

ASSEMBLY HALL THEATRE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

1977

SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 7.45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS

with

Robin Hall

&

Jimmie MacGregor

A Family Christmas Evening of Music
and Entertainment

including:

ALEXANDRA THOMPSON - Soprano

MAYFIELD SILVER BAND

Musical Director : Ken Rich

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY CHORUS

Conductor : Derek Watmough

Our Comper for the Evening

JOHN EAMES

and of course

THE AUDIENCE



ROBIN HALL and JIMMIE MACGREGOR are household names in Britain. They are our best established folk-singers and are generally acknowledged to have been instrumental in creating and sustaining the present great interest in folk music. Their first record album, made more than 10 years ago is still selling and they now have a large catalogue of recordings. They appeared for more than 5 years in the 'White Heather Club' and have appeared on every television station in the country.

Robin and Jimmie have performed all over the world with great success and it is with pleasure that we welcome them to entertain us this evening.

Let Jimmie have the last word—*'Like many failed musicians I was once a artist—I became deeply fascinated by music and studied feverishly one Thursday. Realising I would never master it—I cunningly took up folk singing. The Scots refused to tolerate this, however, and sent me to London with a reference, which, when steamed open began, 'We have long been aware of our indebtedness to you for Culloden*

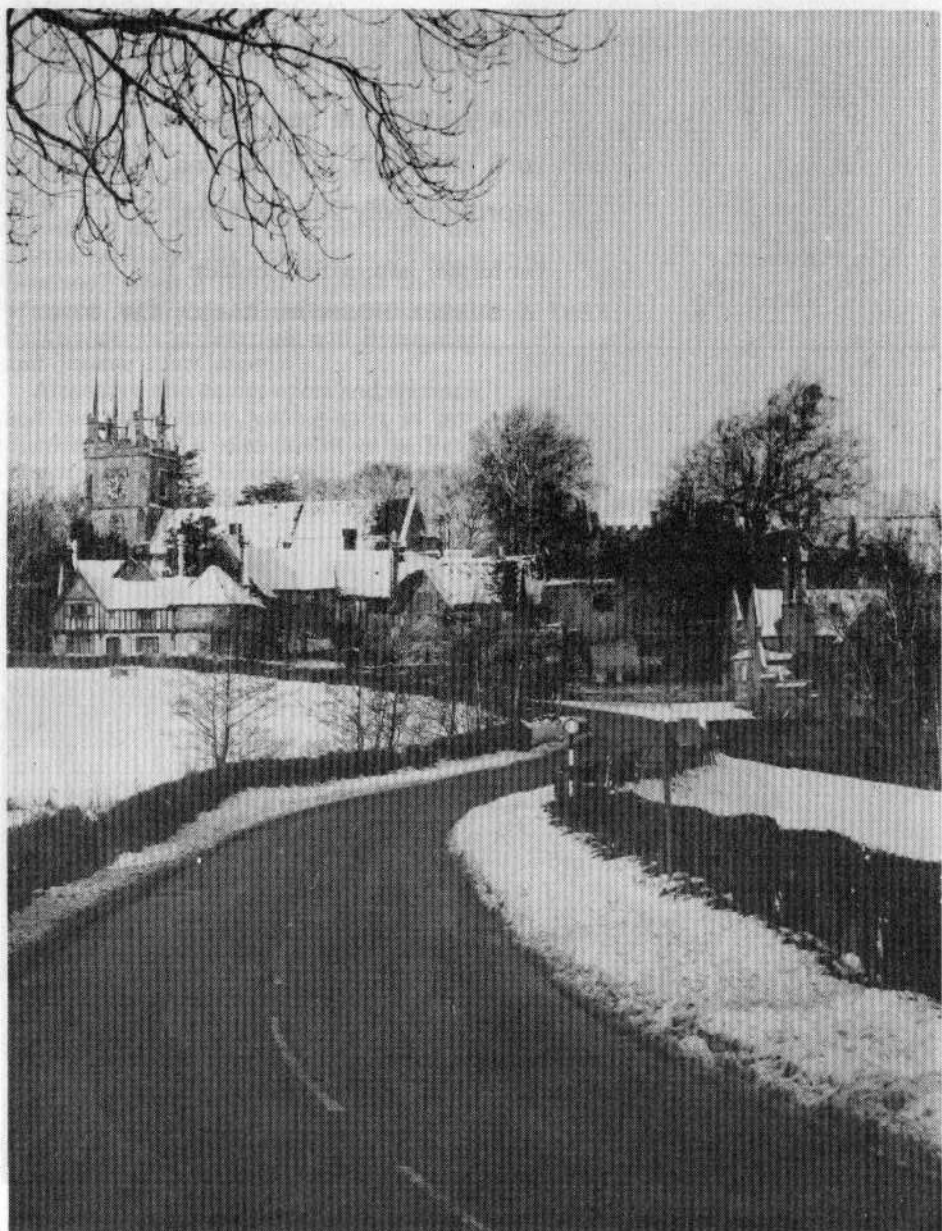
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Penshurst Church in the snow

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Mayfield Silver Band

ALEXANDRA THOMPSON

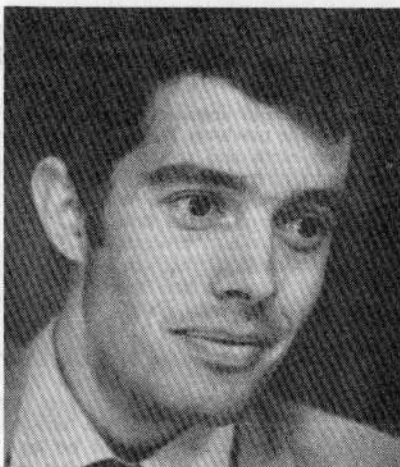
In 1972 Alexandra won the Gold Medal, the premier award at the Scottish National Mod at Inverness. Since then she has sung frequently on Scottish radio and T.V. and is a popular concert artiste, having appeared at major theatres throughout Britain including the Royal Festival Hall on several occasions. In the past few years she has starred in David Webster's show "This is Scotland" when it toured England and has appeared with such celebrities as Kenneth MacKellar, Peter Morrison and Robin Hall and Jimmie MacGregor.

Alexandra also enjoys opera and operettas and has taken many leading roles in productions she was a semi-finalist in the Peter Stuyvesant Opera Scholarship.



JOHN EAMES

John Eames has been involved in local Theatre for the past five or six years. He is a member of the Tonbridge Theatre and Arts Club, appearing in their first production at the Oast Theatre as Tom Jones in the play of that name. He has taken part in a number of activities on the Oast stage, including 'A Day in the Death of Joe Egg' and last Christmas as 'Scrooge' in a 24 hour non-stop one act play 'Scrooge at the Oast' to raise money for the Club. He has recently been very active in the local 'Old Time Music Hall' scene, both in production and participation, and enjoys being part of the local amateur entertainment scene.



THE MAYFIELD SILVER BAND

The members of the Band reside in Mayfield and the surrounding districts, first formed in 1920 the Band has continued performing up to the present time, it now plays at many Concerts, Fetes etc. throughout Kent and Sussex also competing in various contests in the South of England where it has gained many awards during the last ten years, the most recent being The Powell Challenge Cup at the Folkestone Contest on Sunday 16th October, 1977.

All the younger members have passed through the bands training group into the Senior Band, giving a happy blend of all ages.

The Musical Director: Ken Rich has been associated with the Band during the last 25 years, and has held the position of Conductor and Tutor for 12 years.

PROGRAMME

MAYFIELD SILVER BAND
— A Christmas Miscellany —

"Good Evening" from our Compere
JOHN EAMES

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
words by Charles Wesley, music by Mendelssohn

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| 1 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King. | 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King. |
| 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and 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. | |

ALEXANDRA THOMPSON
SOPRANO

Accompanist: Derek Watmough

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

words by C.F. Alexander

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.



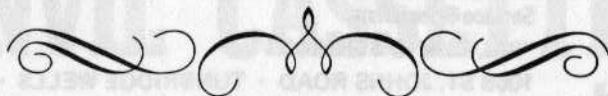
ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY CHORUS

"Christmas is Coming"

A Festive Cantata

Narrator: John Eames

Anthony Smith-Masters: Piano

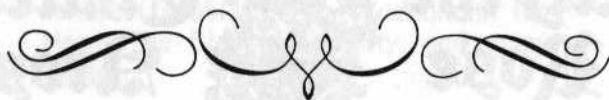


INTRODUCING

ROBIN HALL

&

JIMMIE MACGREGOR



*There will be an INTERVAL of 15 Minutes during which bar facilities and refreshments will be available in the Lounge.
The MAYFIELD SILVER BAND will play for your pleasure during the latter half of the interval.*

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY CHORUS

The Shepherd's Farewell - *Hector Berlioz*

from *L'Enfance du Christ Op. 25*

Hawaiian Carol - *Malcolm Sargent*

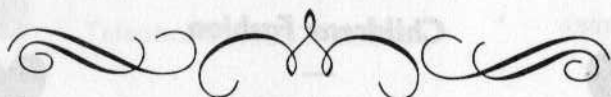


ALEXANDRA THOMPSON

MAYFIELD SILVER BAND

'Amazing Grace'

'Mary's Boy Child'

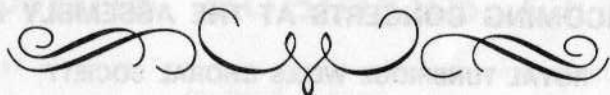


Back Again!

ROBIN HALL

&

JIMMIE MACGREGOR



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1 We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.
*Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.*

2 Now bring us some Figgy Pudding
Now bring us some Figgy Pudding
Now bring us some Figgy Pudding
So bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring etc.

3 For we all like Figgy Pudding
For we all like Figgy Pudding
For we all like Figgy Pudding
So bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring etc.

4 And we wont go until we get some!
And we wont go until we get some!
And we wont go until we get some!
So bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring etc.

5 We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring etc.

Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society

Founded in 1904, the Society gives local people an opportunity of performing, and listening to, choral music to very high standards in the company of professional musicians. New members are always very welcome and are invited to write for details to The Secretary, G.D. Stredder, Birchetts Court, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. A cordial invitation is also extended to new Patrons and Vice Presidents of the Society, which is supported by the National Federation of Music Societies, the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the South Eastern Arts Association.

Some idea of the scope and range of the Society's work in recent years can be seen from the following list of performances in Tunbridge Wells.

1977

ELGAR The Dream of Gerontius

BRITTEN Cantata Academica

HAYDN Nelson Mass

BRAHMS Song of Destiny

1971

ELGAR Dream of Gerontius

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Dona Nobis Pacem

BRAHMS Requiem

1976

MENDELSSOHN Elijah

BACH B minor Mass

1970

MENDELSSOHN Elijah

BACH St John Passion

VERDI Aida

1975

ORFF Carmina Burana

HOLST Hymn of Jesus

VERDI Four Sacred Pieces

1969

BEETHOVEN Choral Symphony

ELGAR The Music Makers

LAMBERT Rio Grande

1974

BACH St John Passion

HANDEL Messiah

1968

HANDEL Messiah

VERDI Requiem

1973

ELGAR Spirit of England

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Sea Symphony

WALTON Belshazzar's Feast

1967

HAYDN Creation

ELGAR Dream of Gerontius

1972

VERDI Requiem

BACH St Matthew Passion

1966

BRUCKNER Mass in F minor

ROSSINI Stabat Mater

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Hiawatha

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If you would like to support us in either of these ways, will you please contact the General Secretary, whose name appears at the foot of the page.

We express our thanks to existing Patrons and Vice-Presidents for their past and continuing support, and to the management and staff of the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

General Secretary, G.D. Stredder, Birchetts Court, Stockland Green Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0TY. Telephone: Langton 2887.

The National Federation of Music Societies and the South Eastern Arts Association to which this Society is affiliated, gives support towards the costs of concerts with funds provided by the Arts Council of Great Britain. The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council also provides guarantees.

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