

Chris Allen was born in Norfolk in 1954, and learned to play the clarinet from the age of thirteen, later continuing his studies at the Royal College of Music. Following a freelance career, he settled in Bedfordshire to work as a woodwind teacher and composer, continuing to play both orchestrally and as a soloist. He has published a number of educational pieces, including studies for clarinet, saxophone and bassoon, which are listed in the Associated Board examination syllabus. He has also written much other music, ranging from solo and chamber works to large orchestral and band pieces. He has also worked on soundtracks for animation films. Among Chris Allen's other interests are walking, astronomy, cooking and his family.
Yuletide Trios is a collection of twelve Christmas melodies, mainly popular Christmas carols, arranged for flexible wind trio. Originally for three flutes or three clarinets, the second part can ow also be played on the oboe, and the third part on the bassoon. Each part can be performed now also be played on the oboe, and the third part on the bassoon. Each part can be perfor clarinet, but the lower parts are less demanding. Although rhythmically straightforward, these arrangements offer a few spicy harmonies for the Christmas hamper and will be useful additions to the repertoire for the school or church concert. The music was set by the composer

## YULETIDE TRIOS

arranged by Chris Allen for flexible wind trio

1. The Boar's Head Carol

2. Puer Nobis



3. We Wish You a Merry Christmas



