer.

“Do you still need a push?” calls the husband.

“Yes please!” comes the reply from the dark.

“Where are you?” asks the husband.

I love this part.....

“Over here on the swing!” replied the drunk.



This has been a ‘get it out swiftly before the Zoom playreading starts’ production

