

Headley Theatre Club

HUMPTY DUMPTY

January, 1995

Welcome to the start of our 43rd season, and to our very first production of *Humpty Dumpty*.

I can't quite remember why I decided to have a go at writing this particular title - the nursery rhyme is well known, but when I came to look for the story behind it, I found there really wasn't one! I read scripts which other authors had published, and noticed that they'd each invented their own plot - so on that basis, I too went ahead and produced one of my own:-

*There's trouble brewing in Nursery Rhyme Land. The Muffet Mob are on the loose, and threatening to take over Bo Peep and Boy Blue's farm. Only the arrival of Jack and Jill from the 'outside world' can stop them - and, of course, the wisdom of old 'egg-head', **Humpty Dumpty** himself.*

Most of your favourite nursery rhyme characters are here, although they may not all turn out to be the kind of people you thought they were.

But wait - I think I hear old egg-head himself approaching! The show must be about to start

Jo Smith
Author/Director

Un petit d'un petit
S'étonne aux Halles
Un petit d'un petit
Ah! degrés te fallent
Indolent qui ne sort cesse
Indolent qui ne se mène
Qu'importe un petit d'un petit
Tout Gai de Reguennes.

From the "*d'Antin Manuscript*"

The Scenes

The Prologue

Act I	Scene	1	Outside Widow Welly's house
		2a	On Parade with the King's Men
		2b	In Miss Muffet's Parlour
		3	The Farm in Nursery Rhyme Land
		4a	In the Royal Palace
		4b	On the way to the Wall
		5	At the Wall

**** INTERVAL ****

Refreshments available

Act II	Scene	1	The Farm in Nursery Rhyme Land
		2a	By Miss Muffet's parlour
		2b	In the Royal Palace again
		3	At the Wall again
		4	Repairing Humpty
		5	Back at the Wall

The Songs

"Home Boys, Home" (*)	Chorus (verse Mel Bower)
"If you knew shoeses" (*)	Juniors
"There's a hole in my bucket"	Jack, Jill & Widow
"Goodbye-ee"	Jack, Jill, Tom & chorus
"The Grand Old Duke of York"	Chorus
"Little Miss Muffet"	Miss Muffet
"We Kick Them Out" (*)	Miss Muffet, Georgie & Willie
"How 'ya gonna to keep 'em down on the farm?"	Chorus
"There'll Never Be Another Ewe!"	Mary & Lamb
"I'm in a Nice Bit of Trouble" (*)	Widow, Jack, Jill, Tom & Mary
"The King is Having a Problem" (*)	Jack, Jill, Widow, Tom, Mary & chorus
"The Grand Old Duke of York"	Chorus
"Over There" (*)	Humpty, Jack, Jill, Tom, Mary, Widow + children & chorus

**** INTERVAL ****

"Home Lads, Home" (*)	Chorus
"Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"	Bo Peep, Boy Blue, Wolf + pigs
"Grand Old Duke of York"	Duke, Jack, Jill, Tom, Mary, Bo Peep, Boy Blue & chorus
Medley of Nursery Rhyme songs	Humpty and the children
"Humpty Dumpty Sat On a Wall"	Duke, Widow, Miss Muffet
"He's a Wolf, but we love him" (*)	Jack, Jill, Tom, Mary, Wolf, Bo Peep, Boy Blue
"Consider Yourself"	The Entire Company

(*) Special words written for these songs.

Cast List

Humpty Dumpty	Laurie Lewis
Old King Cole	Nick Webb
Queen of Hearts	Pru Harrold
Duke of York	John McGregor
Captain of the Guard	Simon Tanner
Puss, the Palace cat	Dil Williamson
Widow Welly, lives in a shoe	Patrick Pakenham-Keady
Jack, her eldest son	Hannah Dallow
Jill, her eldest daughter	Emily Twaites
Monday - 7 more of her children -	Neil Radford
Tuesday	Katie Woodger
Wednesday	Ben Torrens
Thursday	Lester Woodger
Friday	Robert Priestley
Saturday	Katie Twaites
Sunday	Simon Webb

The Bad Set:

Miss Muffet	Jo Truelove
Georgie Porgie	Dawn Wolverson
Willie Winkie	Mel Bower
The Wolf	Richard Lewis

The Good Set:

Tom, the piper's son	Karina Farnlucher
Boy Blue	Nikki Jewell
Bo Peep	Lisa Morgan
Mary	Gemma McCartney
Her Lamb	Nikki Gedsyk
Three pigs	Jenna Gedsyk, Lester Woodger, Robert Priestley

Chorus of Villagers & King's men

Gillian Charles, Georgina Dakeyne, Gemma Davies, Maggie Farnlucher, Pauline Hudson, Katy Inch, Vicky Jones, Mavis McConville, Tammie McKay, Caroline Potter, Katie Sawers, Mandy Smith, Kate Taylor, Ruth Whiteman, Helen Wingfield, Deryk Wyatt

Acknowledgements

Author/Director Jo Smith
Choreography/Co-director Dil Williamson
Musical Director Richard Toll
Artistic Designer Hester Whittle, assisted by Linda Withey
Stage Manager Stan Sharp
Set construction Doug Tanner, Nick Webb, Jamie Stickler and helpers
Lighting Julian Wilson and Crew
Cast photographs Angus McKay
Front of House & Refreshments Ruth Bower and members of the Club
Caravan for cast changing accommodation kindly loaned
by South of England Caravans Ltd, Liphook

Cast Notes

Melanie Bower - (*Wee Willie*)

After several roles in junior productions Mel played *Maid Marion* in "Robin Hood", *Michelle* in "Red Spy at Night" *Honour* in "Tom Jones", *Harriet* in "Jack and the Beanstalk", and two roles in "Pinocchio".

Hannah Dallow - (*Jack*)

This is Hannah's first appearance with HTC. She enjoys listening to The Levellers and Nirvana.

Karina Farnlucher - (*Tom*)

Karina first appeared as a *Rabbit* in "Snow White". She has been in many of our pantomimes, and plays the piano and guitar in her spare time.

Maggie Farnlucher (*Chorus 3*)

Maggie has been a regular chorus member in HTC pantomimes over recent years. This is her first 'speaking' part.

Jenna Gedsyk (*Pig*)

This is Jenna's first appearance with HTC, though she's supported from the audience before. She's not afraid of the Wolf, because her Nanna's playing Humpty!

Nikki Gedsyk (*Lamb*)

This is Nikki's first appearance with

HTC. She's normally more at home on a soccer pitch, but decided that this was warmer. Strangely enough, her Nanna's also playing Humpty!

Pru Harrold (*Queen of Hearts*)

Pru is a long-serving member of HTC, having first joined as a Junior. She has played many and varied parts since, in pantomimes, comedies and more serious plays. She played *Angela* in "The Long Noon" and *Thwackum* in "Tom Jones", and has also been involved in backstage work for many productions.

Pauline Hudson - (*Soldier 3*)

This is Pauline's first appearance with HTC.

Nikki Jewell (*Boy Blue*)

Nikki appeared in the 40s Evening, and is an avid supporter of Manchester United.

Vicky Jones (*Chorus 1*)

This is Vicky's second appearance for HTC.

Laurie Lewis (*Humpty Dumpty*)

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", *Mrs Fitzpatrick* in "Tom Jones", *Stammers* in "Jack and the Beanstalk" and *Jiminy Cricket* in last year's "Pinocchio".

Richard Lewis (*The Wolf*)

This is Richard's first appearance with HTC, though regular customers may recognise his costume, which has walked

these boards many times before. The Author/Director, in particular, can vouch for the fact that Richard is working very hard in there!

Gemma McCartney - (*Mary*)

Gemma first appeared for HTC in 1991 as *Lucy* in a junior production of "William Goes Camping". In her spare time she plays the clarinet and sings in her school and church choirs.

Mavis McConville (*Chorus 2*)
Mavis has appeared with HTC in "George" and in the 40s Evening last summer.

John McGregor (*Duke of York*)
John joined HTC in 1991, and has played Peter in "The Long Noon", *Squire Aldworthy* in "Tom Jones", and King George in "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Lisa Morgan (*Bo Peep*)
Lisa played with HTC in "Pinocchio" last year.

Patrick Pakenham-Keady
(*Widow Welly*)

Patrick walked straight into the part of the Widow on the first night he joined HTC - such is his (and our) fortune!

Robert Priestley (*Friday/Pig*)
This is Robert's first appearance with HTC. He is 9 and his interests are singing and soccer.

Neil Radford (*Monday*)
This is Neil's first appearance with HTC. He is 13 and enjoys basketball and football.

Jo Smith (*Author/Director*)
Jo joined HTC in 1978, playing Ali's stupid brother in "Ali Baba". Since then he has played many parts, particularly enjoying pantomimes. He now writes for a living, and is responsible for the script of this show. This is the second time he has directed a pantomime for HTC.

Mandy Smith - (*Soldier 2*)
This is Mandy's first appearance with HTC.

Simon Tanner (*Captain of the Guard*)
Simon has previously appeared(?) as the

back end of a pantomime cow in "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Ben Torrens (*Wednesday*)
Ben came over from Australia in January 1994. He is 9 and is interested in singing and travelling by air.

Jo Truelove - (*Miss Muffet*)
Jo joined HTC in 1981 and been in nearly every pantomime, playing the title role in "Cinderella", *Nun Better* in "Robin Hood", and in various Music Halls and other productions since then.

Emily Twaites - (*Jill*)
This is Emily's first appearance with HTC.

Katie Twaites - (*Saturday*)
Katie came to our rescue when we found ourselves one day of the week short in rehearsals. Since then, she has 'worked hard for her living.'

Nick Webb (*King Cole*)
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. He directed "Red Spy at Night" in Headley and has also directed in Alton.

Simon Webb (*Sunday*)
Simon has played several previous roles with HTC.

Dilys Williamson (*Choreography/
Co-director/Puss*)

Dil joined HTC over ten 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 (*Georgie Porgie*)

Dawn made her debut with HTC as *Susan* in "Tom Jones", then played *Bean/Pungiant* in "Jack and the Beanstalk", and the gluttenous *Lady Markby* in "An Ideal Husband". Previously she played a variety of roles including *Sir Toby Belch* and *Rev Dr Chasuble!* She sings folk songs and plays recorder and the fool.

Katie Woodger (*Tuesday*)

This is Katie's first pantomime. She likes acting and swimming.

Lester Woodger (*Thursday/Pig*)

This is Lester's first appearance with HTC. He likes acting and drawing people.

Deryk Wyatt (*Soldier 1*)

Deryk has played in several previous HTC productions.

Future Local Dramatic Events in 1995

By Headley Theatre Club:

April 21/22 - the Spring play (*read-through on Jan 26*)

May 8 (*for Headley Parish VE Day celebrations*) - a 40s Evening

Autumn - the Autumn production

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Lindford, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 0YN - (0420) 477682*

By the Barbados Players, at the Phoenix Centre, Bordon:

January 27/28 & February 3/4 - Another chance for you to see Jo Smith's *Robin Hood*.

For the National Trust Centenary celebrations 1995:

October 6/7/8 & 13/14 *A Balance of Trust*, by Jo Smith

- a community play covering a period of local history around the time the National Trust was formed in 1895 - to be performed in Haslemere Museum and other local venues.

By the Author of Humpty Dumpty ...

Pantomimes:

Ali Baba, Cinderella, Humpty Dumpty, Jack and the Beanstalk, Nutcracker, Puss in Boots, Robin Hood.

Plays:

*This Bloody Crew, A Balance of Trust (for stage);
Condemned, Jobsworth (for radio)*

Books:

All Tanked Up - the Canadians in Headley during World War II

*One Monday in November - Headley & Selborne Workhouse Riots, 1830
(Books on sale in the foyer)*

John Owen Smith, 12 Hillside Close, Headley Down GU35 8BL - (0428) 712892

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
1992	Jack and the Beanstalk
1993	Sleeping Beauty
1994	Pinnocchio