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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Come and join us at
LANGFORD VILLAGE HALL
on
SATURDAY, 21ST MAY, 2005
at 7.30 p.m.
for our annual concert of
music for everyone.

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BIGGLESWADE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Founded 1944

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2004 7.30pm

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE

**A Medley of Carols to include Modern and Traditional
Something for everyone, young and old Including:**

John Rutter: Angel's Carol

Edward Elgar: The Snow

Ralph V. Williams: Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Conductor: Karen Brown

Guests: The Gamlingay College Choir

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the Interval

Programme: .50p

Reg. Charity No. 29982581
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Our sincere thanks to:

the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church
Reverend William Thackray,
President of the Choral Society
for allowing us to perform here this evening –

to our **Conductor – KAREN BROWN**
for planning and rehearsing this evening's concert -

to our soloists:

Karen Brown - Soprano/Cor Anglais/Piano

Hannah Capon - Soprano

Alison Eames - Soprano/Viola

Leslie King - Baritone

Frank Pallister - Organ

Robert Parker - Tenor

Helen Rotchell - 'Cello

Anne Wright - Piano

for all their contributions to the programme -

to Mr. D. Clark, Principal of Gamlingay Village College
for kindly permitting his school choir with their

Musical Director - Mrs. Yvonne Gray

Accompanist - Frank Pallister

to participate in our concert -

and to **Hitchmead School**
for kindly loaning us their staging.

PROGRAMME

- CHOIR 'ANGELS' CAROL' *J. Rutter*
- ALL 'ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY' *H.J. Gauntlett*
- Gamlingay Choir
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 the little child.
- Choirs
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.
- All
3. 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.
 4. '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 feelth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.

- CHOIR 'ZION HEARS THE WATCHMEN'S VOICES'
Music from 'Cantata 140' - J.S. Bach, English words - J. Rutter
Accompanied by: Anne Wright - Piano, Alison Eames - Viola,
Karen Brown - Cor Anglais, Helen Rotchell - Cello

GAMLINGAY VILLAGE COLLEGE CHOIR

'FEEL GOOD'
'I BELIEVE'
'THE FRIENDLY BEASTS'

Musical Director: Yvonne Gray
Accompanist: Frank Pallister
Tyson and Scott
Shirl and Stillman
David Joyner

CHOIR 'THE SNOW'

Edward Elgar
Words: Alice Elgar

ALL 'SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW'

John Goss
arr: D. Willcocks

- All
1. See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears.
Promis'd from eternal years.
Refrain:
Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

- Ladies and Children
2. Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim:

All *Refrain:*

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

All *Refrain:*

- Men
4. 'As we watch'd at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"
Told us of the Saviour's birth.'

All *Refrain:*

- Ladies and Children
5. Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this:

All *Refrain:*

Short organ introduction to:

All 6. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By thy face so meek and mild.
Teach us to resemble thee,
In thy sweet humility.
Refrain

CHOIR 'IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER' *Harold Darke*
Words: Christina Rossetti
Hannah Capon - Soprano, Robert Parker - Tenor

SOLO 'HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET' (Messiah) *G.F. Handel*
Alison Eames - Soprano, Frank Pallister - Organ

CHOIR 'ROCKING' *arr: David Willcocks*
Alison Eames - Soprano

ALL 'O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM' *arr: R.V. Williams*

1. O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. 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.

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CHOIR 'FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS' *R. Vaughan Williams*
Les King - Baritone, Helen Rotchell - Cello

ALL 'O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL' *arr: D. Willcocks*

1. 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:
Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
Refrain:

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

DUET 'A SACRIFICE' *Robert Parker*
Karen Brown - Soprano, Robert Parker - Tenor

GAMLINGAY VILLAGE COLLEGE CHOIR
'DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?' *arr. Robert Winter*
'CHRISTMAS ON THE BEACH AT WAIKIKI' *S. Kupferschmid*
'JUST A TALE' *S. Clark*

ORGAN SOLO 'NOEL AND VARIATIONS No. 5 in G' *Daquin*
Frank Pallister

CHOIR 'THE SHEPHERD'S FAREWELL' *Hector Berlioz*
From: 'L'Enfance Du Christ' Op.25 - Words: Paul England

PIANO DUET 'DECEMBER DUO' *Anne Wright*
Performed by: Anne Wright and Karen Brown

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CHOIR 'MASTERS IN THIS HALL' *arr. David Willcocks*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all

ALL 'HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING'
Mendelssohn Arr: Willcocks

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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.
*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

We would also like to thank
Mrs. Anne Wright,
who has accompanied the rehearsals

and
the members of the
Badminton Club
for their help with interval refreshments.

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2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Off-spring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain:*
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. *Refrain:*

The Choral Society always welcomes new members.
We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in the
Chapter House at St. Andrew's Church,
Biggleswade at 8.00 p.m.

*If you would like to join us, please come along to a rehearsal
or contact: Mrs. Val Heaps (Tel: 01462 - 700462).*

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