



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MIKE SMITH

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017
THE MICK JAGGER CENTRE, DARTFORD

A WARM WELCOME

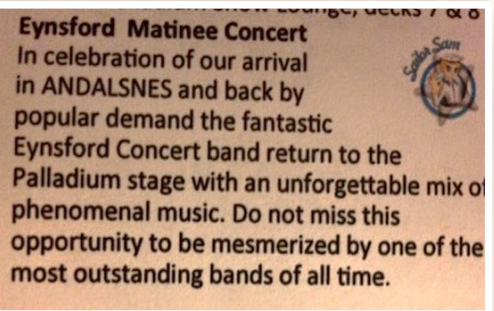
A warm welcome and season's greetings to Eynsford Concert Band's (ECB) Christmas concert for 2017.

2017 has proved to be another exhilarating year for the band. In addition to our annual performances undertaken throughout the year highlights have included a fabulous trip to the majestic fjordlands of Norway in August and re-establishing our association with the Band of the Grenadier Guards at a joint concert in November.

Rehearsals in the early months of the year commenced at a relatively leisurely pace with the focus being on preparing for our Spring concert which took place in the Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks. The theme of 'Love is in the Air' saw us entertain an expectant audience which would also introduce us to many new listeners hearing the band for the first time. The varied programme included Martin Ellerby's *Chivalry*, a challenging work based on themes of love and war, with the rest of the programme an amalgam of styles and genres to satisfy all musical tastes including solos by Stefan Beckett (percussion) and Sue Rivers (vocal). The band's performance and all pieces were enthusiastically received by those in attendance.

Following the success of the Spring concert it was full steam ahead in preparation for our performances planned for the MS Columbus whilst cruising the Norwegian fjords. We had been asked to provide 3 performances during the voyage, two themed 'A Night at the Movies' and the other a 'Last Night at the Proms' concert. To say we were well received would be the understatement of the year, exemplified by us being asked to perform a fourth concert out on the sundeck in glorious weather and to the adulation of the massed audience.

The meticulous organisation of the band's chairman Ian Page and his able assistant Steve Bennett ensured that all in our 164-strong party enjoyed a tremendous trip and, as you can see from the ship's daily programme, the band's performances also received rave reviews from the ship's crew and fellow cruisers!



No sooner had we got our land-legs back it was off to Swanley for our annual 1812 Fireworks performance where some new band 'groupies' who had met us on the cruise travelled up from Southampton to join the huge audience on a balmy summers evening.

The bangs from the fireworks had just about abated before our next performance at the Bexley Summer Fayre where we had been invited to play an afternoon of light music. Mixed in with tales and anecdotes of the band's Fjordland excursion and what band members had been getting up to, including getting married, this was an enjoyable afternoon that helped raise much needed funds for the Evelina Children's Hospital.

Judging by the speed in which the tickets for our joint concert with the Band of the Grenadier Guards sold out (11 hours), the description by the crew of the MS Columbia as 'one of the most outstanding bands of all time' might not have been as far off the mark as we first thought. The concert, in aid of ABF - The Soldiers Charity, carried the theme 'Lest We Forget' and the capacity crowd enjoyed a varied, entertaining and thought-provoking programme of music and culminating in the finale of Handel's *Music from The Royal Fireworks* (given it was 5th November) featuring the Grenadier's fanfare trumpeters and 18th Century Band in period costume.

Just a week later ECB provided musical support to the Remembrance Service in Sevenoaks under the baton of Steve Aitken and then eased into the festive period with our annual Christmas Celebration performance at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks.

As we come to the end of another memorable ECB year I give thanks to the band's committee and all band members for their continued commitment and enthusiasm to making music. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the families and friends who support the band throughout the year, not only at concerts but also for encouraging band members to keep turning up for Tuesday rehearsals to hear my unceasing words of encouragement!

On behalf of all us at Eynsford Concert Band, may we wish you very merry Christmas, a peaceful New Year and we hope you enjoy tonight's festive musical offering.

Mike

PROGRAMME

LET THE BELLS RING

ARR BUCKLEY

WASSAIL (A YULETIDE MARCH)

BASHFORD

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

ARR MOSS

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

ARR R. SMITH

WALKING IN THE AIR

ARR BARNWELL

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

ARR M. SMITH

SOLOIST: SUE RIVERS

GREAT SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

ARR LOWDEN

JINGLE BELLS FOREVER

ARR R. SMITH

INTERVAL



RAFFLE



CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTIONS

ARR EDMONDSON

INTO THE LIGHT

BOCOOK

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

MENKEN

VARIATIONS ON A SHAKER MELODY

COPLAND

WINTRY SCENE

FOTE

TROIKA

PROKOFIEV

SLEIGH RIDE
SOLOIST: SUE RIVERS

ARR M. SMITH

A CHRISTMAS CAROL FANTASY

ARR HOSHIDE



ABF – THE SOLDIERS' CHARITY

We have been delighted that Eynsford Concert Band chose ABF - The Soldiers Charity as its nominated charity for 2017.

It was an honour to support the wonderful joint concert between Eynsford Concert Band and the Band of the Grenadier Guards in early November. This concert alone helped raise £8,000 for ABF. In addition to this, the band has generously donated it's time and funds to our cause, including supporting our charity Golf Day in September (coming 4th in the competition), a donation towards the cost of November's concert and, of course, the proceeds from the raffle and your generous donations tonight.

ABF - The Soldiers' Charity is the national charity of the British Army, providing a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families in times of need. We were established in 1944 as the Army Benevolent Fund; 'a Fund for the Soldier', to ensure that the hardships endured by soldiers in the aftermath of 1914-18 were never repeated.

Last year alone, more than 75,000 people were touched by our work across 59 countries and we spent £3.2 million on delivering support to more than 4,500 individuals in need – from the nine-month-old child of a serving soldier, to a 105-year-old World War Two widow. We dispersed a further £3.4 million in grants to 92 partner charities and delivery organisations.

In Kent alone, our grants to individuals totalled more than £88,000, helping 120 cases of need. We also made a grant of £96,000 to Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) – a Kent-based charity that is building a 'Centenary Village' near Maidstone – comprising a collection of specially-adapted apartment blocks for veterans who are wounded, injured, sick, or at risk of homelessness.

We rely entirely on public donations and receive no statutory government funding, so are hugely thankful to the amazing network of supporters, volunteers, veterans, families and serving Army units around the country that continue to raise vital funds towards our work.

Col (retd) Peter Cook

Chairman ABF - The Soldiers' Charity in Kent



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PICCOLO & FLUTE

PAUL WILLIAMS

FLUTE

CLARE EVANS
JANE WRIGHT
ANNA CASLING
SUE RINGROSE
ALICE BOWMAN

OBOE

ALAN SIMPSON
JENNY HARRIS

OBOE & COR ANGLAIS

HELEN FIDLER

BASSOON

SIAN MILLER
PETA WHITE

ALTO SAXOPHONE

MARIE CHALKLEY-
BOWMAN
ZOE MARKS
LUKE BOWMAN

TENOR SAXOPHONE

GRAHAM BELL
ALISON HERRING

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

IAN PAGE

E♭ CLARINET & CLARINET

NEIL ANDERSON

CLARINET

BRYAN EDWARDS
ANDY MATTISON
JOANNA PAGE
ANGELA JACKSON SMITH
WENDY EATON
MAGS SHACKLETON
VIVIENNE ASTALL
FIONA EGAN
AIMEE GARDNER
JAMES DRAKE

BASS CLARINET

BRIAN EVANS

HORN

CAROL MAHER
MARTIN GRAINGER
DANIELLE FLARTY
MAX NICHOLS

EUPHONIUM

GEOFF BATTY

TUBA

STEVE BENNETT
GRAEME CUTLER
RUSSELL KILICK

TRUMPET

DAVID WALKER
PAUL BOYD
DAVID SIMMONDS
RAY LESTER
ROBERT BENNETT
PETE RINGROSE

TROMBONE

PAUL GOULD
LIZ SMALLWOOD
DAVID MAHER
DAN BALLARD

BASS TROMBONE & CONDUCTOR

STEVE AITKEN

STRING BASS

CHARLIE FRANCIS

PERCUSSION

DAVE HUNT
LOUISE GOODWIN
STEFAN BECKETT
TIM SAXBY

'THE MAN AT THE BACK'

BRIAN BENNETT

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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