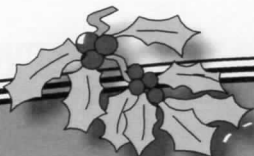




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**A message from the
President of the Rotary Club of Banbury**
Rotarian Ian Rodrick

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our eighth annual Family Christmas Festival of Music, a concert of seasonal music for all the family.

I am delighted that once again the Banbury Symphony Orchestra has agreed to perform a specially selected programme for us this afternoon and I have no doubt that we will be treated to an excellent performance by them. This event has become a firm fixture in the calendars of both organisations and we thank them for their continuing support and look forward to future successful Christmas concerts.

The Banbury Symphony Orchestra performs a regular season of concerts every year, full details of which can be found on their website www.banburysymphony.org.

Any surpluses generated by this concert will be given to Rotary Foundation, our own charity, which supports several service areas around the world including, disease prevention and treatment, clean water and sanitation, education and literacy, and peace and conflict prevention.

I am grateful to those who have helped to defray our costs by advertising in the programme and to Live Arts at St. Mary's for making us so welcome. Thanks also to the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury for providing our refreshments, to our Master of Ceremonies Jonathan Meredith and to my fellow Rotarians who give freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of this event.

Finally thanks to you, the audience, for your support and for making this afternoon a success.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Banbury I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2013.

Ian Rodrick

President of the Rotary Club of Banbury

The Banbury Symphony Orchestra

Banbury Symphony Orchestra brings together local musicians and audiences to experience the unique thrill of involvement with a full symphony orchestra. Members range from professional players and music teachers to enthusiastic and committed local players. In addition to this annual Christmas concert with the Rotary Club of Banbury, which we always look forward to, we give three other concerts a year.

Our next big event will be here in St Mary's on Saturday 23 March and will be featuring the luscious and extremely beautiful second symphony by Rachmaninov – a regular contender in the Classic FM Hall of Fame top 50. You can find out more about us on our website www.banburysymphony.org where there are also links to our Facebook page and Twitter feed. We look forward to welcoming you here in 2013.

Paul Willett - Conductor

Paul Willett studied violin, singing and piano as a student, but his main instrument was the French horn. When Paul was 16, he gained his Performance Diploma from The Royal College of Music. Paul went on to read music on scholarship at Queen's College, Oxford, and studied for his teaching certificate in music and physical education at Reading University.



For several years Paul combined teaching and freelance playing. He has given solo recitals and performed concertos throughout the country. He was a member of The Five Winds, a group that performed both at home and abroad, and also on BBC radio. Paul also worked as a brass teacher for Oxfordshire Music Service and was director of a Saturday music school of 200 students.

Paul now combines class teaching with conducting various ensembles, both adult and youth. He is also in demand as an adjudicator for both adult and student competitions. Paul is Deputy Headteacher at Didcot Girls' School.

Jenny Maynard - Leader

Jenny Maynard started playing the violin at the age of eight. She led her county youth and university symphony orchestras, and has subsequently always played an active part in local orchestras and other musical ensembles wherever she has lived. She has recently studied the violin with Roger Coull of the Coull Quartet.



Jenny leads a busy life as Senior Teaching Fellow in Accounting at the University of Warwick together with other professional accountancy appointments, but also has time for plenty of playing, including the Banbury Symphony Orchestra, the Cherwell Orchestra, Oriflamme and a quartet.



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PROGRAMME

Conducted by – Paul Willett
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Part One

Poet and Peasant - Suppe

Swan Lake - Tchaikovsky
Scene
Dance of the Swans
Waltz

Serena Holbech
O Del Mio Dolee Ardor - Christoph Willibald von Gluck
The Holy Boy - John Ireland

Radetsky March - Strauss

Skater's Waltz - Waldteufel, arr. Pfortner

Carol - The First Nowell



Part Two

Christmas Festival Overture - Anderson

Carol - O Come all ye Faithful

Tales of the Vienna Woods - Strauss

Tritsch Tratsch Polka - Strauss

Carol - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Have Yourself a Merry Christmas
- Blane & Martin, arr. Whitney

Sleigh Ride - Anderson

Carol - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so continued, both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels.

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

True God of true God,
Light of light eternal,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,
Son of the father,
Begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
In the highest'

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

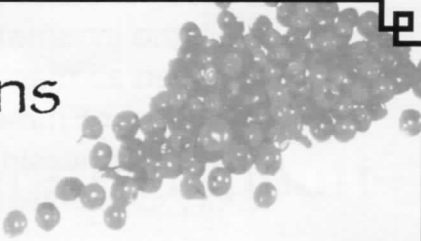
In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
This blessed babe was born,
And laud within a manger,
Upon this blessed morn;
The which His mother Mary
did nothing take in scorn;

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name;

'Fear not,' then said the angel,
'Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour,
Of virtue, power and might;
So frequently to vanquish all
The friends of Satan quite';

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All anger should efface.

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Hark! The herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.'
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! The herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King'

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail! The heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail! The Son of Righteousness!
Light of life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

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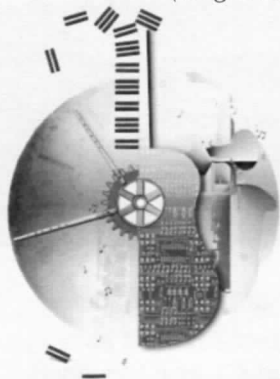
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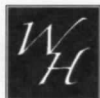
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