

Silly Milly

Silly Milly goes to the pantomime **by Grandad**

Soon after Christmas as the family was having breakfast, the postman arrived with a letter in a white envelope. Silly Milly dashed to the door and picked it up and looked at it as she returned to the table. "It's for you Mummy," she said as she handed her the envelope.



Milly's mum opened the envelope and said "It's the panto tickets!" and took out a pink coloured ticket.

Milly looked at the ticket and read out what it said...

"What's a pantomime mummy?" Silly Milly asked (because she had never been to one before).

"Well it's a sort of a play but it's different because the audience get involved by booing at the bad people and warning the good people if they see the baddies coming"

"And who was Dick Twittington?" asked Milly.

Gurneytown Theatre Company
Presents
Dick Whittington
At The Theatre Royal, Gurneytown
Saturday January 13th 2018 2pm
Tickets £20 Adults - £10 Children
Seat Numbers Circle Row A Seats 1-4

"No dear - its Dick Whittington and he was a mayor of London a long time ago," explained her mum.

"So on Saturday we will go and have lunch out and then go to the pantomime.

Milly and Daft Dennis were excited about the trip and on Saturday



morning they got up early, had a shower and then got dressed ready for the day. Milly put on her stripey T shirt and her ripped jeans and Daft Dennis put on his check shirt and tried to brush his curly hair but no matter how hard he tried it never

looked tidy.

Because Dennis live up to his name of Daft Dennis he thought it would look good if he stuck a lolly stick up each nostril.

"Dennis you stupid child!" shouted his Dad, "take those out immediately and throw them away!"



By the time he took them out one was showing signs of blood and the other one was greener than when he put it in!

After washing his face, Dennis' nose bleed stopped and they were almost ready to go out.

They put their coats on because it was really quite chilly outside and they set off for town, catching the 248 bus from the stop near their house.



The bus was going to Cranham but it went through Gurneytown on the way so about 20 minutes later they all got off and went to the Lounge Café and Restaurant where Milly's Mum and Dad had reserved a table.

They went in and found their table and looked at the menu. Milly chose spag bol and Dennis chose Scampi whilst Mum had eggs and chips and Dad had sprout pie!



Milly's dad LOVED sprouts and had them whenever he could, especially at Christmas.



Unfortunately sprouts also made him produce the world's smelliest trumps (even worse than Ben's except on a bad trump day for Ben when they were truly dreadful!)

They all enjoyed the meal and when they had all had dessert (apple crumble and ice cream for Mum, Milly and Dennis – but Dad asked for an extra helping of sprout pie instead!) they left the restaurant and walked to the theatre.

There were loads of people outside and inside was even worse



but Milly and Dennis kept hold of their parents' hands and a few minutes later they found their seats on the front row upstairs. Just as they sat down Milly saw that some people had popcorn and fizzy drinks and she whispered to Dennis

about what she had seen.

Two minutes later, Milly and Dennis had promised to be good **FOR EVER** if they could have a tub of popcorn each and a lemonade. Milly's dad knew that they would just moan and moan if they didn't get what they wanted, **so**..... to keep the peace he got up and went down to the entrance and queued up for the treats. He decided that he and mum would have a treat too so he bought a big bag of yellow M&Ms and slowly went back upstairs, trying not to spill the lemonade or drop the giant tubs of popcorn.

As they were sitting on the front row of the balcony they put their treats on the shelf in front of them after peeping over the balcony at the audience down stairs.



Mum told Milly and Dennis "You both need to be very careful not to drop anything over the edge onto the people below !"

"OK Mum," Milly and Daft Dennis said. "We will be very careful"

Soon, the pantomime started and Milly and Dennis were really enjoying it as they watched and occasionally reached for popcorn or a sip of lemonade..



Milly loved all the costumes and sat on the edge of her seat with excitement. Dick was obviously a girl and soon the baddy appeared on stage and everybody booed and hissed! The

baddy was a lady but was actually a man in a dress and he wore big glasses and carried a bunch of daffodils which had a secret water squirter in them. The baddy was called Queen Rat and she had a face like a donkey's backside thought Milly

But every time he tried to squirt Dick or his cat, the audience shouted things like "**WATCH OUT she's behind you!**" or "**She's there!**"

Suddenly the baddy disappeared and the other people including Dick and his cat were safe. Then – **horror of horrors** – the baddy Queen Rat was behind Milly and her family at the back of the balcony and squirting people as they watched the pantomime!

Just as Dennis was reaching for his lemonade and Milly was getting some more popcorn, Queen Rat sent a big squirt of water towards Milly and Dennis. As the water hit them on the back of the back of the neck, they were so surprised that they both spun round. Almost in slow motion, Dennis knocked his half full paper

cup of lemonade over the edge of the balcony just as Milly knocked her almost full giant popcorn tub over the edge....

Down below, the reverend Anthony Doogood ,the local vicar, and his wife were enjoying the panto with their two children who were always “**super well behaved**” and polite. Suddely the vicar, his wife and their two girls – Cressida and Gemima found themselves in a snow storm of salted popcorn as it fell from above. One second later half a cup of lemonade splattered over their heads and the vicar jumped up and shouted some strong words to whoever had done this terrible deed!

Back up in the balcony, Milly’s dad had only seen the water hit Milly and Dennis and he had not seen the popcorn and drink go over the edge!

So..... he started to laugh and laugh..... and laughed so much that he was doubled up with laughter! He flung his arms about as he laughed and accidentally sent the almost full packet of yellow M&Ms flying. They came out of the packet and one by one, rolled over the edge of the balcony.

Down below.... Just as the popcorn stopped landing on him, Rev Doogood felt the first of 32 yellow M&Ms bounce off his bald but slightly wet head. Others bounced off his wife’s posh hat and hit Cressida and Gemima on their heads! They started to scream and the whole pantomime performance stopped as the commotion carried on....

The manager arrived from downstairs just as Milly’s Dad laughed so hard that the sprout pie (two helpings to be precise) caused him to do what was a particularly smelly trump which everybody up there in the balcony could hear. Two seconds later everyone grabbed hankies or scarves and covered their noses in the hope of avoing the smell.

It didn’t work and the manager decided that the whole family, Milly’s Dad and Mum, Milly and Dennis needed to leave the theatre before they caused any more trouble!

Milly's Mum was really upset – mainly with her husband who had caused them to get thrown out of the theatre but she also blamed Milly and Dennis for not taking care with their treats.

As they made their way back to the bus stop, Milly noticed that



they were passing a joke shop and in the window was a daffodil which also squited water!

“Mummy... Can I buy that daffodil please?” asked Milly but as you can probably guess her Mum said “**NO**” very quickly.

Finally, Mum said “and there will be a **total ban** on sprout pie **forever** in this house!” Milly's dad agreed just as another sprout trump happened as they opened their front door”

“DAD. That's horrible!” said Milly and Dennis as they followed him into the house.

“**Watch out Mummy – he's in front of you!**”

They all laughed – except Milly's Dad who was now eading for the bathroom with loud noises coming from his trousers!



Meanwhile Cressida and Gemima had discovered a little known fact about popcorn and lemonade. The fact was that when mixed together popcorn and lemonade become **very very sticky** and their heads were now completely covered in popcorn and lemonade.



Cressida



Gemima

The Rev Doogood also found that when M&M's land on lemonade covered heads, they leave the colour on the skin for over a week!

His wife tried to remove the spots with a pan scourer but it made no difference apart from making him scream with pain!



Rev Doogood

The following Sunday the Rev Doogood seemed to have funny coloured spots on his head and nose when he took the church services! The people in church thought that he must be becoming ill or something..... but didn't like to ask!