

ROYAL  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
CHORAL SOCIETY

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ASSEMBLY HALL  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS

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Sunday, 10th December, 1989 at 3pm

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THE MAYFIELD BAND  
Conductor: KEN RICH

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

BIDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Accompanist: WILLMARC ELLMAN

Conductor: DEREK WATMOUGH

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
CHORAL SOCIETY  
87th SEASON

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We are most grateful for the support of Patrons and Vice Patrons, and new ones are always welcome. Please ring or write to the General Secretary, Mr. L.A. Lee, 233 Greggs Wood Road, Tunbridge Wells (Tel: Tunbridge Wells 21937)

The Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society acknowledges, with thanks, financial assistance from the South East Arts Association and the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

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 (Tel: Pembury 2048) - we shall be pleased to have you join us.

OVERTURE: THE MAYFIELD BAND

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"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 th'angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem;  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn king.

Christ by highest heav'n 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

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Ris'n 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.

CHOIR:

"Balulalow"

From "A Ceremony of Carols"  
by Benjamin Britten

"The Bells do Ring"

by Beryl Price

"Chesteron's Carol"

by Beryl Price  
(Written for "Derek Watmough  
and the Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Choral Society")

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"Once in Royal David's City"

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

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

And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms he lay  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew  
And he feeleth for our sadness  
And he shareth in our gladness

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

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.

CHILDREN OF BIDBOROUGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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I N T E R V A L

during which the Mayfield Band will play

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## 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  
Gathering winter fuel.
- MEN Hither page and stand by me  
If thou know'st it telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he  
Where and what his dwelling?  
WOMEN 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,  
Fails 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.

CHOIR

A Festive Cantata: "Christmas is Coming"  
By Elie Siegmeister and Rufus Wheeler

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"Deck the Hall"

Deck the hall with boughs of holly  
Fa la la la la, fa la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la ...  
Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel,  
Fa la la la, fa la la la, la la la  
Troll the ancient Christmas carol  
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.

See the flowing bowl before us,  
Fa la la la la, Fa la la la  
Strike the harp and join the chorus,  
fa la la la la, Fa la la la  
Follow me in merry measure  
Fa la la la, Fa la la la, Fa la la,  
While I sing of beauty's treasure  
Fa la la la la, Fa la la la

Fast away the old year passes ) Fa la  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses ) la la  
Laughing, quaffing, all together ) ...  
Heedless of the wind and weather )



SOLOIST . . . . . ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"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  
O come let us adore him, 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, . . .

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, . . .

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

FUTURE EVENTS

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Bernstein      Chichester Psalms  
Brahms          German Requiem

With Olivia Blackburn and  
Robert Poulton

CONDUCTED BY DEREK WATMOUGH

Sunday, 25th March - Assembly Hall - 3.00 pm

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January 1990

21st	Green Room Club Trinity Arts Centre	3.00pm
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February 1990

4th	Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra Assembly Hall	3.00pm
14th	Unfamiliar Music Series Trinity Arts Centre	8.00pm
17th	Tonbridge Philharmonic Socy. Tonbridge Baptist Church	8.00pm
18th	Green Room Club Trinity Arts Centre	3.00pm

March 1990

4th	Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra Assembly Hall	3.00pm
14th	Unfamiliar Music Series Trinity Arts Centre	8.00pm
18th	Green Room Music Club Celebrity Concert Assembly Hall	3.00pm
24th	Tonbridge Philharmonic Socy. <u>Hildenborough Parish Church</u>	8.00pm

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\* YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A \*  
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\* PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR \*  
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