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NEWBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

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(President: LORD TEVIOT OF BURGHCLERE)

CORN EXCHANGE :: NEWBURY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1955

at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FULL CHORUS OF OVER 100 VOICES
AND ORCHESTRA OF MEMBERS OF N.A.O.U., Etc. Etc.

Soloists :

ISOBEL BAILLIE . - - Soprano

HERVEY ALAN - - - Bass

Conductor - JOHN RUSSELL

Leader of Orchestra - - May Hope

Pianoforte - - - Ethel Stringer

This Concert is given with the support of the Arts Council of Great Britain

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

BENEDICITE

for Soprano Solo, Chorus and Orchestra

Vaughan Williams

ISOBEL BAILLIE

This vigorous and colourful setting of the Benedicite was written some twenty-five years ago for the Leith Hill Festival, over which the composer has been the presiding genius for so many years.

Inserted in the Canticle are some verses by the 17th century poet Austin ; these, sung in ensemble by soprano and chorus, are made into a stirring march with a strong plainsong flavour.

SONGS

Two French Carols

(a) A Virgin Mother	...	...	<i>arr. Cockshott</i>
(b) He is Born, the Child Divine	...	...	" "
Come, Gentle Shepherds	...	...	<i>arr. H. G. Ley</i>
The Oxen	...	...	<i>Armstrong Gibbs</i>
Star Candles	...	...	<i>Michael Head</i>
The Monkey's Carol	...	...	<i>C. V. Stanford</i>
King Herod and the Cock	...	...	<i>arr. Cecil Sharp</i>

HERVEY ALAN

IN TERRA PAX

Christmas Scene for Soprano, Baritone and Chorus

Gerald Finzi

ISOBEL BAILLIE and HERVEY ALAN

This work, performed for the first time last February on the B.B.C. Third Programme (conducted by John Russell) is based mainly on a poem by Robert Bridges, in which the poet, on

“a frosty Christmas Eve,” casts his mind back to “that first Christmas of all.” The music, too, harks back to the wondrous account of St. Luke, “And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the fields.....”

I N T E R V A L

Christmas Music from “Messiah” *Handel* Pastoral Symphony

“There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not; for behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.” Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion.

“The Carol of the Little King” *Eric Fogg* ISOBEL BAILLIE

Fantasia on Christmas Carols *Vaughan Williams* HERVEY ALAN

This is a jovial medley of well-known tunes, woven together to provide a “salute” to Christmas which is both hearty and devout.

The Newbury Choral Society has now completed its 70th year. It was founded in 1884 by the late Mr. J. S. LIDDLE and has continued to promote the furtherance of good Choral Music.

The Secretary will be pleased to receive applications from new members, who are cordially invited.

The Society expresses its grateful thanks to the members of the N.A.O.U. who have assisted in this Special Concert and other performances.

President - Lord Teviot of Burghclere.

Conductor - Mr. John Russell.

Hon. Secretary - Mr. A. G. Sampson, 18, Westgate Road, Newbury

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