

STORY SYNOPSIS

Four children, the 'Holiday Kids', and their parents arrive at Bunter's Holiday Centre for their summer holiday. There they meet Uncle Steve, the egotistical Chief Entertainments Officer and his rather less-than-enthusiastic sidekick, Auntie Becky, who run the children's entertainments at the 'Whoopee Club'.

The children have rivals in a group of other holiday making children, the 'Bored Kids'. One of their group, Gadget, would much rather be playing with his mobile phone, camera or tablet computer any day than join in with Whoopee Club activities!

Along the way, the 'Holiday Kids' meet several of the centre's other staff: Julie Jodhpurs, the camel ride lady (in charge of Jasper and Jessie, the world famous rescue camels); Toni Gelati, the ice cream man; Lotta Brawn, the fitness instructor; old Mr Strange, the Punch and Judy Man. The children soon discover that the latter three of these all hold grudges against poor Julie and her camels!

The children have fun participating in the different activities at the centre including Keep Fit, 'Bunter's Bright Star Talent Show' (which is rather unfairly won by the star-struck Uncle Steve!), and the 'Ibiza Dance Night'.

On the morning of the eagerly anticipated 'Bunter's Camel Derby' there is great panic when it is discovered that the world famous Jasper and Jessie are missing. Not wishing to reveal this to the attending press, Mr Bunter calls a staff meeting where his staff accuse each other of the abduction of the camels. Uncle Steve is left in charge of entertaining the TV reporters and newspaper people, much to his obvious delight.

Meanwhile, the 'Holiday Kids' are sure that they can find the camels, and go to investigate the camels' stable. Whilst there, the 'Bored Kids' turn up looking for Gadget's camera, which incredibly yields picture evidence that the culprit is... Uncle Steve! He simply wanted the limelight all to himself!

The camels are returned in time for the Derby, and all have a good time watching the raucous camel race between one of the 'Holiday Kids' and one of the 'Bored Kids', who now all turn out to be good friends!

The show ends with a song which reflects the sentiments both of the children in the story who have made new friends at the centre, but which also contains lyrics intended to sum up the feelings of final year pupils who may be leaving their old friends for 'pastures new'.

CHARACTERS/COSTUME IDEAS

'Holiday Kids' - Sean and Kit O'Hara, Sonny and Jas Shah (main acting parts and group singing/dancing parts) – all 'kids' and family members dress as 'holiday makers'

Mr (Bob) O'Hara - father of Sean and Kit (small acting/singing part)

Mr (Dave) and Mrs (Karina) Shah - parents of Sonny & Jas (small acting/singing parts) – Mrs Shah needs a glamorous evening dress as well as holiday outfit and sunglasses

'Bored Kids': Jake, Gadget (Jones), Trina & Tash (main acting/group singing parts)

Auntie Becky & Uncle Steve – holiday centre entertainers - 'red coat' blazers or similar (Steve Ferrari – largest acting/ main solo singing/dancing part; Becky - smaller but important acting/dancing/group singing part)

Julie Jodhpurs – camel ride owner (acting/group singing/dancing part) – riding gear

2 Camels, Jasper & Jessie – 2 people in each costume, dance and 'act!' (non-speaking) – costumes may be hired or home made (more fun!) – with 'leading reins'

Mr Strange - Punch and Judy Man, black outfit, black hat (solo singing/acting part)

Toni Gelati – ice cream man (solo singing/acting part) – white pinafore, moustache

Lotta Brawn – fitness instructor, bright lycra if possible, must wear trainers (dancing/acting part)

Mr Wallis – security officer (small acting part), padded boiler suit or 'bouncer's' outfit

Mr Bunter – portly 'suited' proprietor of Holiday Centre (solo 'rapping'/acting part)

DJ Donna (dancing/acting part) – clubbing gear (leave to children to decide!)

Other staff: Jo Sinker – boating lake attendant, Johnny Lightfinger – amusement arcade man, tattoos - washable! (small acting parts/small singing parts as part of group)

TV Reporter (speaking part) – smart suit

TV Camera Person who films reporter! (non-speaking) - T-shirt with 'BBC' logo, jeans – also variety of other TV reporters, photographers etc.

Holiday Makers, 'adults' & 'children', any number of each – dancers/backing singers (sunglasses, shorts, T-shirts, sandals, swimsuits, sarongs etc.) – some can also double as waiters and chamber maids, Scene 9. 2 'children' have short lines, Scene 4.

Ice Cream Dancers/backing singers – any number – dressed as ice creams! (padded costumes ie. 'mint-choc-chip' could be green with brown 'chocolate pieces', 'tutti frutti' could be pink with coloured fruity pieces stuck on etc! Be creative!)

Punch & Judy Dancers/Backing Singers – any number, dressed as Punch, Judy, Baby, Policeman, Crocodile, Sausages (!), Hang Man etc.

'A Holiday... And A Half!'

A summer musical for Key Stage 2
by Fran Carpenter

SCENE 1 – Around the Holiday Centre Pool (Sunbathing/Outdoor Scenery)

Holidaymakers, with suitcases, sunglasses, beach balls etc., enter stage in a random manner during the song introduction, positioning themselves ready for the song and dance routine by the beginning of the first verse.

Song: Holiday!

8 x 4/4 bars intro

All: **Holiday... Holiday...**

4 bars music

**When the sun is high
In an azure sky,
There's a happy feeling in the air,
All the work is done,
Now let's have some fun!
See those smiling faces everywhere!**

**It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
With so many things to do!
It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
Bet you wish that you could be here too!**

4 bars music

**If the rain comes down,
You won't see us frown,
'Cause we've waited for this all the year.
We can laze about,
We can dance and shout -
Make the most of the time we're here!**

**It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
With so many things to do!
It's a holiday!**

**It's a holiday!
Bet you wish that you could be here too!**

**It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
With so many things to do!
It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
Bet you wish that you could be here too!**

4 bars music

Part 1: **Holiday... Hey...**
Part 2: **Holiday... everyone loves a holiday...**
(repeat)

8 bars music

All: **It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
With so many things to do!
It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
Bet you wish that you could be here too!**

**It's a holiday!
It's a holiday!
With so many things to do!
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Bet you wish that you could be here too!**

Most of the holidaymakers disperse after the song. A 'deck chair attendant' sets out a sun bed (or small deck chair) stage LT as song finishes, and two more towards back of stage.

Mr O'Hara, Sean & Kit are left on stage LT, with a few other holidaymakers sunbathing etc at back of stage.

Mr O'Hara: Right... *(laying his towel on the sun bed)* ...this is my spot. Every man for themselves, as they say! Ah... it's great to be back at Bunter's Holiday Centre!

Mr O'Hara lies back on the sun bed and relaxes. Sean and Kit pull up two more sun beds.

Kit: *(spotting two free beds)* Here are two, Sean! Quick!

The children grab them quickly and place them next to Mr O'Hara. Mr & Mrs Shah come on hastily from stage RT and take over the sun beds.

Mrs Shah: Oh thanks, Kitty! Lovely... I didn't think there'd be any left! (*Mr & Mrs Shah settle down on the beds, rubbing on sun cream and putting on their sunglasses, 'Walkmans' etc.*)

Kit: (*under her breath, annoyed*) There weren't ... just those!

Sonny & Jas come on from stage RT.

Sonny: Hi Sean! Hi Kit! You don't look too happy. What's up?

Sean: (*sulky, looking at Mr & Mrs Shah*) It doesn't matter...

Mr O'Hara: Stop moaning you two, and... (*fishes in pocket and draws out a ten pound note, hands it to Sean*) ...bring us back an ice cream, will you? Could do with a large 99! (*to Mr & Mrs Shah*) What about you?... Karina?... Dave?

Mr Shah: Oh... yes please!

Mrs Shah: Thank you! (*passing some cash to Jas*) You two go with Sean and Kit and give us some peace and quiet!

Jas: Charming!

The four children (referred to from now on collectively as the 'Holiday Kids') are about to go when along come Uncle Steve & Auntie Becky, the holiday centre entertainers from stage RT.

Uncle Steve: (*highly enthusiastic, irritating!*) Hello, hello! New visitors! My name's Uncle Steve and this... (*gestures*) is Auntie Becky (*she yawns, disinterested*). Our sole purpose is to make sure that you have (*as rhythm of Whoopee Club Song*) 'fun, fun, fun in the sun, sun, sun'!... (*looks at Becky, who yawns*) ...isn't it Auntie Becky?

Auntie Becky: (*unenthusiastically, monotone, filing her nails*) Yup. Fun, fun, fun in the sun, sun, sun. That's us.

Sean: (*thoughtfully*) Supposing it rains.

Uncle Steve: Ah... (*ruffles Sean's hair, annoyingly*) ...clever boy... contingency plan into action! Lovely indoor activities! Tiddly winks... or Auntie Becky will read you a story, won't you Auntie Becky?...

Auntie Becky: (*grumpy*) Hmm.

Uncle Steve: ...that sort of thing... fun, fun, fun!

Jas: (*sarcastically*) Sounds... wonderful.

Uncle Steve: We're just about to have our Whoopee Club meeting for new arrivals, to tell you about all the lovely things we have planned. (*points to stage RT*) Just over there... in twenty minutes... OK?

The children nod. He walks briskly off stage LT trailed by a less than enthusiastic Aunty Becky.

Mrs Shah: That'll be nice for you, kids.

Kit: *(joking)* Fun, fun, fun, by the sound of it! *(The others laugh.)*

Sonny: Come on. Let's go get that ice cream. I need one!

They walk off stage RT. From stage LT enter another group of four children (from now on referred to as 'The Bored Kids'), Jake, 'Gadget', Trina and Tash. Gadget is texting on his mobile phone. Trina carries a football under her arm.

Tash: This place is a *nightmare!* I wish I was at home.

Jake: Yeah. Me too, Tash. I'm *bored.*

Gadget: *(texting avidly)* You should get one of these, Jake, then you wouldn't be bored. It's the new 'H3XS Android with over 800,000 apps ready installed... *(the phone makes a funny alert sound)* ...ah ...message!

Jake: Yes, well, not all of our parents are made of money! Who are you texting, anyway, Gadget?

Trina: I think it's his girlfriend...

Jake: Ooooh!

Tash: No, it's probably just his nan! *(Tash, Trina & Jake laugh. Gadget continues texting, unperturbed)*

Trina: *(bounces football on her head)* We could play football by the pool and annoy *them!* *Ha!* *(points to parents on sun beds)*

Jake: Leave it for another time... something to look *forward* to!

Trina: OK. Let's go over to this Whoopee Club! See what *(imitating Steve's enthusiastic voice)* 'Uncle Steve' and *(drearily)* 'Aunty Becky' are *really* made of!

All: *(they all laugh)* Ha ha! Yeah! *(snigger etc)*

They go off stage RT, laughing, Gadget still texting. 'Holiday song' backing track plays as all leave the stage from different sides, the 'parents' taking their sun beds with them etc.

Scene 2 – The Ice Cream Stall (Outdoor Scenery)

An ice cream stall is set up on stage LT. Behind it stands Toni Gelati, the Italian ice cream vendor. The Holiday Kids come on stage RT and arrive at the stall.

Toni: *(in a strong Italian accent)* Good-a morning! Toni Gelati at-a your service! What-a can I get you?

Sean: *(to Toni)* Er... three ninety-nines, please... large, and... *(turns to ask friends)* ...four banana lollies?...

Others: *(shake heads)* Nah.

Sean ...cherry lollies?...

Others: *(shake heads, louder)* Nah...

Sean: ...oysters?...

Others: *(shake heads, louder)* Nah...

Sean: *(frustrated)* Well, what do you want, then?

Toni: *(in bad Italian accent)* Hey! Maybe I can-a help you. *(song introduction begins)* I have all flavours of tasty ice-a cream from Italy. Why not try? I have...

Song: Toni Gelati's Ice Cream Song

Optional: a group of backing singers and dancers dressed as ice cream cones dance in the background and sing chorus parts.

4 bars intro

Toni: **Chocolate and vanilla,
Strawberries and cream,
A nice coffee mocha,
Raspberry dream,
Rum and raisin,
A tutti-fruit cassata,
All unusual flavours...
Even pizza and lasagne!**

Holiday Kids: *(spoken, loudly)* Yeuk!

Toni: **I'm Toni Gelati!**
Toni + chorus **I'm/He's Toni Gelati!**
Toni: **I'm your super-doooper ice cream vendor from Italy!**

Toni + Chorus **I'm Toni Gelati!
I'm/He's Toni Gelati!
I'm/He's your super-doooper ice cream vendor from Italy!**

Toni: **Coconut, banana,
Lemonade and lime,
Mint chocolate chip
Deep apple pie,**

**Your Mr Whippy ice creams
Are all very nice,
But the best you can get is...
Neopolitan ice!...**

Toni + Chorus
Toni **...From Toni Gelati!
I'm/He's Toni Gelati!
I'm your super-doooper ice cream vendor from Italy!**

Toni + Chorus **I'm Toni Gelati!
I'm/He's Toni Gelati!
I'm/He's your super-doooper ice cream vendor from Italy!
I'm/He's your super-doooper ice cream vendor from Italy!**

Dancers leave the stage.

Toni: So what's it to be?

Sean: I think we'll have four of your biggest tutti-frutti ice creams, please...
(looks to others for confirmation) ...yup?

Others: Yup!

Toni: A very good-a choice indeed! *(hands out the ice creams)*

A rather 'posh' voice (Julie Jodhpurs) and a strange groaning sound (the camels) are heard off stage RT.

Julie: *(off stage)* Come on Jessie! Move it there, Jasper! *(camels: "Grrrooo")*

Kit: What's that?

Toni: *(groans)* Oh no... They're-a back again!

Jas: Who's back again?

Toni: *(distraught)* Every afternoon... that-a woman with her *camels!*

From stage RT on comes Julie Jodhpurs, the camel ride owner leading her two camels, Jasper and Jessie.

Julie: Come on... *(click, click)* Get a move on, Jasper! *(spots Toni, waves)*
Good afternoon, Toni!

Toni: *(ignores her, despairing, under breath)* It is *not* a good afternoon...
now!

Sonny: Why? What's wrong?

Toni: It's the *smell!* Smelly old-a camels, putting people off-a my ice-a
cream.

Jas: That's a bit extreme, isn't it?

Sean: It's not putting me off mine! *(licks ice cream)*

Toni: You don't understand-a. My profits are down! People come here, see the 'lovely camels' and forget to buy their ice-a cream. And the smell... *oh... the smell! I can't-a stand it!*

Kit: But, it's not *that* bad.

Toni: For someone with *my* expertise, it is! It ruins the aroma of the ice cream. *(sobs)* Everything was fine before the *camels* came. *(cries)* Wagh-hah! *(He runs off stage RT)*

Kit: How odd is *he*?!

Jas goes over to stroke the camels – they nudge her in a friendly & comical way.

Jas: Well, *I* think they're cute.

Julie: *(very posh)* Heigh-ho! Would you like a camel ride? Only 80p a go. Bargain, don't you think!

Jas: *(pats camels, they nuzzle her more)* Fantastic camels! Where do they come from? Egypt? Or Northern Africa?

Julie: Brighton, actually... born and bred! They grew too big for their enclosure at the zoo, so I came to the rescue! It was all over the news. They really pull the crowds in for Bunter's Holidays *and* they enjoy the exercise! *(camels demonstrate their fitness, bending their knees up and down etc.)*

Julie and the camels dance a silly dance. The 'Holiday Kids' join in.

Song: Camel Dance Music

Julie: So, would you *like* a ride?

Sean: We'd love to, but we've got to get these ice creams back to our parents before they melt...

Jas: ...*and* we've got to get to the Whoopee Club meeting in five minutes.

Julie: No problem! Later, perhaps. I'll be over there... *(points)* ...on the other side of the pool. Have a good time! Come on, Jessie, Jasper! *(click, click)*

She goes off stage LT with camels following behind.

Sonny: OK. Let's go.

The Holiday Kids go off stage RT, licking ice creams etc. Camel music plays as the stage is cleared, and Whoopee Club scenery is put in place.

Scene 3 – The Whoopee Club Meeting – Indoor Scenery

Inside the Whoopee Club club-room Uncle Steve is on the microphone. Enthusiastic as ever, he stands in front of the Whoopee Club poster board talking to a small crowd of children (including the Bored Kids) sitting on the floor in front of him. Aunty Becky sits at the side, arms folded, looking bored. The Holiday Kids come in and join the crowd as Uncle Steve speaks.

Uncle Steve: Welcome everyone, to the Whoopee Club! I'm Uncle Steve, though I'm sure you already know that! You might recognise me from the telly. I was on 'Britain's Got Talent' last April on ITV...

Trina: *(interrupts)* Must have been out first round. Never heard of you!

Uncle Steve: ...'Take Me Out' last December?

Jake: Bet you didn't get a date!

Uncle Steve: *(indignant)* ...And I'll be on the 'X Factor' this autumn...

Gadget's mobile phone makes a funny alert sound.

Gadget: Oops! Sorry.

Uncle Steve: I hope you'll all vote for me. Ahem... anyway... *(back in entertainer mode, loudly)* What are we having?

Crowd: *(a quiet ripple)* Fun, fun, fun. *(This 'fun/sun' chant is spoken with the same rhythm as is sung later in the song.)*

Uncle Steve: You can do better than that! I said, *(louder)* what are we having?!

Crowd: *(louder)* Fun, fun, fun!

Uncle Steve: And where are we having it?

Crowd: In the sun, sun, sun!

Uncle Steve: Yes! That's right... fun, fun, fun in the sun, sun, sun! That's what Bunter's Holidays are all about!

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