

HEADLEY THEATRE CLUB

presents

JACK and the BEANSTALK

Welcome to the start of our 40th season of productions here at Headley, and to yet another of our "home-grown" pantomimes.

The club last produced 'Jack' in 1977, and tales are still told of the acrobatic antics which took place above the stage in order to climb down the beastly beanstalk. Let's see how this year's cast cope!

But first the Prologue, in which the wicked Witch Whey weaves a wily web of deceit.

Cast Notes

Rachel Bennett (*Witch Whey*) Rachel will be familiar to most of you. She has been involved in many of our productions over the years, but this is the first time she has played the part of a serious "baddie" - well, serious until we get to the Community Song anyway! She directed "Robin Hood" for us last year, and also acts and directs with societies in Petersfield and Grayshott.

Melanie Bower (*Harriet the Harp*) Melanie played *Lulu McGuire* in "The Incredible Vanishing", *Doreen Slater* in "Adrian Mole" and *Alice Parsons* in "Arthur" for the Youth Group. In senior productions she has played *Maid Marion* in "Robin Hood", *Michelle* in "Red Spy at Night" and *Honour* in "Tom Jones".

Nic Cheswick (*Gertie the Goose*) Nic has just moved into Headley to work on a local stud farm. He played minor parts in "Showboat" at school, and this is his debut for HTC.

Jimmy Ellis (*Widow English*) Jimmy is a founder member of HTC, having been in at the beginning when the club was formed in 1952. He has played innumerable pantomime dames since then, and has more stories to tell about the goings-on in the club over the years than we've had hot dinners.

Last year he made a welcome return as the Dame (*Mother Hood*) in "Robin Hood", and we are glad to see him back in a similar role this year.

Heidi Farnlucher (*Jill*) Heidi was principal boy, *Charlie*, in "Puss in Boots" and played *Eileen* in "The Long Noon". Among other parts she has played *Jack* and *Mrs Jones* in "You, Me and Mrs Jones" and the *Police Inspector* in "Arthur" for the Youth Group. She also sings in the Bohunt School choir.

Tony Grant (*Squire Maguire/Detergiant*) Tony has played mainly in pantomimes, being the *Sultan* in "Dick Whittington", *Abanazar* in "Aladdin", *Set 2* in "Puss in Boots" and *Sheriff Cluff* in "Robin Hood". He also played the *Pardoner* and *Pluto* in "Canterbury Tales" at the 1990 Alton Festival, *Monsieur Follavoine* in "The Purging", *Lord Arford* in the Murder Evening and *Squire Western* in "Tom Jones".

Pru Harrold (*Stage Manager*) Pru is a long-serving member of HTC, having first joined in her late teens. She has played many and varied parts since, in pantomimes, comedies and more serious plays. She recently played *Angela* in "The Long Noon" and *Thwackum* in "Tom Jones", and was involved in backstage work for our award-winning "Little Brother, Little Sister", for the Alton Arts "Twelfth Night" and most recently for "Tom Jones".

Vicki Ihua (*Jack*) This is Vicki's first principal role with HTC. She has previously played a *Policewoman* in the Bohunt School production of

"Blood Brothers", and taken part in fashion shows there. She used to sing for Moscow in Russian inter-city competitions, and is currently studying drama at Bohunt School.

Laurie Lewis (*Stammers*) Laurie was with the Ash Players before joining HTC in 1988, playing *Prince Charming* in "Cinderella" and co-producing a "War Time Review" there. At Headley she has played the *Wicked Stepmother* in our own "Cinderella", *Mrs Swettenham* in "A Murder is Announced", taken a leading part in "Sunday Costs Five Pesos", performed in the 60s review "Everyone's Gone to the Moon" and most recently played *Mrs Fitzpatrick* in "Tom Jones".

John McGregor (*King George*) John joined HTC in 1991 and has played *Peter* in "The Long Noon" and *Squire Allworthy* in "Tom Jones".

Kay McGregor (*Queen Anne*) Kay joined HTC with husband John in 1991, and has played *Bridget* and a *Maid* in the recent production of "Tom Jones".

Charlotte Paterson (*Princess Penelope*) This is Charlotte's first appearance with HTC. She has previously played in "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" with the Minerva Studio Theatre, and appeared at the Chichester Festival Theatre with the Choir of the Year. She enjoys drama and dancing.

Rod Sharp (*Dunnitt/Stringiant*) Rod first appeared as *Ratty* in "Toad of Toad Hall" produced by his parents, Stan and Joan, in 1970. (This year Stan is helping backstage and Rod's children, Helen and Christopher, are Beanstalk Elves). He played the *Giant* in the last Headley production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" (1977), but has diminished in stature this time. He was the mysterious *Inspector* in "An Inspector Calls" (1985), and more recently *Patrick* in "A Murder is Announced", *Friar Tuck* in "Robin Hood", *Monsieur Chouilloux* in "The Purgin'" and *Fitzpatrick* in "Tom Jones".

Jo Smith (*Author/Director*) Jo's first stage appearance was as a *Fairy* in "Iolanthe" at school. He joined HTC in 1978, playing Ali's stupid brother in "Ali Baba" that year. Since then he has played many parts both in Headley and in Alton Arts productions, particularly enjoying pantomimes. He most recently played *Blondel* in "Robin Hood" and *Count Peter* in "Red Spy at Night". In his spare time he writes scripts and poetry. This is his first attempt at directing a full length production - please be gentle!

Jamie Stickler (*Front end of Annabelle*) Jamie has played parts in the last two pantomimes: a *Guard*, *Thunder & Lightning*, and a *Ghost*.

Doug Tanner (*Jim Giant*) Doug is making his debut with HTC this year. Rumour has it that he has been pumping iron to build up his muscles for the part! Chosen for the role of *Giant* in preference to Arnold Schw...neger only because the producer couldn't spell his name.

Simon Tanner (*Back end of Annabelle*) Simon, aged 10, is also making his debut with HTC this year. He enjoys football, cricket and athletics, so his leg movements as the back end of the cow should be impressive!

Richard Toll (*Musical Director*) Richard first worked with HTC last year in "Robin Hood", and we are glad to welcome him, his sons Edward and William and his electronic wizardry back again today.

Jill Turner (*Chorus Leader/Co-producer*) Jill joined HTC in 1984 and has since been in all the pantomimes and also taken major parts in "Lucky For Some", "Separate Tables", *Miss Marple* in "A Murder is Announced", *Much Binding* in "Robin Hood", as well as appearing in a number of one-act plays. She directed "The Long Noon" (1991).

Nick Webb (*Wizard Wheeze*) Nick is one of the longest serving members of HTC, having first joined as a junior more years ago than he cares to remember. He has, for example, played *Buttons* in two productions of "Cinderella" eleven years apart. Most recently he directed "Red Spy at Night".

Debbi Williamson (*Simon*) Debbi joined HTC eight years ago and has been in numerous pantomimes, Music Halls and other productions since then. She was *Bert Baxter* in "Adrian Mole", *Denise* in "Arthur", *Julie* in "The Dark Side" and one of the *Dwarfs* in "Snow White". She plays several musical instruments in her spare time.

Dilys Williamson (*Choreography/Co-producer*) Dil joined HTC eight years ago and has been in numerous pantomimes, Music Halls and other productions since then. She played title roles in "Snow White" and "Puss in Boots", and has appeared in a number of plays including *Anne* in "Separate Tables" and *Celia* in "The Long Noon".

Dawn Wolverson (*Bean/Pungiant*) Dawn made her debut with HTC recently as *Susan* in "Tom Jones". Before that she played a variety of roles including *Sir Toby Belch* and *Rev Dr Charuble*. She also performs locally at the Hairy Tongue Folk Club in the "Holly Bush", where she sings and plays recorder, accordion, and the fool.

List of Songs

1. Who Will Buy? - Chorus
2. Food, Glorious Food - Widow, Jill and Simon
3. Loch Lomond - Squire, Bean & Dunnitt
4. Pennies From Heaven - Jack and Annabelle
5. It's a Lovely Day Today - Jack and Penny
6. English Country Garden - Chorus
7. Beanz Meanz Scenes - Widow and Jack
8. Sitting on Top of the World - Widow, Stammers, Simon and Jill
9. Jim Giant's Hideaway - Chorus
10. From Me to You - Jim Giant and Harriet
11. Liberty Bell - Principals & Chorus

**** INTERVAL ****

12. In the dungeon the giant sleeps tonight - Chorus
13. Come Fly With Me - Principals & Chorus
14. Kids - K.George & Q.Anne
15. Look For the Silver Lining - Chorus
16. I Took My Harp to a Party - Squire, Bean, Dunnitt
17. Somewhere Out There - Jack & Penny
18. The Bells Are Ringing For Me and My Gal - All
19. Community song - W.Whey & W.Wheeze
20. We're in the Money - Chorus

The Scenes

The Prologue		The Witch's Cave
Act I	Scene	1
		2a
		2b
		3
		4
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Interlogue		The Witch's Cave
Act II	Scene	1
		2a
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Cast - in order of appearance

Witch Whey	Rachel Bennett
Wizard Wheeze	Nick Webb
Widow English	Jimmy Ellis
Jill English, her daughter	Heidi Farnlucher
Simon Smith, Jill's boyfriend	Debbi Williamson
Squire Maguire	Tony Grant
Bean & Dunnitt, bailiffs	Dawn Wolverson & Rod Sharp
Jack English, the widow's son	Vicki Ihua
Annabelle, their cow	Jamie Stickler & Simon Tanner
Princess Penelope	Charlotte Paterson
Jim Giant	Doug Tanner
Sarah Giant	Wendy Downs
Giant's Attendants	Edward & William Toll
King George	John McGregor
Stammers, his Major Domo	Laurie Lewis
Queen Anne	Kay McGregor
Detergiant, the castle bouncer	Tony Grant
Pungiant & Stringiant, upper world heavies	Dawn Wolverson & Rod Sharp
Harriet, the magic Harp	Melanie Bower
Gertie, the magic Goose	Nic Cheswick

Chorus of Townsfolk, Attendants, etc:-

Ruth Bower, Jean Clark, Peter Danes, Lucy Evans, Karina Farnlucher, Maggie Farnlucher, Tammy Lyne, Penny McKay, Tammie McKay, Bruce Nicole, Louise Read, Jill Turner

Junior Chorus of Beanstalk Elves, Guards, Flowers, etc:-

Christopher Danes, Gemma McCartney, Katie Sawers, Helen & Christopher Sharp, Edward & William Toll, Simon Webb

Acknowledgements

Author/Stage Director Jo Smith

Musical Director Richard Toll

Stage Manager Pru Harrold

Choreography/Co-producer Dilys Williamson

Chorus Leader/Co-producer Jill Turner

Lighting Morag Horn, Nick Webb

Lighting Assistants Tiffany McKay, Brian Jones

Scenery Peter Girvan, Ian Hudson, Stan Sharp and others

Backstage Stan Sharp, Stephen Williamson and others

Wardrobe Kay McGregor

Make-up Cherry Bowen and others

Front of House Members and friends of the Club

Cast photographs Angus McKay

Harpist Helen Sharp

Our thanks as ever to parents and others too numerous to mention.

Special word of thanks to caretaker Bob Goddard for his patience and assistance to us over many rehearsals, construction sessions and production nights.

Past Winter Productions

1953	Robinson Crusoe
1954	Ali Baba
1955	Goody Two Shoes
1956	Sleeping Beauty
1957	Pantomime (title unknown, written by Mrs. Fry)
1958	The Rose and the Ring
1959-63	<i>Records lost</i>
1964	Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe
1965	Little Red Riding Hood
1966	Pantomime (title unknown)
1967	Cinderella
1968	Charlie's Aunt
1969	Albert Laddin
1970	Toad of Toad Hall
1971	Robinson Crusoe
1972	Ring Around the Moon
1973	Sleeping Beauty
1974	Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood
1975	Aladdin
1976	Dick Whittington
1977	Jack and the Beanstalk
1978	Cinderella
1979	Ali Baba
1980	Christmas Entertainment evening
1981	Mother Goose
1982	Red Riding Hood
1983	Sleeping Beauty
1984	Sinbad the Sailor
1985	Goody Two Shoes
1986	Dick Whittington
1987	Aladdin
1988	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
1989	Puss in Boots
1990	Cinderella
1991	Robin Hood

Future Events in 1992

We always welcome new faces at our audition evenings. Please come along if you are interested in joining us in any capacity.

January 21	Read through of "An Ideal Husband" Plans for 40th anniversary
January 23	Auditions for "An Ideal Husband"
April 2/3/4	Performance of "An Ideal Husband"
May 12-17	Alton Arts Festival
June	HTC 40th anniversary
October	Autumn production

For tickets, and to be put on our Mailing List, contact Laurie Lewis on 0420 473181, or hand this in to front of house.

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