

# *Ali Baba And the Forty Thieves*

*Written By  
Norman Robbins*



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## *A Warm Welcome From Our Chairman*

*What is a Pantomime? A dictionary definition is 'a dramatic performance with comedy and dancing, usually based on a fairy tale.' The reality-an annual feast of time-honoured catchphrases, audience participation and characters in lurid costumes. This year promises all these in abundance.*

*The Parish Players were formed in 1991 in a year when such music classics as 'Do the Bartman' by the Simpsons and 'Any Dream Will Do' from Jason Donovan reached number 1 in the Singles Chart. Arsenal were League Champions and notable film releases were 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves' with the accompanying theme song 'Everything I do, I do it for you' being at number 1 week after week after week! Our first production was Cinderella in 1992. The faces change albeit some of the original cast, crew and committee are still with us, but the underlying theme Bringing Pantomime to Probus remains the same.*

*This year it has been my huge privilege to be Chairman of the group and to present this our 14<sup>th</sup> production 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' to you. Tonight you will watch, laugh, sing, cheer, boo and hiss at the final result of many months of work from the Committee, Cast and Crew. Along the way there have been tears, tantrums, laughs, spills and sleepless nights learning lines but I feel most of all a huge sense of fun and achievement in what has been produced.*

*Every member of this Cast and Crew (back stage, front of house-the list is endless) has given up a massive amount of their free time to get to where we are tonight and to you all, a huge **thank you**. To the Mums and Dads who week after week have brought their sons or daughters to rehearsals, thank you. To the Advertisers in this programme, the sponsors of the Cast and Crew, thank you. Without you, financially we would be stuck.*

*Finally, to you, for coming 'Everything we do, we do it for you'! Enjoy!*

**Nick Aldworth**

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The three wise men



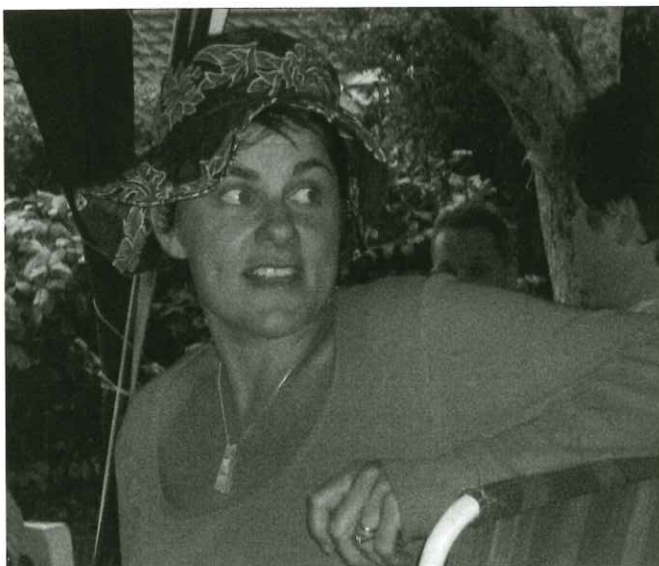
We don't care how much it rains



Are you sure that's cooked?



I am not sure which one I like most!



Do you think the hat suits me?



Yes madam it's well done!

# Babes In The Wood

PANTO

2005



**WORD LIST**

- WHALE
- SHARK
- TUNA
- CRAB
- SHRIMP
- CLAM
- STARFISH
- EEL
- JELLYFISH
- FISH

## The Reef OF LOST WORDS

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Z	O	W	H	A	L	E	U	B	I	A	C	M	A	Z	M	Z
J	T	S	N	R	G	I	I	T	S	T	A	R	F	I	S	H
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Find all of the hidden words

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*Andrew Kennedy*  
(Tinbad)



*Jan Tofts*  
(Cascara)



*Alice Helliwell*  
(Haroun)



*Sophie Baker*  
(Marsaina)



*Jill Oakley*  
*Ali Baba*



*Devon Alworth*  
*Al Raschid*

# SYNOPSIS

## ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES

*Ali Baba, a poor, righteous man, unsuccessfully combats the evil Al Raschid and his Forty Thieves. He is helped by the lovelorn Dame, Cascara, Tinbad, a tailor so clever he can sew together a dismembered body and the beautiful slave-girl Masaina. Fate intervenes in the shape of Morgana and her spiteful sister Avarice. Hanki Panki and Jiggeri Pokeri provide plenty of laughs along the way with Al Raschid giving plenty of opportunities to be booed.*

*Plenty of slapstick comedy and funky music to have you rocking and rolling in the aisles and all the way home (to Amarillo?)*

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### Act One

Scene 1	The Great Market-Place in Cairo
Scene 2	Oasis of the Seven Palms
Scene 3	Outside the Magic Cave
Scene 4	A Quiet Street
Scene 5	Outside Ali Baba's House

### Act Two

Scene 1	The Great Market-Place in Cairo
Scene 2	Street of Lesser Merchants
Scene 3	The Great Market-Place in Cairo
Scene 4	A Quiet Street
Scene 5	The Banqueting Hall of Ali's New House
Scene 6	A Corridor
Scene 7	The Banqueting Hall



# PROBUS PARISH PLAYERS PRESENTS



## Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

By Norman Robbins

### The Cast

#### The Players

Tinbad	A Poor Tailor	Andrew Kennedy
Cascara	Ali Baba's Housekeeper	Jan Tofts
Ali Baba	A Poor Woodcutter	Jill Oakley
Haroun	His Son	Alice Helliwell
Marsaina	A Slave-Girl	Sophie Baker
Morgana	Mistress of Fates	Val Wilcox
Avarice	An Evil Afrit	Julie Kennedy
Kassim Baba	Ali's Rich Brother	Alan Nicholls
Rhum Baba	Kassim's Snooty Wife	Jenny Townsend
Hanki Panki	A Failed Thief	Ben Baker
Jiggeri Pokeri	His Companion	Luke Bradford
Al Raschid	Leader of the 40 Thieves	Devon Aldworth
Achmed	One of His Men	Alan Nicholls

#### Lead Dancers

Camilla The Camel  
Madame Hiss The Snake

Jess Hambly & Jeni Bradford  
Rachel Baker & Angie Nicholls  
Kara Aldworth

#### Senior Chorus

Angie Nicholls, Rachel Baker, Nicki Bradford, Teresa Allen, Megan Russell, Kathryn Bishop.

#### Junior Chorus And Babes

Kara Aldworth, Lucy Atyeo, Michelle Way, Poppy Hambly, Amy Bickerton, Laura Blaney, Gemma Wherry, Yasmine Bhogall, Kayleigh Bishop, Lynsey Bishop, Sophie Rice, Talia Ann Mason.

### Musical Numbers

#### ACT ONE

Spirit in the Sky  
A Kind of Magic  
'Old Spice'  
Follow da Leader  
Lets Go Fly a Kite  
Money, Money, Money

Senior and Junior Chorus  
Morgana, Avarice and Senior Chorus  
Dance  
Al Raschid and Thieves  
Tinbad and Junior Chorus  
Ali Baba and Cast

#### ACT TWO

Fever  
I'm a Believer  
I'm Too Sexy  
Community Song

Tinbad, Cascara and Senior Chorus  
Haroun, Marsaina and Senior Chorus  
Tinbad and Senior Chorus  
Tinbad, Hanki Panki and Jiggeri Pokeri

### Finale

Full Company



*Alan Nicholls  
(Kasism Baba)  
(Achmed)*



*Jenny Townsend  
(Rhum Baba)*



*Julie Kennedy  
(Avarice)*



*Val Wilcox  
(Morgana)*



*Ben Baker  
(Hanki Panki)*



*Luke Bradford  
(Jiggeri Pokeri)*

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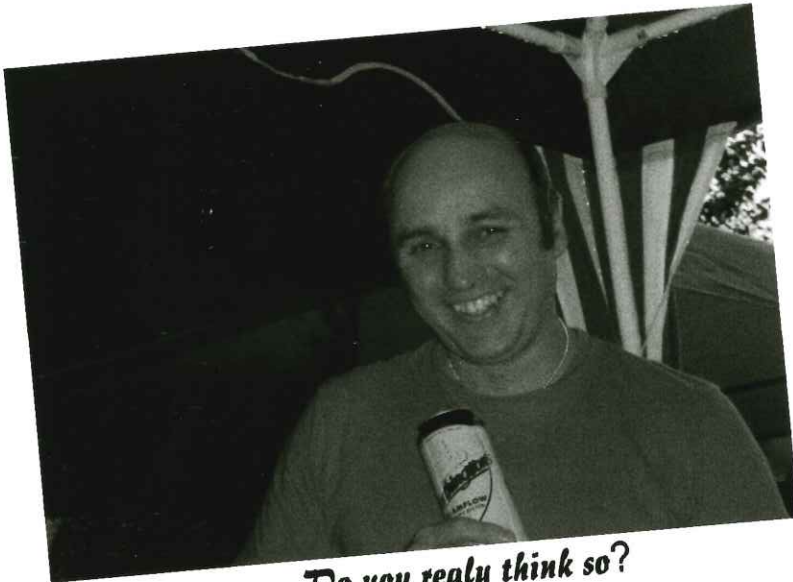
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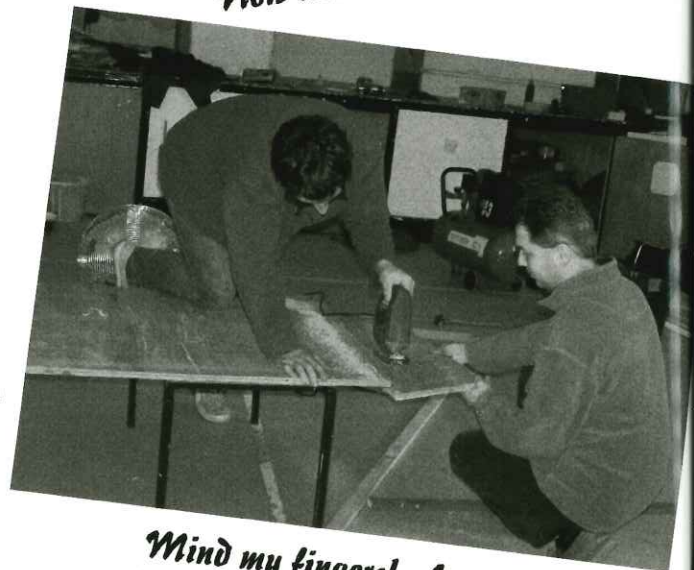
*Were Good we are!!*



*Now watch me dance with a chair*



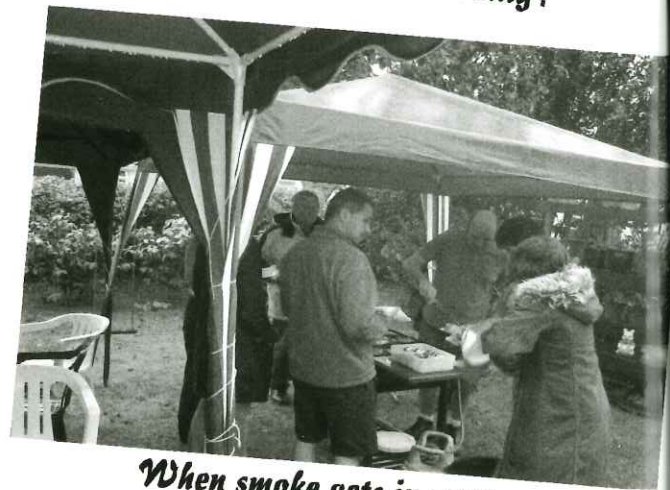
*Do you really think so?*



*Mind my fingers! Are you sure you know what you are doing?*



*Who said it would not rain?*

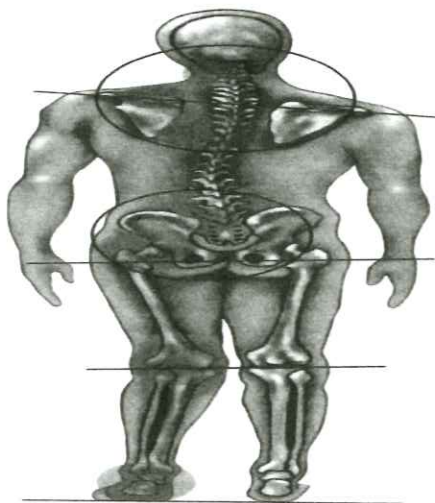


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*I wonder how many baked beans there are in a tin?*



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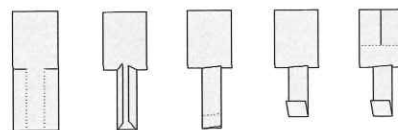
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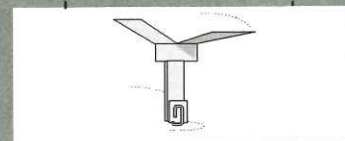
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Fold



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I have forgotten to mention  
In this programme!*

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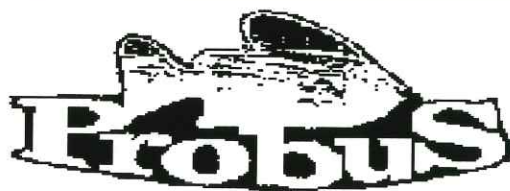
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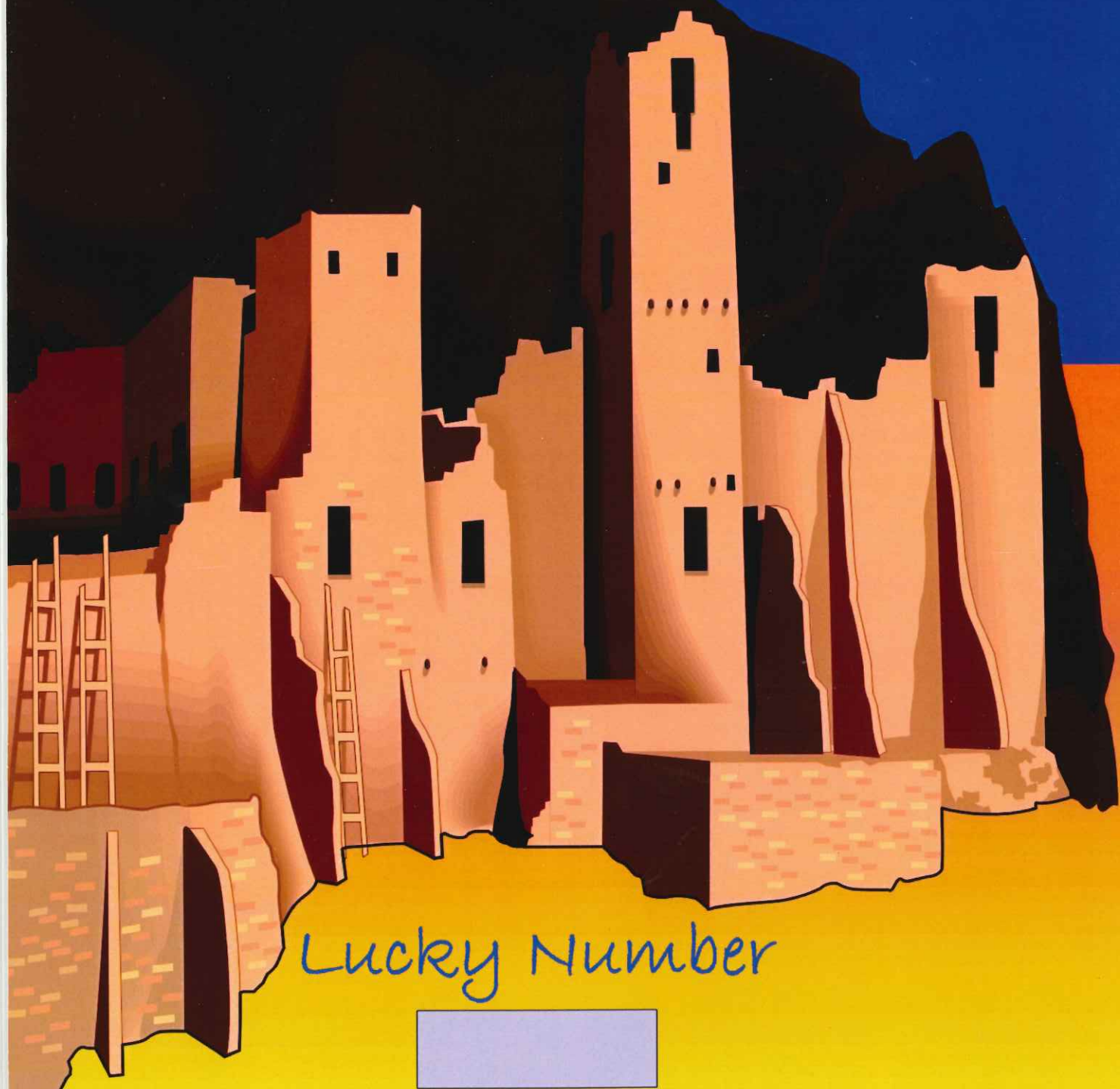
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