

The Ideal Gnome Expedition

Cast

Mr Fisher	<i>Shirley Burgess</i>
Mr Wheeler	<i>Shirley Broadbent</i>
Baby Duck	<i>Lauren Wormald</i>
Chips	<i>Michael Northfield</i>
Securidog	<i>Gordon Wilson</i>
Whacker	<i>Pam Wilson</i>
Mrs Big One	<i>Kathryn Heneachon</i>
Mr Big One	<i>Gordon Wilson</i>
Miss Big One	<i>Briony Wilson</i>
Policemen	<i>Martyn Drake, Richard Francis</i>
Musical Director	<i>Margaret Corlett</i>

Directed by Betty Triggs

After rescuing a toy duck from the dustbin in their backyard, Mr Fisher and Mr Wheeler, two temporarily nomadic garden gnomes, decide to venture over the garden wall into the big wide world. Their object is to find a holiday island, just like the 'Big Ones', but being unused to the hazards of the concrete jungle of the town they almost don't make it. Until they meet Chips, that is.

One of the first things Chips has to do is show his new friends how to cross the road and you might like to help them by joining in with this song:

Use your eyes and ears, before you use your feet
Look and listen, before you cross the street
Double check and when you're satisfied
Walk don't run to the other side

Chips is a very cool cat and with his help the gnomes and Baby Duck survive several urban adventures before reaching their island in the sun. Although it is not quite as they expected, they all agree that it is the best holiday they have ever had.

by **David Wood**

Backstage

Choreographer *Jean Blundell*
Stage Manager *Martyn Drake*
Assistant Stage Manager *Richard Francis*
Properties *Doreen Parker*
Lighting *Laurie Ball*
Sound Effects *Jim Marshall*
Prompt *Joyce King*
Costumes *Margaret Rhodes and wardrobe team*
Set Construction *Richard Francis and team*
Front of House Manager *Chris Ward*
Box Office *Margaret Rhodes and Chris Wilson*

SCENES

ACT 1 Scene 1 The Back Yard
 Scene 2 The Alley
 Scene 3 The Adventure Playground

Interval of fifteen minutes

ACT 1 Scene 1 The Street
 Scene 2 The Island
 Scene 3 The Back Yard

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By James Goldman

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