

A Kick In The Baubles – Plot

It's another peaceful Christmas in the Bauble household, but chestnuts aren't roasting on an open fire. And although a Silent Night would be welcome, all is not calm and all is certainly not bright.

Frank does not wish it could be Christmas every day - in fact, he's dreading the arrival of snobbish in-laws who only ever bring a single bottle of wine for the entire festivities. Throw in a couple of larger-than-life neighbours, let the drink flow merrily, and everything is set for a car-crash Christmas. But when Frank and Jean's estranged daughter Milly suddenly appears, the rug is pulled out from underneath the chaos and the heartstrings are firmly tugged.

Two Act Play – Act One has Eight Scenes & Act Two has Two Scenes

The play starts on Christmas Eve with Frank and Jean who have returned from their supermarket food shop for Christmas, They are joined later on by their niece Alex for a short while, who informs them she won't be able to attend Christmas dinner tomorrow as she is going to her boyfriend's house.

As we move into Christmas Day we meet Jean's `posh` sister Doreen and her husband Harry who have been invited for the day, (Alex's parents). The next guests to arrive are the neighbours, Gary and Julie, but only for drinks. Gary likes his beer and is rowdy and a bit rough around the edges and Julie appears to be a bit `tarty` as she wears her short skirt, high heels and continually flirts with the men – these two do not meet with Doreen's approval.

Gary and Julie enjoy their karaoke machine and insist on bringing it over after dinner – they end up staying for dinner as Julie has burned their turkey next door. Alex also turns up as she has had an argument with her boyfriend, the argument is healed very quickly and she leaves to be with him again. Finally Jean and Frank's estranged daughter returns home and apologizes for why she left home and the disagreement she had with her parents, Jean and Frank are over the moon she is back with them again. Darren, Milly's social worker boyfriend arrives and is introduced to the family. Doreen who has been well into the drink by this point, can't wait to jump to the conclusion Milly and Darren have been living together and is condescending towards Darren.

A hectic riotous Christmas, which ends on an extremely feel good note by the last scene.

Please note that I usually end my plays with a curtain call which requires a bit of dancing – no problem if you are not a dancer – we will keep the dance routine easy, (I promise).