

# **PROGRAMME**

# Dick Whittington

# a pantomime

written and directed by Jo Smith

Performed by Headley Theatre Club at Headley Village Hall 9, 10 & 16, 17 January 2009

## Welcome to Headley Theatre Club's fifty-seventh season...

Dick the vagabond keeps coming back to Headley every ten years or so, but this time a completely new script is being given its world première.

We take you back to the 1380s. Geoffrey Chaucer is writing his Canterbury Tales, King Richard II is on the throne, Headley church tower has just been built, and the ravages of the Black Death less than forty years ago are still a recent memory.

Are the streets of London paved with gold? Dick seems to think so. Will you dare to disillusion him? Your chance will come soon ...

## Cast

Dick Whittington, a poor boy from Gloucester Mel White
Puss, a curious and cultivated cat Dil Williamson-Smith
Alderman Fitzwarren, wealthy London merchant David Burnham
Alice Fitzwarren, his daughter Isabelle Glinn
Sally Forth, the Alderman's Cook Tina Wareham
Madame Lilywhite, owner of a local emporium Teresa Marsh
Claud Everley, Madame Lilywhite's chief buyer Nick Webb
Jasper de Mauditt, son of Alderman Emile de Mauditt Lee Carter
Captain Carwash, of the good ship 'Guzunda' John McGregor
Boatswain Jangles, of the same good ship Vicky Chappell
Roger, their cabin boy Chris Potts
Fred Chaucer, Geoffrey's less-talented brother Dan Radford
The Sultan, a monarch in Morocco
The Sultana, his currant wife
Aziz, the Sultan's Vizir
King Rat, scourge of the Sultan
Roland Rat, a raucous rat
Ronald Rat, a ridiculous rat
Roderick Rat, a rested rat Emily Downs

Senior Chorus: Emma-Kate Bentley, Abbie Cope, Wendy Downs, Karina Farnlucher, Maggie Farnlucher, Chloe Porter, Jean Teuten, Rachel Whittaker

*Junior Chorus:* Holly Chappell, Adam Clark, Emma Crane, Thomas Hiller, Zak White, Zya White, Elizabeth Wood

## **Scenes**

### Act I

The Prologue – Dick the vagabond

Scene 1 – A street in London

Scene 2 – Up an alley in London

Scene 3 – At the Docks

Scene 4 – A street in London

Scene 5 – In Alderman Fitzwarren's offices

Scene 6 – On Highgate Hill

Scene 7 – Back at the Docks

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

### Act II

Interlogue – Alderman Fitzwarren explains

Scene 1 – A port in Morocco

Scene 2 – In a Moroccan alley

Scene 3 – On the voyage home

Scene 4 – Back in Alderman Fitzwarren's office

Scene 5 – Preparing for a wedding

Scene 6 – The rats return!

Scene 7- The wedding procession through London

# Songs

Who will buy? Chorus

If they asked me, I could write a book Sally & Fred

I'm just a gal who can't say no Lilywhite & Fitzwarren

Orange coloured sky Dick & Alice

Drunken Sailor Carwash, Jangles, Roger

Let me entertain you Sally & chorus

Paddy lay back Carwash, Jangles, Roger & chorus

Paint it black Jasper Hey, look me over Chorus

You're just in love Dick & Alice

I will survive All Sweet little Alice Blue gown Dick

Sloop John B Chorus & Crew

Riding along on the crest of a wave All

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

Agadoo Chorus

As time goes by Lilywhite & Claud

What's new pussycat? Sultan, Sultana, Dick, Alice & chorus

We are sailing Carwash, Jangles, Roger & Fred

A shanty in old shanty town Dick & Alice

Something's coming Chorus

Good Timin' Fitzwarren, Dick & Alice
Dah doo ron ron The rats (Community Song)

The bells are ringing for me and my gal Chorus

We go together All

# **Production Team**

Author/Director Jo Smith

Musical Director Jo Levy

Instrumentalists Martin Levy (guitar), Paul Wareham (percussion)

Jo Smith (electric bass)

Junior Rehearsals Sarah Cain, Vicky Chappell, Mel White

Costumes Dil Williamson-Smith

Stage Manager Paul Heath

Stage Crew Pru Harrold and helpers

Lighting/Sound Martin Wellen

Set Construction Paul Heath, Pru Harrold, David Green, Paul Wareham

Publicity Tina Wareham

### **Dramatic Events in 2009**

**April 3/4 & 10/11** 'Allo 'Allo

April 25 Bard's Night

June 19–27 Candleford – *on tour*:

Fri 19th – Liphook Millennium Hall

Sat 20th - The Petersfield School studio

Sun 21st – Rural Life Centre, Tilford

Fri 26th – The Phoenix Arts Centre, Bordon

 $Sat\ 27th-Headley\ Village\ Hall$ 

October 9/10

Return to the Forbidden Planet

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# **Cast Notes**

**David Burnham** (Alderman) Where is Dick?

Sarah Cain (Roland Rat) Eeek! What's this?

**Lee Carter** (*Jasper*) Would you tar us with the same brush?

**Vicky Chappell** (Jangles) It can be rough, tough and violent!

**Emily Downs** (*Roderick Rat*) Are you sitting comfortably?

**Isabelle Glinn** (*Alice*) Do you two know each other?

**David Green** (Sultan) My reputation has spread across the seas!

**Teresa Marsh** (*Lilywhite*) Feel the quality!

**John McGregor** (*Carwash*) I come from a long line of sea dogs.

**Kay McGregor** (Sultana) Do we have a choice of colour for these pussies?

**Chris Potts** (*Roger*) Let's just get on with it, shall we?

**Dan Radford** (*Fred*) Oh, you know how to wound!

**Rod Sharp** (*King Rat*) I'm in charge here.

**Mavis Standing** (*Aziz*) We have an answer to your on-going RIP.

**Tina Wareham** (Sally) Do you know the meaning of the word 'betrayed'?

**Nick Webb** (*Claud*) Madam knows that I will do my best.

**Katherine Wellen** (*Ronald Rat*) Eeek! It's a monster!

**Mel White** (*Dick*) It's only a cat.

**Dil Williamson-Smith** (*Puss/wardrobe*) Purrfect part – no lines to learn!

### 'Allo 'Allo

Read-through in the Scout Hut at 8pm Wed 21st January
Auditions in the Village Hall at 8pm Thurs 22nd January
Come along to these if you are interested in being involved in this exciting
production – or contact Nick Webb on 07808 329252.

Production dates are 3rd/4th & 10th/11th April

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

1953	Robinson Crusoe	1983	Sleeping Beauty
1954	Ali Baba	1984	Sinbad the Sailor
1955	Goody Two Shoes	1985	Goody Two Shoes
1956	Sleeping Beauty	1986	Dick Whittington
1957	Pantomime (title unknown)	1987	Aladdin
1958	The Rose and the Ring	1988	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
1959-63 Records lost		1989	Puss in Boots
1964	Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe	1990	Cinderella
1965	Little Red Riding Hood	1991	Robin Hood
1966	Jack and the Beanstalk	1992	Jack and the Beanstalk
1967	Cinderella	1993	Sleeping Beauty
1968	Charlie's Aunt	1994	Pinocchio
1969	Albert Laddin	1995	Humpty Dumpty
1970	Toad of Toad Hall	1996	Sinbad the Sailor
1971	Robinson Crusoe	1997	Nutcracker
1972	Ring Around the Moon	1998	Dick Whittington
1973	Sleeping Beauty	1999	Sleeping Beauty
1974	Robin Hood & Babes in the Wood	2000	Aladdin
1975	Aladdin	2001	Ali Baba
1976	Dick Whittington	2002	Cinderella
1977	Jack and the Beanstalk	2003	Robin Hood
1978	Cinderella	2004	Red Riding Hood
1979	Ali Baba	2005	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
1980	Christmas Entertainment evening	2006	Puss in Boots
	Mother Goose	2007	Jack & the Beanstalk

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2008 Sleeping Beauty

1982 Red Riding Hood

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