

Writer, Poet and Musician Laurie Lee was born in 1914 and was brought up in the Gloucestershire village of Slad, in the time of enormous change when the enduring rural traditions of past centuries were being swept aside in the way of twentieth century "progress". His autobiography *Cider with Rosie*, a moving, funny and very human evocation of his childhood, has become a modern classic, and is here imaginatively adapted for the stage by James Roose-Evans. The play, tenderly and movingly, shows the poet growing to manhood in the warmth of a happy family, supported by a host of beautifully drawn village characters and against the evocative background of rural life, at a time that is long gone by.

The critic Bernard Levin described the original production as "one of the most beautiful, touching, poetic and imaginative offerings we have seen for a considerable time". Joining in with the praise, Clive Barnes, the notorious 'butcher of Broadway', said it "is a piece of theatre which for its particular quality of imagination and dreamy mystery I can only compare with *Under Milk Wood*".



Chaddesley Amateur Theatrical Society

CATS is a thriving local amateur theatrical society. We stage two productions a year. We are always keen to welcome local enthusiasts as new members either on stage or behind the scenes. Our next production **SWEENEY TODD THE MUSICAL** will be performed on November 20th–22nd & 25th–29th with the first meeting being held on Monday 2nd June at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Please come if you are interested in joining or contact Jackie Brown our Secretary on 01562 777537.

All the members of **CATS** hope you will spend an enjoyable evening with us tonight.

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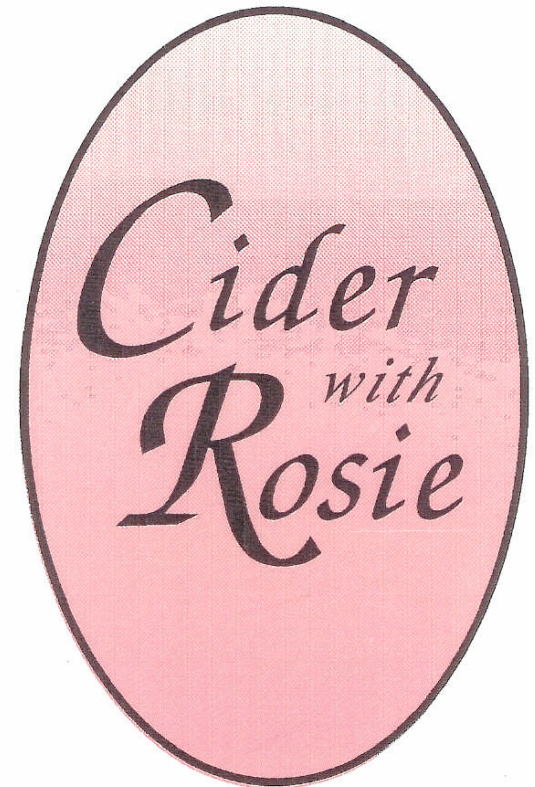
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Thanks to Mr & Mrs Jonathan Swift for allowing us the use of their buildings and to everyone else who has helped in any way with this production.

President - Peggy Cox. Chairman - Jonathan Swift
Treasurer - Paul Chiverton, Secretary - Jackie Brown.
Committee: Rupert Boden, Peggy Cox, Alyson Evans,
Harry Grove, Andrew Hartill, Nikki Davies,
Hugh Richards & Alan McFarlane.

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CATS  *presents*



by **LAURIE LEE**

STAGE ADAPTATION BY
JAMES ROOSE-EVANS

**CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
23rd–26th APRIL 2008 7:30pm**

Cider with Rosie

by LAURIE LEE

Stage Adaptation by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS

The Play is set in and around the Gloucestershire village of Slad, between the two world wars, and will be given in two parts. There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the acts.

Chorus

Please sing along with this chorus when invited:

Grow grow grow little mushroom
grow grow grow
I know somebody wants you so so so
I'll come again tomorrow
just you wait and see
And if you've grown much bigger
You will just suit me

Characters

Narrator, Laurie Lee	Rupert Boden
Mother	Carole Hislop
Loll, <i>the younger Laurie</i>	Matt Tunnicliffe
Marge, <i>Daughter</i> Jo	} Emma Lewis
Doth, <i>Daughter</i>	Beth Page
Phyll, <i>Daughter</i> Barmaid	} Laura Webb
Frances, <i>Daughter</i>	Phillipa Evans
Jack, <i>Son</i> Vincent	} Tony Newbould
Tony, <i>Son</i> Walt Kerry	} Tim Spalding
Mr. Davies Vicar	} Paul Chiverton
Miss B, <i>Teacher</i> Granny Wallon Baroness Hodenburg	} Lynne Tunnicliffe
Miss Wardley, <i>Teacher</i> Mrs Pimbury	} Alyson Evans
Granny Trill Mrs. Davies	} Sarah Davies
Squire Uncle Sid, <i>Bus Driver</i>	} David Hislop
Spadge Hopkins	Bejam Nasri
Rosie	Sue Bowron

All other parts played by members of the Company

Production Team

Directed by	Hugh Meredith
Asst. Producer/Prompt	Pamela Meredith
Lighting	Andrew Page
Sound	Jo Grant
Incidental Music	Devised & played by Dave Hislop
Production Manager	Nikki Davies
Stage Manager	Michael Ellis
Piano Music	Harry Grove
Opening Song	Carole Hislop
Costumes	Peggy Cox
Wardrobe	Nikki Davies
Make Up	Carol Page
House Manager	Isobel Swift
Props	Angela Hopkins & Jo Powick
Catering	Sue Quibell & Tear
Children's Matron	Phyllis Pardoe & Team
Box Office	Rupert Boden & Ian Vogel
Publicity	Sue Bowron
Programme	Richard Vale

