

**Review of “A Christmas Carol” by Michael Taunton.
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The tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is one that has been told many times throughout the years, but the Young EODS production of ‘A Christmas Carol’ was a show that was not to be missed.

Set in olden day London, the show tells the story of Scrooge (played by Harvey Laing), who is taken through his past by Heather Tingley, as the ghost of Christmas Past, followed by his present, sung by the resonant tones of Ed Towley as the Ghost of Christmas Present.

As amateur dramatics productions go, this was one of high quality; with lighting effects adding to the atmosphere, use of all of the theatre’s facilities including boxes and trap doors, authentic costumes for all involved, a set which transformed the Devonshire Park stage to olden day London, and a cast which burst with energy each time they came on stage, the audience had no excuse not to leave smiling and full of Christmas spirit.

Congratulations must go to director Moira Brooker and production manager Liz Beeching.

Special mention to youngsters Harvey Laing, who engulfed the character of Scrooge, Joel Riddington whose character of Mr Fezziwig kept the audience laughing, and Hayley Huggett as Belle, whose dulcet tones had the audience eyes glistening.

As for the future? It is safe to say that the future of amateur theatre is safe in the hands of this company, and we look forward to future productions.