

“Howick” feature film (working title): 2014.

Young girl Alice, orphaned, 14 yrs., in London, moves to her wealthy aunt's comfortable home in the tiny village of Howick.

She is there for three years. Then the old Anglican vicar retires and is replaced by a stuttering young vicar, who is low church Anglican. Alice's old spinster, aunt, Miss Fitzpatrick used to flirt with the old vicar who was high church Anglican, and is horrified by the low churchness of the earnest young man. We find out that he is the grandson of Ms Fitzpatrick's arch nemesis Nanny Moggety's , the former bar maid, now pub owner and mother of most of the village.

So Ms F hates the young vicar even more. She starts petitioning the bishop to get a new vicar, and she forces the villagers to chose a side. Many of the women chose Miss F's side, but the poorer women and a lot of the men chose Nanny Moggety's side. The village gets more and more torn apart, many men get put in the dog house because of their wives' anger at their refusal, initially, to join sides.

Meanwhile young Alice falls in love with the new young vicar, and the vicar falls in love with her. He asks her and Miss F if he can marry Alice. Of course she says no, which drives a wedge even more between the villagers.

Alice sneaks away to see the vicar, but Ms F catches her and locks her in her room, not letting her out to see anybody. The young vicar knows that the only way he can stop the village from being torn apart is to leave Howick. Alice knows that once he is gone, any chance of her getting a suitable husband is nil, and she will end up like Miss F. So she tries to throw herself off the church roof. The vicar is told about this just as he is leaving. He bolts back to find her on the edge of the roof, and manages to talk her down to the delight of the whole village. While talking, he loses his stutter and ends up asking her to marry him again, without Miss F's permission.

The Villagers are enchanted and everybody, except Ms F, changes their mind about his being a wuss, and decides to scrape together a tiny amount of money for Alice's dowry. Nanny Moggety, however, then offers Alice her savings which turn out to be more money than Miss F had in the first place (Nanny outlived a lot of husbands!). So they get married anyway; despite Miss F's protestations.

A few weeks after the wedding we see Nanny visit Ms F and Miss F preparing tea (the in-laws visiting one another). They get into a massive cat fight. Then we see them in court, and we find out that they are sisters who have become estranged as Nanny stole Miss F's beau and married him.