

Down by the Old Bull and Bush

UK : 1906 : dir. Tom Green : Cricks & Sharp
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Silent : 3 min

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Comedy. Boys pose as girls to follow their father into a public house where he meets a girl."

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Well well, who'd have guessed there was a film under this old monicker? And who'd have suspected it was all about the exploits of boy transvestites? There's a lot to be learned about silent cinema, and that's a fact, your grace.

In truth, cross-dressing for comic effect was far from unusual in the short films of this date, and would fall under a more generic heading of *donning disguises* – whether as the maid, or Guy Fawkes, or a tailor's dummy, and whether to catch thieves, trap unfaithful husbands or to aid an elopement. Of course, boys doing it must be *spanked*, and with their skirts hoist up.

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