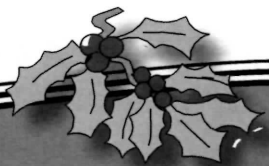




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**A message from the
President of the Rotary Club of Banbury**
Rotarian Roger Worrall

May I on behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Banbury welcome you to this 'Family Christmas Festival of Music' held here in St. Mary's Church right in the heart of the town.

This is the fifth time the 'Banbury Symphony Orchestra' have kindly agreed to perform for us and based upon successes in the past we hope they will continue to do so for many years to come as it is enjoyed by so many people of all ages in the run up to Christmas.

As with any event there are numerous costs involved, however all surpluses will go to local, national and international charities. Needless to say all Rotarians donate their time and expertise without charge.

To maximise our giving we are most grateful to our main sponsors Whitley Stimpson, the Chartered Accountants, this year joined by the Colin Sanders Innovation Centre and articles about them appear in this programme; also I should mention our indebtedness to all advertisers, please do consider using them when appropriate circumstances arise.

Finally thanks to all at 'Live Arts' and to 'One Man Band' of Church Walk for assisting with the ticket sales.

Do enjoy yourselves today and on behalf of all members of the club I wish you all a happy Christmas along with a successful and healthy New Year.

Roger Worrall,
President of the Rotary Club of Banbury

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The Rotary Club of Banbury is a non-political and non-sectarian organisation that draws membership from adult persons of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation.

Members meet weekly for lunch at 12.45 pm on Fridays at the Freemasons Hall, Marlborough Road, Banbury. An evening meeting is held with partners on the 5th Friday of a month.

Our weekly meetings promote acquaintance and fellowship through which our Rotarians find the inspiration to serve the community and devote their time, energy and professional skills to particular projects.

Members may invite non-Rotarian guests to club meetings, where our business often includes a talk on a subject of general interest by an outside speaker.

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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 acting 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.



PROGRAMME

Conducted by - Paul Willett

Leader of the Orchestra - Anna Fleming

Announcer - Rotarian Jonathan Meredith

Part One

1 'Elegy' for Charles Harrison
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2 Polovetsian Dances, from 'Prince Igor'
- Alexander Borodin
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3 Night on Bare Mountain - Fantasy
- Modest Mussorgsky
Orchestrated and arranged by Rimsky Korsakoff

4 Skater's Waltz - Emil Waldteufel
Arranged by Alfred Pfortner

5 Carol - The first Nowell

INTERVAL



Part Two

6 Christmas Festival Overture - Leroy Anderson

7 Carol - O Come all ye faithful

8 'Roses from the South', Waltz
- Johann Strauss, Op.388

9 Carol - God rest ye merry gentlemen

10 Sleigh Ride - Leroy Anderson

11 'Rudolf the Rednose Reindeer'
Composed by Jonny Marks,
Arranged for orchestra by Nicholas Hare

12 Carol - Hark the herald angels sing

Lucy Curtis winner of the 2009
Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition
will be singing during the festival of music.

There will be a retiring collection for H.F.T.
(Home Farm Trust) the charity with local homes
for the disadvantaged.

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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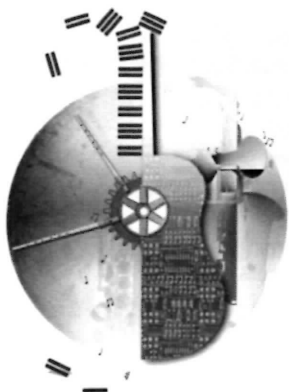
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