



*Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year
from the Eynsford Concert Band*

Dates for your diary

'The Voice'

A concert dedicated to the vocal repertoire with items from Opera to Broadway Shows. We are also very pleased to announce a guest appearance by Gina Beck, a lead member of the cast of Phantom of the Opera, who will perform with us during the evening.



Sunday 19th April 2009

Mick Jagger Centre

Tickets available now at £9.00, concessions £7.00. Call Paul Gould on 07506 679015

Sunday 28th June 2009

**Joint Concert with Darenth Valley
Youth Music
Eynsford Castle**

11th July 2009

**Charity Concert
St Nicholas Church Sevenoaks**

Friday 28th August 2009

1812 Night at Swanley Park

6th December 2009

**Christmas Celebration
St Nicholas Church Sevenoaks**

Sunday 13th December 2009

**Christmas Concerts
Mick Jagger Centre**

It is hard to believe that it is that time of the year already! Yet again, the band has had a busy year and is already lining up a full diary of events for 2009.

Such a busy schedule is testament to the band as we seem to go from strength to strength. With your loyal support, we endeavour to try new things and keep variety for our members and audience alike.

This year has been no exception, featuring our 'Around the World' concert in May, our 2-week cruise of the Mediterranean in August and our 'massed bands' concert with our guests from Belgium in November.

2009 sees the band focus more on the home front. Our concert entitled 'The Voice' will start the year in April. Our summer concert season will include a joint concert with Darenth Valley Youth Music in the beautiful surroundings of Eynsford Castle. Later in the year we plan to record our third CD as well as enter the National Concert Band Festival in November.

In October, the Band were very proud to welcome the Kreato Wind Band from Halle, Brussels. Kreato are a band similar in size to the Eynsford Concert Band and for many years have been regarded as one of the leading amateur wind bands in Belgium.



The visit was a great success, allowing our bands to rehearse together, perform together and, of course, socialise together. The visit culminated in a 'massed bands' charity concert on 1st November at St. Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks. During the concert's grand finale we totalled 105 musicians on stage, literally lifting the roof off this magnificent church.

This charity concert raised over £2,200 divided between the Mayor of Sevenoak's nominated charities, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Sevenoaks Citizens Advice Bureau, and our own nominated charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

In the last 5 years the band has raised in excess of £20,000 for charity with nearly £2,000 raised this year for the Alzheimer's Society. We are very proud that we are able to give time and money to so many worthwhile causes and we can't thank you enough for your donations and support.





Every year the Band selects a charity to support through donations from concerts and social events. This year I am very pleased that the band have selected a charity close to my heart - Spadework.

Spadework is an independent charity which provides tuition for adults with learning difficulties. Trainees are taught horticulture, amenity gardening, catering and computing. The centres are run by a dedicated team of highly experienced staff and volunteers. For the last year I've had the privilege of being one of these volunteers and have experienced firsthand the invaluable work they do.

Next year Spadework celebrates its 25th anniversary and to celebrate, we will hold a special fund raising concert on the 11th July 2009 at St.Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks.

If you are interested, you can find out more about Spadework at www.spadework.net

Thank you for your continued support and Merry Christmas,

Brian Bennett.

For your event

The excitement and beauty of our music can transform your event into a very memorable occasion.

We are happy to play anything from Bach to Big Band, with music that will appeal to young and old alike.

If you would like a spectacular finale to your evening, then few things go down as well as a fireworks display!

If you would like further information, then please contact Paul Gould on 07506 679015 or by email at enquiry@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk

Players needed

We are very pleased that the Band is close to having a full complement of players. However, we continue to seek Percussion and String Bass players.

If you know anyone who would like to join us, then please ask them to contact Paul Gould on 07506 679015 or by email at enquiry@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk



Cruising the Mediterranean

In August, the Eynsford Concert Band again enjoyed the hospitality of company and crew of the Fred. Olsen Black Watch cruise ship.



For 2 weeks, the Band, friends and family relaxed together and, under the direction of Colin Palmer, performed for the enjoyment of passengers and crew.

The Band performed a number of themed concerts that included 'A Spanish Evening', 'Song & Dance', 'At the Movies', 'Showtime', and a dramatic outdoors 'Night at the Proms' concert. The trip was a resounding success with everyone having a fantastic time with 'just the right balance' between holidaying and performing!



The band is very fortunate to have as a good friend, Nigel Clarke. Nigel is one of this country's leading composers, having won many awards and accolades. He has recently been appointed resident composer to HM Grenadier Guards. Nigel has also produced many film scores.

Nigel has kindly agreed to write a piece for the band which will be based on the statue of "Hope". This statue was recently erected in the town of West Malling.

The statue is of a running woman with the rich tapestry of West Malling's history shown on the back of her cloak as it billows out behind her.

The eight scenes depicted start in the year 1090 when a community of Benedictine nuns was founded, through the time of the Black Death, Wyatt's rebellion against Mary Tudor, the first ever recorded game of cricket in 1704, the second world war when West Malling airfield was used as a based by the RAF and finally as we see it today.

This will be an amazing subject to put music to and we know with Nigel's enormous talent we will be in for a few surprises!! We hope to have the completed work ready in the summer and in time to put on our new CD that will be recorded in October at the Mick Jagger Centre in Dartford.

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