



Stage Whispers



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SPRING PRODUCTION

Jack is looking to direct a suitable play for what is possibly the Whips final production that could have multiple smaller roles for many of the remaining Whips members who have expressed an interest to have a small role in hopefully a comedy. It would be Jack's 30th & **definitely** his last direction.

The problem as usual is finding such a play without a leading male or female and any suggestions would be gratefully received

The intention is that the production would be April/May 2024 with the usual 11 week rehearsals

If anyone is interested in taking part on or offstage, please contact Jack and hopefully we can put on a performance that will let us go out with a bang!

PLAY READINGS

- *The next Play reading will be at 7.30 on Thurs Jan 11th 2024 at Pat Davis's House, Summer Hill, Chalk lane E Horsley KT246TJ Tel 291990 where we will read (I don't know but something interesting!).*



If anyone has a suitable set of plays that could be read for future play-readings, or have a willingness to host such events please contact jackgriffith6@gmail.com

It really would be great to resurrect this popular arm of the Whips especially as, according to NewSPAL, we can look at a catalogue, & order play sets now thro' the post. The Whips will sub the postage costs with perhaps a charge of £1 per play

Any Volunteers to run this with different hosts

food or venues? (strangely none at present!)

CHRISTMAS BILLY BASH



As the King Billy pub is closed at the moment, The Queens Head at east Clandon has been chosen as the alternative for possibly the last Stage Whispers Christmas bash. Pub prices have gone up considerably and we are looking at £37 a head or thereabouts for a Christmas three course meal,

The date chosen is Thursday 14th Dec at 7.00

Can you please indicate if you are interested by replying asap to Jackgriffith6@gmail.com I know it's a bit late but due to The Billy being closed, all old bookings were cancelled so its imperative that the numbers are required to make a booking at this late stage



COMMITTEE NOTES



Meerkat committee notes

No committee meetings have taken place since July so no notes I'm afraid

AUTUMN PRODUCTION

The Stranger by Agatha Christie directed by Fran King 16-18th Nov 2023

Regrettably due to lack of suitable actors, Fran had to cancel the Proposed Autumn production. Its very difficult nowadays trying to get acting members to commit to learning large parts or attracting younger folk.

DEAD RECKONING

Four of us went to see Colin Bailey in a play, 'Dead Reckoning' At his local New Forest dramatic society. A very wordy play quite well acted but Colins training with the Whips definitely showed with a fine performance! Both June & Colin have settled well in their lovely bungalow in New Milton, Hants



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Dec 14th @7PM ...Whips Xmas Bash
Jan 2024..... playreading at Pats house
April/May2024Spring Production

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and finally



A Catholic priest, a Pentecostal preacher, and a Rabbi all served as chaplains to the students of a well known Canadian University.

They would meet two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop. One day, someone passed the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard.

A real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and they agreed to participate in an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experience.



Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling, was on crutches, and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first.

'Well,' he said, 'I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle and meek as a lamb. The bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation.'



Reverend Billy Bob spoke next.

He was in a wheelchair, had one arm and both legs in casts, and had an IV drip. In his best fire-and-brimstone oratory, he claimed,

'WELL, brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear.

And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTISED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus. Hallelujah, Amen.'

The priest and the reverend both looked down at the rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IVs and monitors running in and out of him. He was in really bad shape. The Rabbi looked up and said...

'With hindsight, then circumcision may not have been the best way to start'.

