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We are glad to support the revival of amateur dramatics in Silsden and we wish every success to "A Christmas Carol".

We also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Welcoming clients old and new in 2009.



Silsden Community productions

Presents

A Christmas

By Charles Dickens

Carol



Wednesday December 17th
TO
Saturday December 20th 2008



A History of Home-Made Entertainment in Silsden

One hundred and forty years ago, Silsden watched its first dramatic production when children of the Wesleyan Day School presented "Joseph and His Brothers", complete with a cast of paper donkeys, to a dotting audience of parents and local worthies.

Theatricals however did not make an immediate impact on a village been better known for its musical passions.

First evidence of music-making comes in the early 1800s on Sunday afternoons in the Red Lion Inn when singers and instrumentalists performed - for their own pleasure and not for audiences- the great oratorios, including those by Handel and Haydn. Songs of a more ribald nature were sung in the upper room of the canal warehouse, where Blind Jack the fiddler was often in residence.

Two accomplished organisations - Silsden Brass Band, formed in the late 1840s, and the Orchestral Society, founded 1898- were nationally acknowledged for many decades. They were later joined by an explosion of smaller musical outfits of varying ability, ranging from Ambrose Longbottom's String Band and Harold Kitchen's Tivoli Dance Band to the Mackamanappy Burlesque Band, Silsden Ragtime Band and the Underground Artillery Jazz Band (largely a group of ex-World War 1 soldiers who played home-made 'tommy-talker' instruments at local galas.)

Theatricals did not arrive for real until 1920 when the first Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society was launched at St. James' Church with "Pirates of Penzance", raising money for local hospitals. Soon almost every local organisation began staging "At Home" events, which always included plays and sketches, locally written dialogue and home-made costumes. Soon there was a local production almost every week.

The first of dozens of village pantomimes was offered by the Parish Church in 1934 with "Jack and the Beanstalk". At this time, the village owned at least four performance stages. Amateur theatre brought out the best in community creativity and offered endless pleasure and enjoyment to enthusiastic audiences of local people. In the 1960s, as television ownership reached every home, the frequency of these productions diminished, although the Methodist Players and the Carmel Players continued to stage annual events, including pantomime and Gilbert and Sullivan. It is only in recent years, with the loss of community spirit and facilities, that home-grown entertainment of this kind has disappeared entirely. Perhaps "A Christmas Carol" will be a reminder of what has gone from our community - and what might be again.

Our Christmas Music

All the carols you will hear this evening have been sung since Victorian times.

Carols were first introduced into church services by St. Francis of Assisi in the 12th century, although the earliest carol ever written is believed to be "Jesus refulsit omnium" (Jesus, Light of All the Nations) by St Hilary of Poitiers in 368AD. A very early carol still sung today is "Of The Father's Love Begotten", the work of scholar Prudentius in 405.

The word "carol" is derived from the French word 'caroller', which means to dance around in a circle. These Nativity songs were intended therefore as joyful and lively celebration. Carols were banned in England during the 17th century by Oliver Cromwell, who thought that Christmas should be a solemn and frugal occasion. They did not become popular again until Queen Victoria's reign when many new carols were written. It then became tradition for carols to be sung not only in churches but in the streets and wherever people congregated at Christmastide, including streets and music halls. Our own band of carollers tonight share with you that Victorian experience.

Silsden Community Productions
Present

A Christmas Carol

The classic tale of redemption by Charles Dickens

Silsden Methodist Church
December 17-20 2008

Directed by David Hardman and Sylvia Wass

Scripted by Cathy Liddle

Music leader: Angela Clement

Supported by our Town Council and Keighley
Community Chest

"Being a Ghost Story of Christmas"
December 1843



A Christmas Carol

Act One

- Scene One:** The counting-house of Scrooge and Marley
- Scene Two:** Scrooge's bedroom
- Scene Three:** A schoolroom long ago
- Scene Four:** Mr. Fezziwig's warehouse

Interval

Act Two

- Scene Five:** Christmas with the Cratchits
- Scene Six:** Travels with a phantom
- Scene Seven:** Scrooges bedroom
- Scene Eight:** The counting-house of Scrooge and Marley

Stage Manager: Denis Sharp with Graham Clymo and the team of scene-changers

Wardrobe Mistress: Sheila Thompson with Chas Clarke, Lynnda Smith, Jo Turner.

Props: Alan Raine, Carol Clark, Ernest Dodding, Cathy Liddle, Sylvia Wass, Margaret Cope, Winnie Barker, Joan Bland, Sheila Thompson, Elaine, Akeroyd, Brenda Carey, Keith & Jean Dunn, Lynnda Smith

Lighting: Derek Thompson

Multi-tasking team: Jean Dunn, Joan Bland, Cynthia Dodding, Audrey Hanson, Jo Turner, Chas & Carol Clark, Margaret Cope Graham Iliff, David Locker and Others

Hair/Make-up: Lynnda Smith, Barbara Dadswell, Elaine Akeroyd, Lisa Reinsch, Sophie Wogden.

Photography: John Liddle & Peter Normally

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Charles Dickens	Brian Turner
Ebenezer Scrooge	Graham Mitchell
Bob Cratchit	Mark Kelk
Fred Scrooge	Steve Raine
Charitable Gentleman	Alan Raine
Charitable Lady	Pam Spencer
Young Carol Singer	Tony Hopkins
Marley's Ghost	Keith Dunn
Ghost of Christmas Past	Brenda Carey
Young Scrooge	Adam Harper
Little Fan	Philippa Clement
Coachman	Paul Anforth
Dick Wilkins	Alex Robinson
Mr Fezziwig	Laurence Driver
Mrs Fezziwig	Barbra Driver
The Misses Fezziwig	Lucy Hall, Laura Dale, Ella Marklew
Fiddler	Glen Berry
Guests	Members of the Team
Harry	Philip Smith
Belle	Sylvia Wass
Ghost of Christmas Present	John Peet
Mrs Cratchit	Karen Swann
Belinda Cratchit	Lucy Harper
Peter Cratchit	Tony Hopkins
Mary Cratchit	Abigail Towers
Martha Cratchit	Sophie Wogden
Tiny Tim	Lucy Hall
Ragged Children	David Hopkins & Ella Marklew
Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come	Chas Clark
Three Businessmen	John Peet, Steve Raine, Paul Anforth
Mrs Dilber	Pam Spencer
Ethel	Sylvia Wass
Dora	Penny Raine
Caroline	Sue Grimley
Boy at the Window	Alex Robinson

Prompt: Elaine Akeroyd

Music: Angela Clement (leader) Glen Berry, Sue Johnson, Sylvia Cook, Valerie Clarkson, Trish Coll, Sally Clement, Anne Goss, Eva Hopkins, Jane Mortimer, Mary Raine, Lynnda Smith

Refreshments
provided by The
Co-operative and
members of the
team

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The manager and staff of the Silsden branch are pleased to be associated with a new community venture.

Good luck to everyone involved in presenting A Christmas Carol. May audiences enjoy a very happy evening.

Best wishes to everyone for the festive season and for 2009 - from all the team at 65/67 Kirkgate.

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Happy Christmas and New
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*All the best to A Christmas
Carol and season's greetings
to everyone.*



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variety of activities. All are welcome)

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community initiative. May the Christmas spirit
last throughout the year!

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*As always, Martin and staff are very
pleased to support community life in
Silsden.*

*Very best wishes to the Christmas Carol
production.*

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production of A Christmas
Carol.*

*Have a very happy Christmas
season. Step our way in 2009!*

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*A festive welcome for
the return of theatre
to Silsden. Happy
Christmas to all*

Cobbydale Stores,
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Silsden

*Tony Cavaliere and staff send Christ
mas and New Year greetings to all
involved with A Christmas Carol.
Have an enjoyable evening, everyone!*

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Our long established local firm welcomes the return of theatre to Silsden. We hope that the well-loved story by Charles Dickens adds to the Christmas festivities in Silsden.

Wishing everyone compliments of the season.

John J. Halliwell and staff

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Ava Rose Hamilton

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We are pleased to support the revival of amateur theatre in Silsden. Good luck, and festive greetings to all.

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