

CHARACTER LIST

THE LONDON FAMILIES – THE DAWSONS (with cockney accents):

- MRS DAWSON** A tough, but protective Mum of Duggie, Josie, Rosie and Lizzie; a feisty woman! She has a medium speaking part.
- DUGGIE** Mrs Dawson's oldest child is bright and cheeky and has a large speaking part. Good acting ability essential and he has some solo and small-group singing.
- JOSIE & ROSIE** Mrs Dawson's twins, Josie and Rosie, are sensible and reliable. They have large speaking parts and some solo and small-group singing.
- LIZZIE** Mrs Dawson's youngest child, Lizzie, has a large speaking part and is very weepy! She has some solo and small-group singing.
- AUNTIE PEG** Peg Dawson is Mrs Dawson's sister-in-law. She is a fussy Mum and has a medium speaking part.
- BILLY** Auntie Peg's precious only child and Duggie's willing sidekick. He has a large speaking part and some solo and small-group singing.

OTHER LONDONERS (with cockney accents):

- MISS ALBRIGHT** A weary teacher with a large speaking part.
- MUMS** Have as many as you like. Five have small speaking parts and solos.
- VILLAGE EVACUEES** Have as many as you like. Six have small speaking parts and solos.

TRAITORS' QUAY FAMILY – THE EGGIN-DRAKES (with posh accents):

- EGGIN-DRAKE** A bumbling aristocrat from the War Office with a medium speaking part.
- ETTA** Eggin-Drake's arrogant wife who rules the roost; medium speaking part.
- HENNIE & DUCCIE** The Eggin-Drakes' teenage daughters Hennie and Duccie (pronounced Duckie) are obsessed with horses. They have medium speaking parts.

EMPLOYEES:

- MRS LOVHAM** The housekeeper has a medium speaking part and a short duet in Song 4.
- PC LOVHAM** The village policeman is married to the housekeeper and has a medium speaking part. They have a short duet in Song 4.
- MR MULCH** The gardener and over-zealous Chief Air Raid Warden with a large speaking part.
- PARKER** The newly employed gamekeeper is very surly with a large speaking part.
- HM GROGG** The retired sea captain is now the Harbour Master at Traitors' Quay. A jovial character with a large speaking part.
- 5 LAND GIRLS** Lily, Daisy, Poppy, Ivy and May work on the farm and have medium speaking parts. They are chirpy and optimistic and dance the jitterbug in Song 2.

OTHER VILLAGERS:

CAPTAIN KITCHENER He has a medium speaking part as leader of the Home Guard.

WHEELER & DEALER Sergeant Wheeler and Corporal Dealer are shady characters from the Home Guard with medium speaking parts.

JOLLY & JAPE Privates Jolly and Jape are part of the Home Guard and find it all a bit of a joke. They have medium speaking parts.

4 AIR RAID WARDENS Small speaking parts. They come running when Mr Mulch blows his whistle.

OTHER CHARACTERS:

WINSTON CHURCHILL Churchill comes on at the beginning of most scenes to read an extract from his famous speeches. He has a large speaking part, but the speeches could be read.

COSTUMES

Evacuees: boys: shorts and tank tops/jumpers. Girls: dresses/skirts and cardigans.

Mums: dresses/skirts and shirts, cardigans, aprons, head scarves.

Miss Albright: she should be dressed similarly to the Mums, but slightly smarter and without a head scarf and apron.

The Honourable Eggin-Drake: either a suit or a blazer/tweed jacket and smart dark trousers.

Mrs Eggin-Drake: a smart dress.

Hennie and Duccie: riding gear, including riding crops.

Mrs Lovham: dress/skirt and shirt with a flowery wrap-around overall.

PC Lovham: policeman's uniform and helmet.

Mr Mulch: same as the air-raid wardens below, but with the addition of a whistle on a lanyard.

Parker: plus fours – or something similar – tweed jacket, cap, boots and a 'rifle'.

HM Grogg: navy jumper, trousers, neckerchief and peaked cap. He should carry a telescope.

Air-raid wardens: jackets and trousers with 'ARP' armbands and 'ARP' painted on tin hats. They should also wear something to depict their day jobs, e.g. butcher's striped apron or bus driver's uniform etc.

Home Guard: khaki jumpers or jackets (to create the look of an assortment of old army uniforms) with 'HOME GUARD' armbands, assorted army hats and broomsticks for rifles. Dealer's jacket needs to look as if it's stuffed with black-market goods.

Land girls: t-shirts and dungarees, socks and soft shoes for dancing, or they could wear wellies and take them off so that they dance in bare feet.

Winston Churchill: a large dark suit, a bow tie and a Churchill-style hat would be great.