

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND
A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

CONDUCTED BY MIKE SMITH

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2014
THE MICK JAGGER CENTRE



£1

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSICAL DIRECTOR

A warm welcome to our 2014 Christmas Concert in what has been a most memorable and proud year in the history of Eynsford Concert Band. Our first performance of the year was not scheduled until May with our spring concert entitled 'Americana'. This was not to say we hadn't been busy rehearsing up to that point; far from it. I knew we had some important engagements coming up in close succession. With the reputation of the band being enhanced following each performance throughout 2013, the pressure was on to maintain the high standards that had been set.

Following our 'all things American' concert, which had been very well received by the sell-out audience in The Mick Jagger Centre, around 60 band members, family and friends departed for the warmer climate of Malta. We performed in three well-attended concerts and gave a guest appearance at the High Commissioner's residence for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. A fabulous time was had by all, so much so that a large number of the band are going again in 2015 to assist our friends in the Doncaster Concert Band.

In July we were delighted to be invited to take part in the inaugural National Concert Band Symposium being held in Canterbury. We were to compete against some of the finest wind ensembles in the country with the eventual winners being awarded the title of 2014 National Champions. Preparation for our 25 minute 'own choice' performance had gathered pace in the weeks leading up to the competition and I was confident the band would hold their own. I am not known for being overly demonstrative about band performances but I was forced to admit that we had been "not bad at all" following our performance. This unbiased opinion was then backed-up by the competition adjudicators who, so taken by the bands "flawless technique" and "great sound", awarded first prize and title of National Concert Band Champions to Eynsford Concert Band. Hurrah!

Before our short summer break we spent a superb day with the Band of the Grenadier Guards watching them Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace and taking part in a joint rehearsal. In late August we performed at the annual firework concert in Swanley Park in front of another bumper-sized crowd. Then it was all systems go in preparation for a return to the Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks, in October for our joint concert with the Band of the Grenadier Guards. A terrific concert was enjoyed by a wonderful audience who once again helped us raise £6,000 for SSAFA.

We supported a very poignant Remembrance Service in Sevenoaks to commemorate, in particular, the 100th anniversary of the Great War. We then returned to the town for the annual St Nicholas Church Christmas Concert last weekend.

My thanks and congratulations go to all the band members and the committee for a wonderful year's music making. 2014 will be a hard one to match but with a full diary of events already planned for 2015 I am confident our run of success will continue for a long time yet.

On behalf of all ECB members, I wish you all a very happy Christmas, a peaceful New Year and hope you enjoy tonight's concert.

Mike Smith



PROGRAMME

PRELUDE: WESTMINSTER CHIMES (ELLERBY)
(FROM THE CRIES OF LONDON)

OVERTURE TO A WINTER'S FESTIVAL (CURNOW)

MACK & MABEL (ARR BURTON)

UKRANIAN BELL CAROL (SPARKE)

ANGEL'S FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (ARR WILLCOCKS)

DESCRIPTIVE: SLEIGH RIDE (ANDERSON)

CATS (ARR EDMONSON)

FESTIVO (ELLERBY)
(FROM VENETIAN SPELLS)

INTERVAL

RAFFLE



TROIKA

(PROKOFIEV)

WALTZ FROM MASQUERADE

(KHATACHURIAN)

FROZEN

(ARR BULLA)

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS
GUEST SOLOIST: PROFESSOR STROMBIER

(ARR MS)

WHILE SHEPHERD'S WATCHED

(TRADITIONAL)

CHRISTMAS POST HORN

(ARR HICKS)

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

(HANDEL)

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

(ANDERSON)

HAVING FUN IN 2014

A day out with the Grens



Malta



Winners!



Massed Bands



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CONDUCTED BY MIKE SMITH

PICCOLO & FLUTE

NIGEL KEEN

FLUTE

CLARE EVANS
ANNA CASLING
JANE WRIGHT
ANNA WATSON

OBOE

ALAN SIMPSON
JENNY HARRIS

OBOE & COR ANGLAIS

HELEN FIDLER

BASSOON

SIAN MILLER
PETA WHITE

ALTO SAXOPHONE

MARIE CHALKLEY-
BOWMAN
ZOE MARKS

TENOR SAXOPHONE

GRAHAM BELL
ALISON HERRING

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

IAN PAGE

EB CLARINET & CLARINET

NEIL ANDERSON

CLARINET

ANDY MATTISON
BRYAN EDWARDS
SANDRA LANE
WENDY EATON
MAGS SHACKLETON

FIONA EGAN

VIV ASTALL

ANGELA NORRIS
HELEN STEVENS

JOANNA PAGE

JAMES DRAKE

BASS CLARINET

BRIAN EVANS

HORN

CAROL MAHER
ALICIA NEWITT
DUNCAN GWYTHYR
GARY COPNALL
NEIL MITCHELL

EUPHONIUM

GEOFF BATTY

STRING BASS

RUSSELL KILLICK

TRUMPET

DAVID WALKER
PAUL BOYD
DAVID SIMMONDS
RAY LESTER
STEVE DRURY
ROBERT BENNETT
NEIL ANDERSON

TROMBONE

PAUL GOULD
LIZ SMALLWOOD
DAVID MAHER

BASS TROMBONE

STEVE AITKEN

TUBA

BRIAN BENNETT
STEVE BENNETT
TOM BRIERS

PERCUSSION

DAVE HUNT
DAVE PACK
JOE MATHERS
STEFAN BECKETT





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