



Gordon Pugh

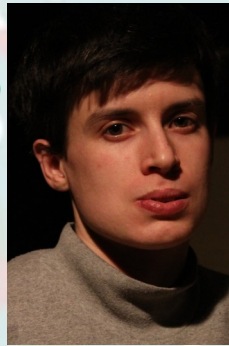
(Mrs Cratchit, Jacob Marley, Ghosts of Christmas Present and Christmas Past, Mr Fezziwig)

Gordon has been stage manager with FAHETGDS since his quick thinking saved the Community Centre from serious fire damage during a production of St Joan. His expertise with a hammer and nails has brought the society several awards for best set including The Frank Lloyd-Wright Award for Most Solid Construction for his breath-taking set for Aida. Unfortunately, the pyramid had to be demolished when the council threatened legal action over the lack of planning permission. Cosford Air Cadets still use his lighthouse, built in 1977 for our adaptation of Seagulls over Sorrento as an aid to navigation.

Adrian Plummer

(Lighting & Sound)

Adrian unexpectedly found himself at a loose end half way through his second year at university which has left him free to do the lighting and sound for this production. Oxford's loss is FAHETGDS gain and we wish him all the best for his forthcoming court appearance.



David Bickerstaff

(Producer)

David is a familiar name to local theatre goers as the producer of FLOPS (Farndale Light Operatic Society). David is well known for his imaginative and innovative productions which challenge both audience and actors alike. Recent FLOPS productions include The Mikado set in a Turkish bath in Bilston, a daring amalgamation of Starlight Express and Carmen - Carmen Rollers and

who can forget his spectacular production of Les Misérables on Ice with the Telford Tigers Ice Hockey squad.

Special Thanks

Refreshments by Maureen "The Tea" and her cheery band of helpers.

Construction by "Splinter" Harris and "Lefty" Swan (By kind permission of HMP Featherstone)

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate
Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society
presents

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERY ONE!!!!

Chairwoman's Notes

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to our latest dramatic venture. The cast has put in months of hard work learning lines and getting into character. The set has been built, sound effects assembled and all that remains is the audience. And here you are.

One cautionary note. Dora Bradley, who some of you will remember gave a memorable space monster in last year's extravaganza, is unable to be with us this year, after a terrible misunderstanding at the food bank. I am glad to say she is due for release just before Christmas. Into her place has stepped out redoubtable Gordon.

Enjoy the show. It is shorter than our last, so we've added a few pantomime touches. We trust you will join in when required.

Seasons greetings to you all.

Phoebe Reece,
Chairwoman.



Phoebe Reece

(Tiny Tim, Fred's Wife, a Gentleman, Mrs Dilber, The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come)

Mrs Reece has been a life long member of The Townswomen's Guild for many years. She has been chairperson of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Guild since Mrs Dabney retired following her misfortune with a fish kettle. Phoebe is well known for her love of serious drama, her astounding, bold casting decisions and her 'never say

die spirit'. The Reeces are staunch supporters of local amateur drama - The LADS, making substantial donations, particularly to the West Bromwich Drama Guild. Mr Reece accepts, quite happily, that his wife will be out three or four evenings a week on Guild business and looks forward to the Drama Society's latest amazing effort.

Thelma Plumpton

(Ebenezer Scrooge)

Thelma is FAHETGDS genuine thespian. She has been a member of Equity for many years and is a familiar face on our TV screens. Recent appearances include 2nd Nurse Walking Down Corridor in Casualty, Lady in Anorak in Doctors, and she can be seen in passing in next week's Father Brown as Miserable Sinner. Thelma has won many awards during her time with FAHETGDS, last year winning for the third time, the coveted Cecilia Rollet Cup for her eponymous performance in the Farndale Avenue Community Play Wulfruna and The Seven Hamptons. "Her Grumpy is sans pareil", Express and Star.



Felicity Farquharson

(Ghost of Christmas Present, Fred, Little Fan, Old Joe)



Felicity is an enthusiastic member of FAHETGDS and enjoys taking part in productions. Regular audience members will remember with affection her moving portrayal as The Brothel Keeper in the biting satire Babes in Lower Gornal. Felicity is currently writing a seminal work on the history of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate's Townswomen's Guild. Readers will be pleased to learn that the third volume 1970 - 1989; Whatever Happened to Hilda Bristow will be available in the spring. (Volumes I and II: We Knitted Sherpa Tensing's Balaclava, and Sex Drugs and Marigolds can be ordered from members of the Guild, £14.99).

Mercedes Lumsden

(Bob Cratchit, Belle, Boy)

Mercedes's first love is horticulture for which she has won many awards. In 2002 she represented Farndale in the national finals of the Townswomen's Guild Strictly Come Ploughing competition and was lucky enough to win a gold medal for her furrows. With her sister, she has since taken a keen successful interest in raising exotic poultry. They recently showed their prize-winning rheas at Staf-



ford Show.