



Worthy Players Amateur Dramatic Society

Present

**A
CHRISTMAS
CAROL**

December

2nd & 3rd at 7:30pm

9th & 10th at 7:30pm

& 10th at 2:30pm





Directors Note

Once again the Worthy Players put on their Christmas production. This year Wendy and I thought it would be a change to do a Christmas play instead of the usual pantomime. *A Christmas Carol* was the obvious choice and, as normal, we leapt in with both feet and volunteered to produce it. This was before we discovered that most of the available scripts were a bit lacking in their interpretation of Dickens' tale. So we decided to put together our own version of his tale, using all the resources at our disposal.

This involved using the facilities at the Hospital Radio, and our thanks to Richard Aldous for making the arrangements, to make our recordings for the ethereal chorus. Miriam Edmonds looked after our music and recorded that, so we could add songs to the whole ensemble.

Again the Worthy Players set builders rose to the challenge when I came up with the set you see before you. This was necessary, as we have so many quick scene changes, that it would be impossible to do it by conventional means. Michael Edwards was responsible for the construction of the props and painting the scenery. Costumes were in the able hands of Gill Walker and Shirley Lovell who worked with Phoenix Theatre to supply the many changes that were required.

Lastly I must mention Wendy who put up with me when I was grumpy and for providing backup and sorting out all the details while I got on with the bigger picture.

Of course I haven't mentioned Mr and Mrs Everybody-Else who helped in one way or another, but your contribution was equally important and without it the shown could not go on.

So Ladies and Gentlemen, please let the Worthy Players take you back to a dim and distant past, as we present our play, for your delectation,

“A Christmas Carol”



Cast in Alphabetical Order

Michael Edwards	Marley's Ghost, Headmaster, Businessman
Richard Gomm	Bob Cratchit
Laura Greenwood	Ghost of Christmas Past, Maid
Abigail Hammond	Mary Cratchit
Charlotte Hammond	Tiny Tim
Michael Heseldin	Ebenezer Scrooge
Kitty Leask	Kitty Cratchit
Liz Leask	Mrs Cratchit
Shirley Lovell	Mrs Dilber
Wendy Gomm	Mrs Fezziwig
Fiona McLoughlin	Belinda Cratchit
Peter McLoughlin	Ghost of Christmas Present
Alanna Nouwens	Belle

Cast (continued)

Billy Pettigrew

Lyndsay Smith

Mark Smith

Ollie Southworth

Joy Thompson

Clare Walker

Gill Walker

Isabel Woodridge

Alison Woolford

David Woolford

Recorded Chorus

Dick Wilkins, Boy

Fan, Party Guest

Boy Scrooge, Peter
Cratchit, Boy, Party
Guest

Young Scrooge, Ghost of
Christmas Yet To Come

Charitable Lady, Cook

Lettie, Party Guest

Charlady, Party Guest

Martha Cratchit, Fiddler

Fred's Wife, Party Guest

Fred, Old Joe,
Milkman, Poulterers
Man

Richard Gomm
Barbara Kearns
Clare Walker
Gill Walker



Backstage Crew

Producer	Richard Gomm, Wendy Gomm
Stage Management	Peter Nouwens Wendy Gomm
Sound	Richard Aldous
Lighting	Matthew Aldous
Costumes	Gill Walker Shirley Lovell & Cast
Scenery	Richard Gomm Michael Edwards Peter Nouwens & Cast
Poster & Program	Peter Nouwens
Front of House Manager	Margaret Woodley
Bar Manager	Sarah Hammond

A long, long time ago

The Worthy Players have been around for some time. Can you remember ...

1973	Dick Whittington	1989	Music Hall
1974	Double Bill Mother Goose		Three One Act Plays
1975	Switchen Pass In Boots		Jack & The Beanstalk
1976	Two One Act Plays	1990	The Other Fellows Out
	Bonaventure		Music Hall
	St George And The Dragon		Pardon Me Prime Minister
	A Worthy Tale		Stabed The Sailor
1977	Two One Act Plays	1991	Confusions
	Murder At Key Cottage		Music Hall
	Jack And The Beanstalk		Beeze Block Park
1978	Flat Spin		Robinson Crusoe
	20s Revue	1992	84 Charing Cross Road
	Deadly Record		Music Hall
	Sleeping Beauty		The Secretary Bird
1979	Ladies In Retirement		The Wizard Of Oz
	Sailor Beware	1993	When We Are Married
	Three One Act Plays		Farndale Ave. - Murder Mystery
	Pantomania		Music Hall
1980	When We Are Married	1994	A Month Of Sundays
	Music Hall		Farndale Ave. - S.S. We Found Love
	Suddenly At Home		Music Hall
	Hickory Dickory Dock		Humpy Dumpty
1981	Nothing Legal - Black Comedy	1995	One For The Road
	Music Hall		Living Together
	The Edge Of Darkness		Falling Off A Log
	Mother Gooses Golden Christmas		Music Hall
1982	Rose	1996	Murder In Company
	Music Hall		Music Hall
	Don't Just Lie There, Say Something		Local Affairs
1983	Dangerous Corner		Panto Trek
	Revue - We'll Meet Again	1997	Qualify
	Move Over Mrs Markham		Mixed Doubles
	Aladdin		Relatively Speaking
1984	Rock-A-Bye Sailor		Music Hall
	Music Hall	1998	Farndale Ave. - Haunting
	Not Now Darling		Breath Of Spring
	A Right Christmas Caper		Music Hall
1985	End Of The Honeymoon	1999	Business Of Murder
	Music Hall		Educating Rita
	Key For Two		The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers
	Cinderella		Music Hall
1986	Table Manners	2000	Cinderella And The Football Boots
	A Tomb With A View	2001	Outside Edge
	Music Hall		Black Comedy - Red Letter Day
	Dick Whittington		Dick Whittington
1987	The Chalk Garden	2002	Play On
	Music Hall		Visiting Hour
	Do Not Disturb		Aladdin
	Babies In The Magic Wood	2003	Bedroom Farce
1988	Something To Hiss		Lettice & Lovage
	Music Hall		Robin Hood (Return Of The King)
	There Goes The Bride	2004	It's Those Worthys Again
	Pinocchio		Laying The Ghost
1989	Blithe Spirit		Beauty And The Beast
		2005	Present Laughter



Our next production ...

Our next production will be performed over 2 weekends, on March 31st, April 1st and April 7th, 8th, 2006. and will be produced by Shirley Lovell. The title of the play is to be confirmed, but readings and auditions will be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in January in the Jubilee Hall from 7:30PM. We are on the lookout for new members, both to perform on stage and to help backstage. Please speak to Gill or another member of the group to find out more.

For more information about the Worthy Players, either contact our Chairman, Richard Gomm on [redacted], or visit our exciting website at <http://theworthyplayers.users.btopenworld.com>. You can also email us at theworthyplayers@btinternet.com

Remember we also run an annual booking scheme offering discount tickets, and we maintain a mailing list. Contact Gill Walker - tel 01962 [redacted] - for more details

The Worthy Players would like to thank Wessex Windows for allowing patrons to park on their premises this evening.



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Our thanks to Phoenix Theatre Bordon for their extensive wardrobe assistance. - www.phoenixarts.co.uk

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