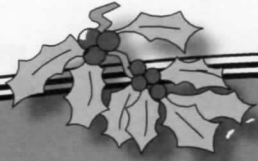




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FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

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THE BANBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

St. Mary's Church, Banbury
Saturday 10th December 2011

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**A message from the
President of the Rotary Club of Banbury**
Rotarian John Bennett

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Rotary Club of Banbury to welcome you all to our seventh annual Family Christmas Festival of Music, a concert of seasonal music for all the family.

We are 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 again be treated to an excellent performance by them. This event has become a firm fixture in both organisations calendars and we thank them for their support and look forward to working together in future years to produce many more successful Christmas family concerts.

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

In addition to giving us an enjoyable seasonal concert, this event is being run in the true Christmas spirit of 'giving' and all surpluses generated by it will go to local, national and international charities to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

For their assistance in helping defray the costs associated with staging today's concert we are extremely grateful to all our programme advertising sponsors.

Our sincerest thanks also go to 'Live Arts' and St. Mary's Church for making us so welcome, 'One Man Band' for acting as our Box Office, ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Banbury for helping provide our refreshments, the Rotary Club's Foundation Committee for the organisation of the event, our Master of Ceremonies, Rtn Jonathan Meredith, and all my fellow Rotarians who have given so generously and freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of this event.

Our final thanks must, of course, go to our audience without whose participation the concert would not be such a success.

On behalf of all the members of the Rotary Club of Banbury I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2012.

John Bennett
President of the Rotary Club of Banbury

The Banbury Symphony Orchestra

Banbury Symphony Orchestra brings together local musicians and audiences to experience the music and the unique thrill of involvement with a full symphony orchestra.

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Paul Willett - BSO Conductor and Musical Director

Paul Willett studied violin, singing and piano as a student but his main instrument was the French Horn on which he gained his Performance Diploma from The Royal College of Music at 16. He then went on to read music on scholarship at The 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. He is currently the deputy headteacher at Didcot Girls' School.

Anna Fleming - Orchestra Leader

Anna was born in South Africa where she started playing the violin at the age of 10. While studying music at secondary school, Anna became a member of the South African National Youth Orchestra.

After successfully completing her music degree, majoring in orchestral studies, Anna joined the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra in 1992.

Anna moved to England in late 1996. Keen to continue her orchestral playing, Anna joined the Banbury Symphony Orchestra in 1997 and became the leader of the orchestra in 2000, a post that she has held ever since.

As a committed Christian, Anna plays an active role in church music. Focusing primarily on private violin tuition, Anna particularly enjoys helping adults to learn to play and she can be contacted on 01295 780017

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PROGRAMME

Conducted by – Paul Willett

Leader of the Orchestra – Anna Fleming

Announcer – Rotarian Jonathan Meredith

Part One

1. Overture to the Bartered Bride - Smetana
2. Tubby the Tuba - Music by Kleinsinger,
words by Tripp
Soloist: James Bolton-King
Narrator: Jonathan Rowe
3. Skater's Waltz - Waldteufel, arr Pfortner
4. Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- Martin/Blane arr Whitney
5. Carol - The First Nowell (6 verses)



Part Two

6. Christmas Festival Overture - Anderson

7. Carol - O Come all ye faithful

8. Blue Danube Waltz - Strauss

9. Carol - God rest ye merry gentlemen

10. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- Marks arr Hare

11. Sleigh Ride - Anderson

12. 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;

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps;

Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations;

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';

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find;

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray;

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.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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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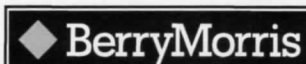
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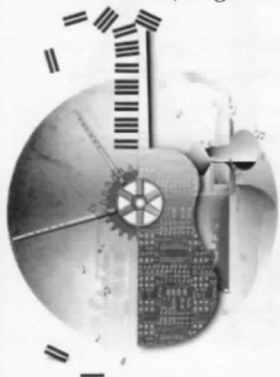
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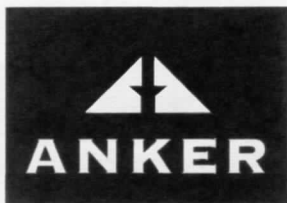
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