

## **`A Kick In The Baubles` Character Descriptions**

**Please note that the ages mentioned are mere suggestions, please, if you feel you could act an older or younger role than you, then you are most welcome to try for that role.**

**I may cast one actress to play both the roles of Alex and Millie as they do not appear at the same time but this depends on who reads for the roles.**

**FRANK 45-60**

I would say initially Frank comes over as a bit of a `Scrooge like` character, he is NOT looking forward to Christmas and does not wish to spend any money. He continually moans about the cost of everything, even the dish of Ferraro Roche chocolates on the coffee table, (which Doreen is helping herself to by the dozen). Frank has lost his job and has had to give up the family car so he is holding tightly onto his redundancy money. An underlying sadness to both Frank and Jean is that this is their first Christmas without their estranged daughter, Milly.

**JEAN 45-60**

A complete opposite to Frank, Jean is really looking forward to Christmas and she sees the good in everyone and everything. Jean comes up with a positive to every one of Frank`s negative comments, however, she is not a door-mat. Jean does stick up for herself, even though she heartily tolerates her posh sister, Doreen. Once again, there is an underlying sadness regarding their estranged daughter Millie, Jean blames herself for the reasons why Milly left home and has not contacted them. Jean tries to spread the Christmas spirit to cheer up Frank.

### HARRY 45–60

A `Jack the lad` type character, he dresses well, but he is without the guts to back himself. A self made man, he has done well for himself and Doreen – buying a nice car, boat, caravan, and an apartment in Tenerife. He is under Doreen`s thumb but the worm does eventually turn in the second Act and we see a different side to Harry. A bit of a Scrooge himself, bringing only one bottle of wine to the whole day of Christmas festivities.

### DOREEN 45–60

Doreen is a bit like `Hyacinth Bucket` from `Keeping Up Appearances`. She obviously dresses well but is self indulgent, helping herself to chocolates and wine all day while at Jean and Frank`s. Although everyone is Northern English born and bred, Doreen tries to talk `nicely`. But once Doreen has had a few drinks inside her she lets the accent drop and loses a shoe as well as letting out a few expletives herself. Doreen continues to criticize Jean and her home, (Jean needs a Dyson to clean her new carpet, a more well dressed colour-coordinated Christmas tree, etc). A condescending character, she looks down on others and can be quite jealous.

### GARY approx. 30

Gary is a beer drinking, karaoke loving larrikin who is ready to party! He takes advantage of Jean and Frank`s good nature and treats their home as his own. Even though the rest of the crowd are not into karaoke, he insists on bringing his machine over from home. However, he is put in his place during the second Act when Jean and Frank want to spend some time on their own at the end of the day.

JULIE approx 30

Julie is into her looks and figure, having just had breast implants. She dresses `tarty` and flirts with all the men. Not in front of the queue when intelligence was handed out. Like her husband Gary, Julie likes a drink but is also `nearly pregnant`.

ALEX approx 18 – 20 (smaller role)

The lift does not go up to the top floor with this one, when asked what kind of car her parents have just bought her for Christmas she replies `A red one`. She is easily swayed by her boyfriend – returning to him after their argument, and is the type to live off her well to do parents.

MILLY approx 25 (smaller role)

Felt she was a failure and did not match up to her Mother`s expectations, she left home and cut ties with her parents but now returns wanting to reunite. She works hard at getting her parents to like her boyfriend Darren. Milly`s return on Christmas Day cements the happiness with her family and all ends well.

DARREN approx 25 (smaller role)

Is the love of Millie`s life, he is a social worker and stable young man. Darren is nervous at the thought of meeting Milly`s family and knows about the rift that caused Milly to move out of the family home. He is on the same wave-length as Jean saying how he loves her imitation mismatched Christmas tree and can`t stand thoughtfully arranged, colour coordinated real Christmas trees, (much to Doreen`s annoyance).