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a pantomime  
by Jo Smith

**PROGRAMME**

# Puss in Boots

a pantomime

**in which that darned cat gets his just desserts!**

*written and directed by Jo Smith & Dil Williamson*

Performed by Headley Theatre Club  
at Headley Village Hall  
13, 14 & 20, 21 January 2006

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***Welcome to Headley Theatre Club's fifty-fourth season...***

We last performed this show seventeen years ago – and Rod Sharp repeats his extraordinary rendition of *Bad Puss* this year\*.

Versions of this script have since been performed, among other places, in a Rutland school where it was translated into Spanish and on New York's 42nd Street translated into American-accessible humour (don't ask!) Here we give you the original flavour in recyclable British packaging.

You know the story by now: It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single princess in need of a good fortune, must be in want of a husband – and usually ends up with a poor widow's lazy son. The various incredible ways in which this happens form the basic plot of each pantomime. This one is no exception.

There – I hope I haven't spoiled your enjoyment by giving the end away!

\* In fact only half of you will see Rod perform. He and Mo Cooke team up as Bad Puss and Good Puss for half the performances, and Lesley Mather and Kay McGregor for the other half. We leave it to you to guess which is which.

# Cast

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Bad Puss, <i>King Tom of the Undergrowth</i> .....  | Rod Sharp/ Lesley Mather                          |
| Good Puss, <i>Queen of Queens</i> .....   | Mo Cooke/ Kay McGregor                            |
| Puss, <i>a magical cat</i> .....  | Vicky Chappell                                    |
| Widow Marzipan, <i>owner of the village mill</i> .....  | Laurie Lewis                                      |
| Charlie, <i>her son</i> .....   | Caroline Potter                                   |
| Jack, <i>a village boy</i> .....  | Ruth Beasley                                      |
| Jill, <i>a village girl</i> .....   | Ashleigh Keech                                    |
| Big Boot, <i>the Ogre</i> .....   | Matthew Powell                                    |
| Bad 1, <i>a villain in the pay of the Ogre</i> .....  | Paul Kosinski                                     |
| Set 2, <i>another villain in the pay of the Ogre</i> .....  | Daniel Radford                                    |
| King Dennis, <i>of Fantasia</i> .....   | John McGregor                                     |
| Queen Margaret, <i>of Fantasia</i> .....  | Pru Harrold                                       |
| Princess Lucinda, <i>their daughter</i> .....   | Siân Lewis  |
| Humphrey, <i>Major Domo to the King</i> .....   | Peter Glinn                                       |
| Guard.....  | Alex Budd   |
| Yokels .....  | Wendy Downs, Mavis Standing                       |
| Orcs .....  | Lee Carter, Sam Hampson, Helen Keech, David Lewis |
| <b>Senior Chorus:</b> Sarah Cain, Justine Carter, Jenna Cross, Emily Downs,<br>Wendy Downs, Heidi Farnlucher, Karina Farnlucher, Maggie Farnlucher,<br>Sammy Gedsyk, Isabelle Glinn, Amy Holloway, Rebecca Male, Chloe<br>Shrubb, Mavis Standing, Mel Tregay, Sarah Wellen, Daisy Whillians |   |
| <b>Junior Chorus:</b> Christopher Potts, Rebecca Potts, Faye Powell, Katherine<br>Wellen, Annie Whillians   |   |

# Scenes

## Act I

The Prologue – In some Dark Alley

Scene 1 – In the Village

Scene 2 – On the way to the Palace

Scene 3 – Outside the Ogre's Castle

Scene 4 – On the way to the Palace

Scene 5 – The King's Garden

Scene 6 – On the path to the Village

Scene 7 – Outside the Ogre's Castle

Scene 8 – Inside the Ogre's Castle

\*\*\*\* INTERVAL of 15 minutes or so \*\*\*\*

## Act II

The Interlogue – *Back in the Dark Alley*

Scene 1 – *In the Village again*

Scene 2 – *Back at the Palace*

Scene 3 – *By the River*

Scene 4 – *Inside the Ogre's Castle again*

Scene 5 – *Somewhere in the Palace*

Scene 6 – *In the King's Garden again*

# Songs

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| We're busy doing nothing            | Chorus                        |
| Look for the silver lining          | Widow, Jack & Jill            |
| Style                               | Puss, Bad 1 & Set 2           |
| I could be happy with you           | Charlie & Lucinda             |
| I'd like to teach the world to sing | Puss & Children               |
| There's an 'orrible feeling         | Widow, Jack & Jill            |
| King's illustrious garden           | Chorus                        |
| The King you see is altogether      | Queen & Chorus                |
| Friendship                          | Puss & Lucinda                |
| Who wants to be a millionaire?      | Puss & Charlie                |
| No! no! a thousand time no!         | Bad 1, Set 2 & Jill           |
| Teddy bears' picnic                 | Widow, Jack, Charlie & Chorus |

## \*\*\* INTERVAL \*\*\*

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| It's a most unusual day            | Chorus                              |
| Beyond the village boundary        | Widow, Jack, Charlie, Puss & Chorus |
| Putting on the Ritz                | King, Queen, Lucinda & Humphrey     |
| You were meant for me              | Charlie & Lucinda                   |
| I'm forever doing housework        | Jill                                |
| Polish up the skeletons            | Bad 1, Set 2 & Jill                 |
| I'm the King of the Swingers       | Puss & Chorus                       |
| You're the one that I want         | Widow & Humphrey                    |
| One finger, one thumb keeps moving | Widow & Humphrey                    |
| We're in the money                 | Chorus                              |
| Oh, what a beauty!                 | King, Humphrey, Bad 1, Set 2        |

# Production Team

Director ..... Jo Smith  
Co-director/Choreography ..... Dil Williamson  
Musical Director ..... Jo Levy  
Instrumentalists ..... Martin Levy (guitar), Tim Barnett (percussion)  
Junior Rehearsals ..... Sarah Cain, Alison Keech, Laurie Lewis  
Costumes .... Mo Cooke, Caroline Hardy, Laurie Lewis, Dil Williamson  
Stage Manager ..... Paul Heath  
Stage Crew ..... Peter Kosinski, Jamie Stickler, Nick Webb  
Lighting/Sound ..... Simon Coyte, Martin Wellen  
Set Construction ..... Members of the Club  
Front of House Organisation ..... Shirley Wellen  
Make-up & Coiffure ..... Lynsey Eisinger, Faye Roberts

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## Dramatic Events in 2006

**March 31/April 1** ..... Murder Mystery Evening

**May 12–21** ..... Flora's Heatherley – *on tour*:

*Fri 12th – Liphook Millennium Hall*  
*Sat 13th – Haslemere Museum*  
*Fri 19th – Thursley Village Hall*  
*Sat 20th – Headley Village Hall*  
*Sun 21st – Rural Life Centre, Tilford*

**July 7, 8** ..... Jobsworth – *radio on stage!*

**September 29, 30** ..... Pirates of Penzance

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# Cast Notes

**Ruth Beasley** (*Jack*) Getting ideas are we, Charlie?

**Vicky Chappell** (*Puss*) That's nothing – I can sing too!

**Mo Cooke** (*Good Puss*) What use is all that to a cat?

**Wendy Downs** (*Yokel*) Illegal do mean a sick bird.

**Peter Glinn** (*Humphrey*) I have some really bad news.

**Pru Harrold** (*Queen Margaret*) Gardening's not the worst thing.

**Paul Heath** (*Stage Manager*) Mind the drop zone!!

**Ashleigh Keech** (*Jill*) But it's nothing compared with your palace.

**Paul Kosinski** (*Bad 1*) Here, you can't say that!

**Jo Levy** (*Musical Director*) 'Four wheels on my piano.'

**Laurie Lewis** (*Widow Marzipan*) I must get back to my baking before my buns burn.

**Siân Lewis** (*Princess Lucinda*) I can't believe this is happening to me.

**Lesley Mather** (*Bad Puss*) You've come! I didn't think you would.

**Kay McGregor** (*Good Puss*) Have your little fun and games.

**John McGregor** (*King Dennis*) Crawling all over me cucumbers they were!

**Caroline Potter** (*Charlie*) Not exactly quite started yet!

**Matthew Powell** (*Voice of Big Boot*) What can this other chappie do that I can't?

**Daniel Radford** (*Set 2*) Us, your Pussiness? Would we?

**Rod Sharp** (*Bad Puss*) It could be quite a pleasure!

**Jo Smith** (*Author/Director*) I could write a better one myself – but sadly, I didn't!

**Mavis Standing** (*Yokel*) People opens their windows, shouts rude words and throws their boots.

**Dil Williamson** (*Co-director/Choreography*) If in doubt, put your best foot forward!

## **Past Pantomimes performed by Headley Theatre Club**

|         |                                 |      |                           |
|---------|---------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 1953    | Robinson Crusoe                 | 1981 | Mother Goose              |
| 1954    | Ali Baba                        | 1982 | Red Riding Hood           |
| 1955    | Goody Two Shoes                 | 1983 | Sleeping Beauty           |
| 1956    | Sleeping Beauty                 | 1984 | Sinbad the Sailor         |
| 1957    | Pantomime (title unknown)       | 1985 | Goody Two Shoes           |
| 1958    | The Rose and the Ring           | 1986 | Dick Whittington          |
| 1959-63 | <i>Records lost</i>             | 1987 | Aladdin                   |
| 1964    | Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe   | 1988 | Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs |
| 1965    | Little Red Riding Hood          | 1989 | Puss in Boots             |
| 1966    | Jack and the Beanstalk          | 1990 | Cinderella                |
| 1967    | Cinderella                      | 1991 | Robin Hood                |
| 1968    | Charlie's Aunt                  | 1992 | Jack and the Beanstalk    |
| 1969    | Albert Laddin                   | 1993 | Sleeping Beauty           |
| 1970    | Toad of Toad Hall               | 1994 | Pinocchio                 |
| 1971    | Robinson Crusoe                 | 1995 | Humpty Dumpty             |
| 1972    | Ring Around the Moon            | 1996 | Sinbad the Sailor         |
| 1973    | Sleeping Beauty                 | 1997 | Nutcracker                |
| 1974    | Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood  | 1998 | Dick Whittington          |
| 1975    | Aladdin                         | 1999 | Sleeping Beauty           |
| 1976    | Dick Whittington                | 2000 | Aladdin                   |
| 1977    | Jack and the Beanstalk          | 2001 | Ali Baba                  |
| 1978    | Cinderella                      | 2002 | Cinderella                |
| 1979    | Ali Baba                        | 2003 | Robin Hood                |
| 1980    | Christmas Entertainment evening | 2004 | Red Riding Hood           |
|         |                                 | 2005 | Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs |

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