

The Balally Players  
presents

# Christmas at

# Airfield



WED 7 TO SAT 10 DECEMBER 2005

WELCOME AND ENJOY THE EVENING!

THE AIRFIELD TRUST, UPPER KILMACUD ROAD, DUNDRUM

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Balally Players and Airfield Trust  
present  
***Christmas at Airfield***

*Devised and Directed for your edification and entertainment  
by Mrs Mary Ryan, who was most ably aided and abetted by Mrs Margaret Toomey,  
Miss Dorothy Cullen and Mrs Teresa Dempsey.*

**CAROLS SING ALONG**

If you know the carols, please join in. The words are given at the back.

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| <b>1. Mrs Overend welcomes our guests</b>   | Performed by<br>Mrs Teresa Dempsey   |
| <b>2. Carols</b><br><i>Away in a Manger</i><br><i>Mary's Boy Child</i>  | Mrs Anne Lucas, Sinead Ni Griofa,<br>Miss Emily Brew<br>Musical Accompaniment, Crona Ni Conallain (Guitar) |
| <b>3. The Four Farrellys</b><br>Mr Percy French   | Mr Anthony McGettigan  |
| <b>4. Songs</b><br><i>I Dreamed a Dream</i><br>From "Les Miserables"<br>Music: Mr Andrew Lloyd Weber.<br>Words: Mr Tim Rice<br><i>Get Happy</i><br>Music and Words: Mr Harold Arlen | Miss Linda Nolan   |
| <b>5. The Old Horse Drawn Fire Brigade</b><br>Author Unknown  | Mr Oran O Rua  |
| <b>6. The Selfish Giant</b><br>Mr Oscar Wilde   | Mrs Margaret Toomey  |
| <b>7. Songs</b><br><i>The Island</i><br>Words and Music: Mr Paul Brady<br><i>Past the Point of Rescue</i><br>Words and Music: Mr Michael Hanly                                      | Crona Ni Conallain   |
| <b>8. Poems</b><br><i>He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven</i><br>Mr William Butler Yeats<br><i>Ach, I Dunno!</i><br>Mr Percy French  | Mrs Mary Ryan  |
| <b>9. The Street</b><br>Mr John Brendan (J.B.) Keane  | Mr Peter Flood   |
| <b>10. Comedy Sketch</b><br><i>"Buying the Turkey"</i><br>Mr James (Jimmy) O Dea  | Mr Gerry Doyle<br>Mrs Mary Ryan<br>Mrs Angela Mills  |

**INTERVAL**

Punch Bowl (tea, coffee or juice optional) & Mrs Overend's scrumptious mince pies

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# *Christmas at Airfield*

## PART TWO

- 11. Mrs Overend's 'Welcome Back'** Mrs Teresa Dempsey
- 12. The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God** Mr Anthony McGettigan  
Mr James Milton Hayes
- 13. Songs** Miss Linda Nolan  
*Every Time We Say Goodbye*  
Music and Words: Mr Cole Porter  
*Big Spender*  
Music and Words from "Sweet Charity"
- 14. The School Nativity Play** Miss Judy McKeever  
Miss Joyce Grenfell
- 15. Flute Duets** Miss Katie O Donnell  
Miss Elizabeth Roddy  
Dolce in D Major-Concerto for Flute  
Green Sleeves - Traditional Air  
The Last Rose of Summer - Traditional Air  
Hornpipe From Handel's "Water Music"
- 16. On the Twelfth Day of Christmas, I Screamed!** Mr James Carroll  
[A GI in occupied Japan reads a letter from his  
sweetheart in the States; she is more than a little  
taken aback by the traditional "Twelve Days of  
Christmas Gifts" that he has sent her]  
by Mr David Daiches
- 17. Christmas in the Trenches** Mr Kevin Fahey  
Author Unknown  
Accompanied by Crona Ni Conallain (guitar)
- 18. Christmas Songs** Crona Ni Conallain  
*Silent Night*  
*A Spaceman Came Travelling*  
Music and Words: Mr Christopher De Burgh
- 19. Comedy Sketch** Mrs Margaret Toomey  
*"The Fancy Dress Contestants Led Astray"*  
Mrs Angela Mills
- 20. Carol Singing - an excerpt from** Mr Declan Brennan  
**"Cider with Rosie"**  
by Laurie Lee
- 21. Carols** Mrs Anne Lucas  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* Sinead Ni Griofa  
*In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Miss Emily Brew  
Musical Accompaniment:- Crona Ni Conallain (Guitar)
- 22. Finale** Everyone  
*We Wish You a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year*  
*Please sing along with gusto !!*
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# *Special Thanks*

Special thanks are due to all those who helped with tonight's entertainment, in particular Mrs Jean Monahan, who managed all front-of-house affairs, including bookings, Mr Patrick Hand, Stage Management, the many other members of Balally Players, who helped to put on tonight's show, and, of course, the Airfield Trust Catering staff.

Very special thanks are due to Mr Sancho Galillei, Director of Arts and Culture, Airfield Trust, for his unfailing helpfulness in connection with "Christmas at Airfield" and for the great work he has done in making Airfield House a vibrant, important centre of arts, culture and entertainment in our community.

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## SING ALONG WITH THE CAROLS

### **Away In A Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The Little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my bedside 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care.  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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## Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day.

### CHORUS

Hark now hear the angels sing, a King was born today,  
And man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day.  
Trumpets sound and angels sing  
Listen to what they say  
That man will live forever more  
Because of Christmas Day.

While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,  
They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from afar.

### REPEAT CHORUS

Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night  
They found no place to bear her child, not a single room was in sight.

### REPEAT CHORUS

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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

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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## **In the Bleak Mid-Winter**

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Thronged the air,  
But his mother only,  
In her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part,  
What can I give Him,  
Give Him my heart.  
Give Him my heart.

## **We wish you a Merry Christmas**

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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*Thank you for being our guests tonight.  
Airfield Trust and the Balally Players pray that God may rest ye merry, gentlefolk all, and bring you and  
yours a happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year*