

PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

Of unknown date:-	1970	Little Red Riding Hood	1993	Outside Edge
Madame Louise		They Don't Grow on Trees	*	The End Of The Picnic
The Chiltern Hundreds		The Rivals		Curtains
The Shop at Sly Corner		Loot		The Lover
Dear Brutus	1971	The White Liars		Shakers
Bird In Hand		Cinderella		Season's Greetings
The Late Christopher Bean		One Way Pendulum	1994	A Woman's Wartime
Selected scenes from the	1972	Not Now Darling		Shadow of a Gunman
Merchant of Venice	1973	Dear Charles		Save the Human**
Scenes from School for Scandal		Goodnight Mrs Puffin	*!	Laundry & Bourbon
1921 Tilly of Bloomsbury	1974	Victorian Music Hall		The Bic Vic etc. Show
1926 Nothing but the Truth		Murder in Company		On The Razzle
1927 The Importance of Being Earnest	1975	Victorian Music Hall	1995	Local Affairs
1930 The Master of the House		Nude with Violin		Pitching to the Star
1931 The Rivals	1976	1066 And All That	*!	A Kind of Alaska
The Man at Six		The Philanthropist		Blue Remembered Hills
1932 The Middle Watch		End of the Pier Show		Goldilocks & The 3 Bears
The Prisoner of Zenda	1977	The Best of British Jubilee Review	1996	Habeus Corpus
1933 The Farmer's Wife		Rookery Nook		The Lion, The Witch &
The Return of the Prodigal	1978	She Stoops to Conquer		The Wardrobe**
Outward Bound		Lock up Your Daughters		The Song of Louise in the
1935 Yellow Sands	1979	Wait Until Dark	*!	Morning
Spring Show	1980	One Wild Oat		Confusions
The Stepmother	1981	The Owl and the Pussycat		The Crucible
1937 Fantastic Light	1982	Narrow Margins	1997	The BFG**
The Little Hen		The Enquiry		Eternal Triangle
Joint Owners in Spain	1984	Night Must Fall	*!	Chip in the Sugar
1938 The Midshipman		Mixed Doubles	*	A Lady of Letters
1939 Laburnum Grove		Blithe Spirit	*	Mrs Cage
1940 The Ghost Train	1985	Jack and the Beanstalk	1998	Toad of Toad Hall
1947 Winter Sunshine		Bonadventure	*!	Ghostwriter**
The Happy Breed		The Princess and the Pea	*	Deep Blue Sea
1948 See How They Run		The Importance of Being Earnest		It's Now or Never
They Came to a City	1986	Cinderella	1999	James And The Giant
1949 Ladies in Waiting		The Rape of the Belt		Peach
The Winslow Boy		My Three Angels		Alice In Wonderland
1950 Blithe Spirit	1987	Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves		The Imaginary Cuckold
Suspect		The Merry Regiment of Women		The Man In The Bowler
The Girl who Couldn't Quite	*	The Hole		Hat
1951 The Guinea Pig		The Unexpected Guest		A Coupla' White Chicks
On Monday Night Next	1988	The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew	*!	Sitting Around
Tilly of Bloomsbury	*	The Collection		Talking
1952 The Happiest Days of Your Life		Pastiche		Oliver!
1954 Bonadventure		The Parcel	2000	*In The Blinking Of An
1955 Miranda		Absent Friends		Eye
Waters of the Moon	1989	Dandelion Time**		The Chinese Pendant
Dear Brutus		Dick Whittington		Stepping Out
George & Margaret	*	The Bear		Cinderella
1956 The Secret Tent	*	The DIY Frankenstein Outfit**	2001	Abigail's Party
Grand National Night		Queen Elizabeth Slept Here	*!	Snow White And The
1957 Home at Seven		Animal Farm		Seven Dwarfs
1959 The Happy Prisoner	1990	Can't Pay! Won't Pay!		A Tomb With A View
1960 Alice in Wonderland		Toad of Toad Hall**		Fantastic Mr Fox**
1961 How Now Hecate	*	A Midsummer Night's Dream		Neville's Island
1963 Your Obedient Servant	*	Birdsong		People Like Us
1964 Babes in the Wood		Singing in the Wilderness**	2002	Me And My Friend
Something to Hide		Under Milk Wood		Chorus of Disapproval
1966 Billy Liar	1991	Aladdin	2003	Charlie and the Chocolate
1967 The Amorous Prawn		Woman In Mind	*	Factory**
Easy Money		James & the Giant Peach**		All My Sons
1968 Babes in the Wood		Tickle**	*!	The Curse of the
Murder out of Time		The Browning Version	2004	Willoughby Diamond
1969 Ali Baba	1992	The Real Inspector Hound		
The Rape of the Belt	*	Twelve Night		
Wanted One Body		An Englishman Abroad		
		Shop For Charity		
		The Sleeping Beauty		

* Festival Entry (!=winner) ** Young Bovingdon Players Production

BOVINGDON PLAYERS

PRESENT



Book, Music & Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

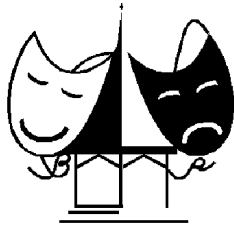
WEDNESDAY 24TH—
SATURDAY 27TH NOV. 2004

EVENING PERFORMANCES: 7.30PM
(PLUS SATURDAY MATINEE: 2.30PM)
BOVINGDON MEMORIAL HALL

PROGRAMME 50p

*"A Magical
Christmas
Family Show"*

An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Good Evening (or afternoon) and welcome to the show.

...and what a show! Certainly the biggest show we've done in recent years, this is one that has involved nearly the entire group in one way or another. It's been a fantastic team effort and I'd like to express my thanks to everyone involved, particularly the backstage team, for their continuing ingenuity and dedication. We don't usually consider ourselves a 'musical' group, but once in a while we feel the need to have a song and a dance. Mind you, once we're reminded how much effort is involved, it takes us a few years to get over it! But hopefully you'll agree it's all been worth it.

It's also been great to welcome so many new faces to the group, both onstage and off, but there is always room for more. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact one of the front of house team, phone me on 01923 265973, or email us at info@bovingdonplayers.com.

Thanks for your support and hope to see you again soon!

Iain King

Chairman

FUTURE EVENTS

Our next production will be performed in Bovington on the week ending **30th April 2005**. Auditions will be at 8:15 in the Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 5th January 2005**. The play is still to be decided, contact Liz Lewis on 01442 216557 for more details, and keep an eye on the website.

In May 2005 we will be producing another Murder Mystery night. A few of you may have attended one that we produced in May and again in October. These were very successful evenings and we are hoping to continue this with 2 or 3 nights in Bovington. Keep an eye on the website to be first with further news.



Editor's note

In a show of this size there are innumerable people who have helped out at one stage or another. Our apologies if lack of space or lack of intelligence on the part of the programme editor has meant anyone has been missed out. Trust us that it was not intentional and all your help is greatly appreciated!

www.bovingdonplayers.com

The world's most popular website for theatre groups based in Bovingdon, this cornucopia of information contains all you will ever need to know about us. You can find details of past, present and future productions, cast members (no stalkers, please), and all the latest news. There's a handy message board if you want to register your thoughts on any aspect of the group (tell us how much you enjoyed *Scrooge*!), and you can even register to join our mailing list.

So why not pay us a visit when you get home?!



Scrooge on DVD

Unfortunately we can't provide you with a DVD of this production, but you may be interested to know that the original film, on which the stage show was based, was released this week on DVD. Although, of course, not reaching the heights of this production, Albert Finney et al make a decent stab at it. It contains most of the songs from the stage show, though there were some new ones added for the latter. Sad to say this is just a coincidence; we aren't part of the publicity machine, otherwise we **could** have afforded to film the show!



Scrooge – the Musical

In 1970, renowned writer-composer-lyricist, Leslie Bricusse adapted the well-loved Dickens' short story *A Christmas Carol* into the hit screen musical *Scrooge*. This stage version, based on the film, with the addition of six new songs, had a hugely successful national tour before a season at the Dominion Theatre, London in 1996 starring Anthony Newley as the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge who repents his past life when visited by three successive Christmas spirits.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

“Bah...Humbug!” Ah, yes, we’ve had quite a few of those thrown about during rehearsals. But who would have thought that, back in the mists of an early June coffee meeting between the Maestro and myself, the decision to make *Scrooge* our November production would have resulted in such a profusion of feverish activity as was evident just before the Dress Rehearsal on Sunday last? Christmas certainly came early to Bovingdon – decorations, holly, Christmas trees, presents, Father Christmas costumes, white beards, tinsel, mince pies and toys galore – you name it, the Memorial Hall was teeming with it!

But then there’s something about Dickens and Christmas that seem to go hand in hand, and this is such a great story, highlighting as it does all that makes the Victorian era so emotive, and yet so engaging. It’s also a story that incorporates both young and old, and so proved another opportunity for us to have adults and children on stage together.

And what a delight it’s been working with so many new members to our society – Jez and Joel, Duncan, Viv and Sean, Bill, Adam W and Freda, Becky and Scott, Birju and William, Jonathon and Archie, Jasmin and Jade, Yasmin, Katie and Nicholas – not to mention the new ‘blood’ in the Crew – John and Brenda, Andy O and Adam M. I don’t think we’ve ever had quite so many new faces all joining the team in the same show!

And so to the Maestro, without whom, none of this would have been possible. And no, I don’t mean Dickens, or Mr Bricusse for that matter. I mean Mr Whitfield, of musical/panto fame, who joined us last year for ‘A Chorus of Disapproval’. It was he who quietly suggested a musical for November, and then knocked us all into some semblance of noteworthy and tone-worthy shape, in his own gently persuasive and immensely impressive fashion. Thank you, John, and untold thanks to all those who have given immeasurably of their time and dedication in so many ways! Without you all the show could not go on. We are truly grateful.

So, over to you now, our loyal audience. Our thanks, once again for your continued support of our ventures, and we hope you enjoy your evening. And hopefully, the only ‘Bah...Humbugs!’ we hear will be on the stage.

Hopefully.....

Stewart Woodward

SYNOPSIS of SCENES

ACT I

- Scene 1 Cheapside, London. Christmas Eve
- Scene 2 Scrooge’s office
- Scene 3 A Cheapside street
- Scene 4 Outside Scrooge’s lodgings
- Scene 5 Scrooge’s hallway
- Scene 6 Scrooge’s bedroom
- Scene 7 A school-room
- Scene 8 Fezziwig’s warehouse
- Scene 9 Ebenezer’s office
- Scene 10 Scrooge’s bedroom
- Scene 11 Pringle’s toyshop

ACT II

- Scene 1 Cheapside
- Scene 2 The Cratchits’ house
- Scene 3 Scrooge’s nephew’s sitting-room
- Scene 4 Scrooge’s bedroom
- Scene 5 Outside Scrooge’s office
- Scene 6 The Cratchits’ house
- Scene 7 The churchyard
- Scene 8 Hell
- Scene 9 Scrooge’s bedroom
- Scene 10 Cheapside

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

1. Opening
2. No Better Life
3. Christmas Children
4. I Hate People
5. Make the Most of this World
6. It's Not My Fault!
7. A Christmas Carol
8. December the Twenty-Fifth
9. Happiness
10. You ... You
11. It's Not My Fault (*Reprise*)
12. I Like Life



MUSICIANS

Piano John Whitfield
Keyboard David Heath
Flute Sue Jones
Double Bass Kevin Dunford

ACT II

13. Opening
14. Good Times
15. The Beautiful Day
16. The Minister's Cat
17. Happiness (*Reprise*)
18. A Better Life
19. Thank You Very Much
20. The Beautiful Day (*Reprise*)
21. I'll Begin Again
22. Finale



THE CREW

Director Stewart Woodward
Musical Director John Whitfield
Producer Janet Aylward
Stage Manager Michael Aylward
Stage Crew Allan Saunders, Gail Anthony,
..... Jonathan Anthony
Costumes Jan Burrows, Freda Neilson
Choreography Patricia Choffel
Backdrops Alison Haysman, Adam Macer
Properties Jill Taylor, Patricia Choffel
..... Andy Oliver, John & Brenda Bugg
Make Up Nicky Woodward
Lighting Tony Sidell
Sound Andrew Bryson, Neville Bull
Prompt Janet Aylward
Publicity Nicky Woodward
Box Office Andrew Grundy
Poster Andrew Bryson
Programme Iain King
Front of House co-ordinator Iris Stanmore

THE CAST

(In approximate order of appearance)

Ebenezer ScroogeJez Blacker
Bob Cratchit Iain King
Harry, Scrooge's NephewAdam Wood
Helen, Harry's Wife.....Rebecca Hayward
Tiny Tim..... Joel Blacker
Kathy Cratchit Pippa Taylor
Well-dressed Woman Viv Church
Beggar WomanJan Burrows
Butcher's BoyWilliam Mills
Fruit SellerFreda Neilson
Baker-womanMichaela Haysman
Barnaby, the Wine-merchantBirju Thakker
Pringle, the Toyshop-ownerAndrew Royle
Miss DilberPam Dawson
Miss Dilber Imogen Roberts
Punch & Judy Woman Claudia Shipton
Jocelyn Jollygoode Phil Waine
Hugo Harty Duncan Byiers
Tom Jenkins, the Soup-sellerScott Billing
The Ghost of Jacob MarleyBill Callcut
Ghost of Christmas PastPatricia Choffel
Mr Bleak, the Teacher John Whitfield
Young Ebby Nicholas Mower
Jenny, his sister Katie Phillips

Mrs Fezziwig Freda Neilson
Mr Fezziwig Jeff Prestedge

Fezziwig's employees:

Phil Waine, Duncan Byiers, Andrew Royle, Scott
Billing, Pam Dawson, Imogen Roberts, Viv
Church, Jan Burrows

Young Scrooge.....Adam Wood
Isabel, his betrothed.....Rebecca Hayward
Ghost of Christmas Present Jeff Prestedge
Mrs Ethel CratchitLiz Lewis
Peter Cratchit Sean Bryant
Martha Cratchit Jasmin McMillan
Belinda Cratchit Jessica Booth
Topper, Harry's friendBirju Thakker
Mary, Helen's friend Michaela Haysman
Ghost of Christmas Yet-to-ComeItself !

Other Urchins, Toys & Children:

Ryan Finn, Jonathan Oliver, Archie Wood, Jade
Rushbrooke, Yasmin Bier-Allen, William Mills,
Nicholas Mower, Katie Phillips, Sean Bryant,
Jasmin McMillan, Jessica Booth

Many thanks to Ray Harvey for the wonderful Toy Carousel, and to Westbrook Hay School for their continued kindness in providing us with extra rehearsal facilities.