

**ROYAL
TUNBRIDGE WELLS
CHORAL SOCIETY**

CAROL CONCERT

**ASSEMBLY HALL
TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

Sunday, December 11th. 1988

at 3 pm.



THE MAYFIELD BAND

Conductor: Ken Rich.

ALEXANDRA LEIGH.

AILEEN BREWER.

PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL,

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

CHORAL SOCIETY.

Accompanist: WILLMARC ELLMAN.

Conductor: DEREK WATMOUGH.

Programme 40p.

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Principal Conductor: Derek Watmough

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We are most grateful for the support Patrons and Vice-Patrons and new ones are always welcome. Please ring or write to the General Secretary, 233 Greggs Wood Road, Tunbridge Wells (T1937)

The Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from September to April. New members are always welcome. There is a simple and private audition. Please contact the Membership Secretary, Miss M. Standen, 38 Sandhurst Avenue, Pembury, Kent. TN2 4JZ (Pembury 2048)

OVERTURE:

THE MAYFIELD BAND

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "While Shepherds Watched"

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

Fear not, said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds,
Good tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord
and this shall be the sign.

The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song.

All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.

CHOIR

"Angel Tidings"

Words and arrangement by John Rutter

"Shepherd's Pipe Carol"

Words and music John Rutter

"Infant King"

Arr. David Willcocks. Words S. Baring-Gould

"Crown of Roses"

P.I. Tchaikovsky. Translated Geoffrey Dearmer

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"Sussex Carol" - English Tradition Carol
Arranged David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad
Then why should men on earth be so sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen.

SOLOIST

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"We Three Kings"

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.
O, star of wonder, etc.

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:
O star of wonder, etc.

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

Glorious now, behold him arise
King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:
O, star of wonder, etc.

CHOIR

"Christe, Redemptor Omnium"
Claudio Monteverdi. Christmas
Office Hymn (6th Century)

"Psallite Unigenito"
Praetorius. (From Musae Dioniae, 1609)
English words John Rutter

"Salve Puerule"
Charpentier. English words John Rutter

CHILDREN OF PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INTERVAL

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The Mayfield Band will play for part of the
interval

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

Ding Dong merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding dong verily the sky
Is riven with angels singing;
Gloria ... In Excelsis Deo
Gloria ... In excelsis Deo

E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen
And e'eo, e'eo, e'eo
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, etc.

Pray you dutifully prime
Your matin chime ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your eve-time song ye singers.
Gloria, etc.

CHOIR

"Child in a Manger" Celtic trad.
carol - Words and arr. John Rutter
"O little town of Bethlehem"
(Verse 3 - Audience:

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel)

"Twelve days of Christmas"
English trad. carol arr. John Rutter

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE It Came Upon a Midnight
clear.

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old;
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven 's all gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats,
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand year of wrong;
And man at war with man hears not
The love-song which they bring,
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth,
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

CHOIR:

"I sing of a Maiden"

Patrick Hadley

"I saw Three Ships"

English tradition carol arr. John Rutter

Verse 6 - children only:

And all the bells on earth shall ring, on

earth shall ring, on earth shall ring,

And all the bells on earth shall ring,

On Christmas Day in the morning.

Verse 8 - ALL:

Then let us all rejoice amain, rejoice amain,
rejoice amain,

Then let us all rejoice amain,

On Christmas Day in the morning.

"King Jesus has a Garden"

Dutch trad. carol - arr. John Rutter

Words translated by G.R.Woodward.

HARP SOLOIST - AILEEN BREWER

CHOIR

"Balulalow" from "Ceremony of Carols"
by Benjamin Britten
(Harp accompaniment - Aileen Brewer)

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"Good King Wenceslas"

ALL Good King Wenceslas looked 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.

MEN'S
VOICES

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

MEN

Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither,
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear them thither;

ALL

Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

WOMEN

Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger
Falls my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.

MEN

Mark my footsteps, good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

ALL 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.

SOLOIST - ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

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, 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,
O come, etc.

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear,
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps,
O come, etc.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God, in the Highest,
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore
him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ASSEMBLY HALL - 3pm

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| 5th February, 1989 | Royal Tunbridge Wells
Symphony Orchestra |
| 5th March, 1989 | Royal Tunbridge Wells
Symphony Orchestra |
| 19th March, 1989 | Green Room Club -
Celebrity Concert:
MAYUMI FUJIKAWA Violin
ROGER VIGNOLES Piano |
| 2nd April, 1989 | Royal Tunbridge Wells
Symphony Orchestra |
| 9th April, 1989 | Royal Tunbridge Wells
Choral Society
J.S. BACH - MASS IN B MINOR
CONDUCTOR - DEREK WATMOUGH |

TRINITY ARTS CENTRE - 3pm

Green Room Concerts:

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| 22nd January | Barbican Piano Trio |
| 19th February | Gagliano String Trio |
| 16th April | Schubert Ensemble |

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YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

