

## Supplementary Audition Pieces – Chief Weasel, Norman

**Chief Weasel:** That's the second time they've given us the slip. I'm beginning to get annoyed about this.

**Weasel Norman:** You see, Chief, that's why I wanted to take them at the caravan.

**Chief:** Norman

**Norman:** Yes, Chief?

**Chief:** A word of advice. Never say 'I told you so'

**Norman:** Why Chief?

**Chief:** Because it gets right up my nose.

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*Outside in the Wild Wood Norman is still managing to strike the wrong note*

**Norman:** Of course Chief, if I'd bitten their heads off when I wanted to we should have been fast asleep by now.

**Chief:** Norman

**Norman:** Yes Chief?

**Chief:** Are you a happy weasel?

**Norman:** Yes, Chief, by and large

**Chief:** Are you desirous of continuing in that state?

**Norman:** Yes Chief

**Chief :** Then shut your gob

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*Bargewoman is blubbering ....*

**Chief:** The good lady seems a trifle upset. Perhaps you should enquire why. And Norman, sensitively

**Norman:** Hello darling. Why the waterworks?

**Bargewoman:** I haven't got anybody to pull my barge

**Norman:** Come again, my love?

**Bargewoman:** I've been robbed.

**Norman:** The stupid cow's been robbed Chief

**Chief:** Who by Norman?

**Norman:** Who by, my little slice of suet pudding?

**Bargewoman:** A toad – he stole my horse

**Norman:** A likely story. A toad stealing a horse ..... a toad! A toad, Chief. You don't think .....?

**Chief:** Just ask her which way it went, Norman

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### **Weasel Chant:**

He talks too loud

He thinks he's clever

We'll put him away for ever and ever

Where's Toad? Where's Toad

He stole that car

It's just not cricket

He travelled on the railway and didn't buy a ticket

Where's Toad? Where's Toad?

*they throw themselves about in dissipated merriment. Weasel Norman rises*

**Norman:** I now call upon our beloved chairman to give his report

**Chief:** When Stoat, Weasel, Ferret, fox and company moved into Toad Hall it was a typical English country estate, run on traditional lines ..... comfortable, hospitable, uncompetitive and in a word, slack. Three months of what you might call calculated decrepitude have considerably reduced its market value and since the owner is now a convicted felon your directors are convinced they can legally acquire the property at a knockdown price.

Our plan is to convert Toad Hall into a nice mix of executive apartments and office accommodation, and shove on a marina and a café or two to fetch in the tourists..... And once we've done that we're confident that this rundown stately home can be made a viable commercial enterprise as the Toad Hall Park and Leisure Centre