

## BUTTONS

**Buttons** Hello everybody.....Crikey, is there anybody out there, I said hello everybody (**louder and with arm waving etc. to get them to join in – can repeat once more if necessary!**)

That's better. My name is Buttons and I would like to welcome you to the lovely village of Whatfitzwilliamfitzharold, twinned with the towns of Ackton about, and Knottin here out there. I haven't always been here though. I did once go to London and not knowing where I was, I asked a man the way to Selfridges and he said "Try Ebay mate"! Before that I had a stall on the market selling glove puppets you know (**mimes with his hands**) I had them all, Sooty, Sweep, Sue but I couldn't sell any. I told a mate and he said he would give me £20.00 to take them off my hand! (**band noise**). Come on keep up! I now work for the Baron Hardup, but my main job here is to keep you up to date with what's happening in this story as well as to love forever the beautiful Cinderella.

That's her over there, isn't she lovely....I SAID ISNT SHE LOVELY! but don't tell her I love her because she doesn't love me (**milks aah's from audience**), she dreams of marrying the Prince. (**All onstage start to move again**)

**Villager 1** Hey up Buttons, still gaga over Cinderella

**Buttons** We're just good friends!

**Villager 2** Bet you wish she was your girlfriend though

**Buttons** Weeeelllll !

**Villager 3** Cinders, Cinders

**Buttons** Stop it!

**Villager 4** Oh Cinders my lurve

**Buttons** Will you pack it in

**Village 5** Why don't you just ask her and get it over with

**Buttons** Because I daren't, and anyway, she doesn't want me (**try to get more aah's from audience**) she dreams of marrying her Prince

**Lights dim and spotlight on Buttons**

**SONG I'm Not Saying A Word**

**Lights back up**

**Buttons** Never mind for now here she comes to speak to me and make my day

**Cinderella** Hello Buttons

**Buttons** Hello my wife to be

**Cinderella** What did you say?

**Buttons** I said, my is that a bee (**goes to swat imaginary object**)

**Cinderella** Isn't it a lovely day

**Buttons** Every day is when you're in it

**Cinderella** What

**Buttons** I said it might rain in a minute (**mimes hand out feeling for rain**)

**Cinderella** I'm just doing the shopping for my father, the Baron, and my stepmother and stepsisters, then I have to return home to clean all the rooms in the Hall, make the fires and do the ironing.....and then after lunch !

**Buttons** Crikey Cinders, they do keep you busy, you could almost be a husband! gives a wink (**turns to audience – mixture of hands out/what to ladies and right fellas to men**)

**Cinderella** Anyway, must press on, can't stand chatting all day

**Buttons** I could talk to you all day

**Cinderella** Pardon

**Buttons** I said you need to walk that way – points to side

**Cinderella** (**Looking quizzically**) Okay, I know the way, see you later

Buttons turns to talk to villagers and as Cinderella exits she collides with Prince Charming and his friend Dandini who enter in disguise

**Cinderella** Oh, sorry (**flustered and runs off**)

**Prince** WOW! Who was that beautiful girl

**Dandini** Just one of the villagers your highness. You need to be careful no one finds out who you are. Are you sure this was a good idea

**Prince** I just wanted to try and get to know my people better before I marry, and I thought mixing with them without them knowing who I am might help

**Enter Tik and Tok acting silly and they push Prince and Dandini**

**out of the way thinking they are villagers. Dandini goes to react but Prince pulls him back. /Prince and Dandini exit**

**As they come onto stage Renegade music starts up and they do the dance**

**Tik** This is our favourite dance isn't it