

Assembly Hall Theatre · Royal Tunbridge Wells
ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY
75th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

SING NOEL!

Christmas Music and Carols for
all the family

SANDRA THOMPSON — Soprano
MARK ADAM — Entertainer
JOHN EAMES — Compere
Conductor
DEREK WATMOUGH

Special guest appearance of
THE MAYFIELD BAND
Director: Ken Rich

Sunday, 17th December 1978 at 7.45 pm

SANDRA THOMPSON studied music and languages at the universities of Leeds and Cambridge. During the course of her singing career she has appeared as soloist in a number of oratorios and has played leading roles in many operas and operettas. Sandra was a semi-finalist in the Peter Stuyvesant Opera Scholarship and has recently been accepted by Kent Opera.

She is well known as a cabaret artiste and has appeared on Scottish TV and at major theatres throughout the country including the Fairfield Halls, Victoria Palace and the Royal Festival Hall.



MARK ADAM has performed in many parts of the world including South America, South Africa, the West Indies, Italy and Ireland. His most recent overseas engagement was earlier this year at the prestigious Goodwood Park Hotel in Singapore, where he appeared for a season. He also appears regularly in this country.

In November he topped the bill in a special command show at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. He has made several television appearances, the most recent being in June for ITV. Immediately after this performance in Tunbridge Wells, Mark travels north for a short pre-Christmas season at the Fiesta Club, Sheffield before moving on to Bournemouth where he will be appearing in cabaret during Christmas itself.



JOHN EAMES has been involved in local theatre for the past six or seven years. He is a member of the Tonbridge Theatre and Arts Club, appearing in their first production as Tom Jones in the play of that name. He has taken part in a number of productions on the Oast stage, including 'A Day in the Death of Joe Egg' and as Scrooge in the 24-hour non-stop 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 world.

THE MAYFIELD BAND has enjoyed one of its busiest years since its formation in 1920. Under their musical director Ken Rich they have performed at parades, fetes, concerts and contests throughout the South-East and are now one of the most popular and sought-after bands in the area.

Supported entirely by its members, the Mayfield Band has a long tradition of encouraging young musicians, who make a very important contribution to its continued success.





PROGRAMME



THE MAYFIELD BAND
A Fantasy on Carols for
Brass Band arranged by
Eric Ball



'Good Evening' from your compere

JOHN EAMES



O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Words and music by J.F. Wade (c1711-1786)

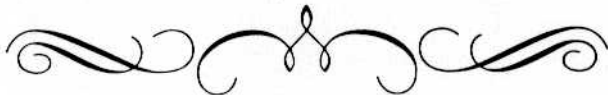
O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
To Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not
The Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created:

See how the shepherds
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks,
Draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

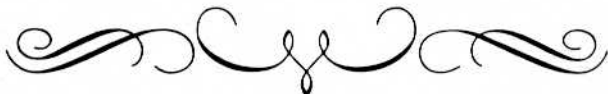
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens,
Of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:



SANDRA THOMPSON

SOPRANO

Accompanied by Derek Watmough





WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Words and music c.1857 by Dr. J.H. Hopkins

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:

**O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Born a king on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown him again —
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high!

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies.



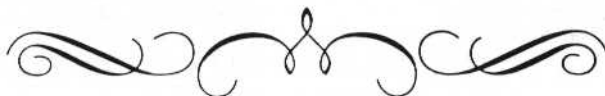
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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Torches (John Joubert)

with

The Mayfield Band

Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices: J.S. Bach

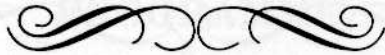


THE MAYFIELD BAND

In Dulci Jubilo

A Christmas Carol in the traditional style

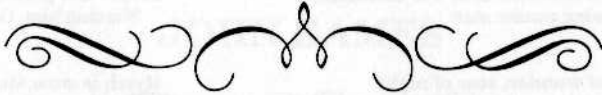




Introducing
our special guest
for this evening

MARK ADAM

accompanied on the piano by Lesley Budden



*There will be an INTERVAL of 15 minutes during which bar facilities and refreshments will be available in the Lounge
During the latter part of the interval, the MAYFIELD BAND will play for your pleasure 'Hootenanny' — a Folk Festival*



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Good King Wenceslas look'd out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp, and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

'Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
'Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.

'Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.'
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

'Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer.'
'Mark my footsteps, good my page;
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.'

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

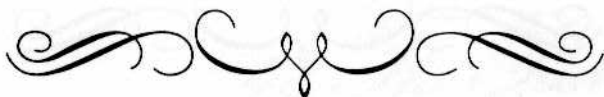
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with

MARK ADAM

Chloe Allman-Ward (cello) and Anthony Smith-Masters (piano)
in a performance of

Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughan Williams



SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promis'd from eternal years:

Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim:

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing "Peace on earth"
Told us of the Saviour's birth:

Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this:

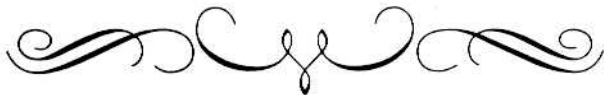
Teach, oh teach us, Holy Child,
By the faith so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
In thy sweet humility.



**SANDRA
THOMPSON**

accompanied by the
MAYFIELD BAND

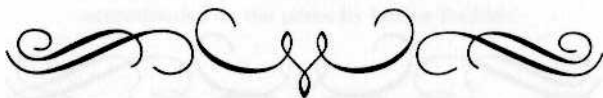
'When a Child is Born' — Zacar/Jay
'Edelweiss' — Richard Rogers





**MARK
ADAM**

entertains



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

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.

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 to man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

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.

and as THE MAYFIELD BAND plays us out
we wish you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

