

# EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
MIKE SMITH

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021



ABF

THE SOLDIERS'

CHARITY

The Army's National Charity

## A WARM WELCOME

It's great to be back at The SPACE, here in Sevenoaks. Thank you for joining us for our first concert here for 2 years and for helping us celebrate a return to a more traditional Christmas together.

It's also great to have ABF – The Soldiers' Charity joining us this evening. Our planned concert with the Band of the Grenadier Guards in April 2020 was sadly cancelled and, along with it, an important fundraising opportunity for them. Please can I ask you to be as generous as you can this evening.

I am so proud to be a member of Eynsford Concert Band. Our last rehearsal before lockdown was on 16th March 2020 and we were not able to get the band together again until late July this year. While it would have been easy for us to drift apart, the exact opposite happened. For 16 months our regular Tuesday rehearsals were replaced by a mix of quiz nights, guest speakers and even a wine tasting evening while our concerts were replaced by virtual recordings and hilarious film making plus a performance in a virtual concert for St. Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks last Christmas. Indeed, our membership grew as we were also able to involve many of our past members, friends, and family from all corners of the country and beyond.

Our principle Trumpet player, David Walker is owed a particular vote of thanks for his work and dedication during lockdown. As the author and host of our quiz nights and the producer, director, and editor of our lockdown videos (ably supported by our String Bass Player, Pete Ringrose), I truly believe he helped us keep the band together during this time. For this and all he's done for us over the years, please join me in congratulating him on becoming the band's latest Honorary Life Member.

I'd also like to take the opportunity of welcoming our newest members who have joined us since rehearsals restarted. These include 5 junior members who have joined our Young Musicians Academy and I am delighted with the way they have all embraced the band and how much they all seem to be enjoying it!

Rehearsals restarted at the end of July and we needed to quickly get 'performance fit' for a return to the stage. Our annual 1812 Fireworks Concert performance at Swanley Park at the end of August went surprisingly well and was accompanied by a fabulous fireworks display that must have used-up the funding underspend from last year's event! This was quickly followed by an outdoor performance at Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford. It was great for the band to return to its roots and perform in front of over 300 people who had made the trip to see us and to visit the World Garden.

Next year is the band's 50th anniversary and plans are well underway for some spectacular concerts and celebrations. These will include a 50th Anniversary Spring Concert here at The SPACE and a "Reflections on Churchill" concert in July, both featuring new pieces that have been specially written for us to mark the occasion. We also plan a return to Lullingstone Castle in September for a Summer Concert and Garden Birthday Party as well as, hopefully, a short cruise in October. Provisional dates are listed later in the programme, so please put them in the diary and keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further details. We look forward to celebrating with you.

In the meantime, on behalf of our Musical Director, Mike and all band members, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, a safe and enjoyable New Year and thank you again for your continued loyal support.



Ian Page,  
Chairman.



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## The Army's National Charity

ABF, The Soldiers' Charity is the Army's National Charity, providing a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their families in times of need.

We began in 1944 as The Army Benevolent Fund, and we provide lifetime support to soldiers (including reservists), veterans and their immediate families, from every conflict.

Through training courses we try to provide independence and dignity for the wounded and other veterans, and care home fees and home adaptations and financial support for many. We have supported individuals from nine months to 105 years old. We work closely with Regimental Benevolent funds, SSAFA and other service charities and we can be fast – vital help can often be given within 48 hours.



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"The Soldiers' Charity has been absolutely amazing in giving me my independence and life back – the nicest thing is to be able to pick my kids up from school on my own. We can walk with our dog, go shopping and visit the woods. I really cannot thank you enough. It has really been a life-changer."

Find out more [www.soldierscharity.org](http://www.soldierscharity.org)

ABF The Soldiers' Charity is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1042901). Registered in a country/territory outside the UK is not a UK charity.

Over lockdown, it has been largely impossible to run fundraising events and our income has shrunk significantly. But those we care for are still here and their needs are as great as ever. So we are very dependent on our loyal supporters to help us build the funds we need to rescue lives wrecked by physical and mental injury.

The Kent Committee of the Soldiers' Charity thank you for your support. If you would like to help us with fund raising or would like to be kept informed of future events in Kent, please email Martin at: [martinmortimer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martinmortimer@hotmail.co.uk)

## RAFFLE PRIZES

Funds raised during our raffle this evening will be split equally between Eynsford Concert Band and ABF.

Thank you for your generous support this evening ..and good luck!

### The Band of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment



### The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas and The Military Wives Choir

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022  
The Tower Theatre , Shorncliffe, Folkestone

4 TICKETS TO AN ABF CHARITY CONCERT



LOCALLY SOURCED  
LUXURY BEER HAMPER



LOCALLY SOURCED  
LUXURY WINE HAMPER



**50th Anniversary Spring Concert**  
The SPACE - Sevenoaks Performing Arts Centre  
Sunday 24th April 2022

4 TICKETS TO OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



BOTTLE OF  
LUC MOJARD CHAMPAGNE

# PROGRAMME

A CHRISTMAS INTRADA  
(WASSAIL AND ALLELUIA)

ALFRED REED

CAROL FANTASIA

ARR JOHN FOX / MS

THE WILDERNESS

ROSSANO GALANTE

EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT

KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN  
ARR MS

A FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS

SAMMY NESTICO

I DREAMED A DREAM  
SOLOIST: LUKE BOWMAN

CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG  
TRANSCRIBED MS

SLEIGH RIDE  
SOLOIST: SUE RIVERS

LEROY ANDERSON  
ARR MS

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ARR ROBERT HARTLEY

INTERVAL





FANTASIA FOR CHRISTMAS

ARR ELLIOT DEL BORGIO

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

JOHNNY MARKS  
ARR NAOHIRO IWAI

MINOR ALTERATIONS NO. 2  
(CAROLS FROM THE DARK SIDE)

DAVID LOVRIEN

THE WIZARD OF OZ

HAROLD ARLEN  
ARR JAMES BARNES

(EVERYBODY'S WAITIN' FOR)  
THE MAN WITH THE BAG  
SOLOIST: SUE RIVERS

DUDLEY BROOKS  
ARR MS

TROIKA

SERGEI PROKOFIEV  
ARR HAROLD WALTERS

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

LEROY ANDERSON

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

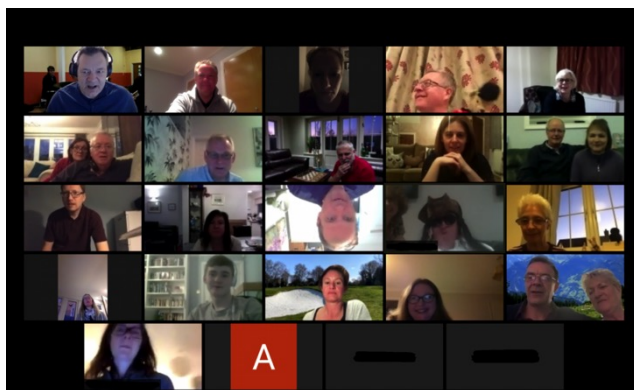
TRADITIONAL  
ARR ROGER SWIFT



## EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND DURING LOCKDOWN

When rehearsals were cancelled for the foreseeable future in March 2020, we quickly realised that we needed find a way to keep the band together and to support our members during this unprecedented time.

Our Tuesday evening rehearsals were replaced with us logging into Zoom from home for a series of online quizzes, the occasional guest speaker and a much-needed bit of banter.



We investigated the idea of 'online rehearsals' but determined that the internet was fragile enough and really didn't need that strain put on it as well!

Our first online offering was **The Great Escape**. Each member of the band recorded their individual part at home on their smartphones and emailed them to the great Pete Ringrose who pulled them all together. The result was a surprisingly impressive performance. With the recording done, we decided to bring it to life with some video footage, again recorded on individual smartphones and then edited by the multi-talented David Walker.



For Eynsford Concert Band, Christmas isn't Christmas without a performance of **Sleigh Ride**, so this just had to be the topic of our second online offering! It was great fun to record, and we hope to show it during the interval tonight ...just in case you missed it last year.



On Sunday 6th December 2020, we were proud to help Rev. Angus MacLay and St. Nicholas Church with a special 'virtual' performance of their traditional Christmas Celebration. The band recorded 2 carols (again playing as individuals at home) and provided three recordings from Christmas Concerts past - all virtually introduced by Mike. It was a big success and very much appreciated by the congregation.



The music of James Bond has always been a staple of the band's repertoire, so we decided to release **Bond, James Bond** as our third online offering in May this year. It's a bit bonkers, but great fun and designed to make you smile whilst listening to some great music.

All these recordings and more are available on our website:  
[www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk/in-action](http://www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk/in-action). We hope you enjoy!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING CONCERT

THE SPACE – SEVENOAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:00PM, SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022

TICKETS £12 AVAILABLE FROM: [TICKETS@EYNSFORDCONCERTBAND.CO.UK](mailto:tickets@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk)

### REFLECTIONS ON CHURCHILL

A PREMIER CONCERT WITH JACK STAMP

VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

7:00PM, SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2022

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

### 1812 FIREWORKS CONCERT

SWANLEY PARK

FROM 6:00PM, FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022

FREE ENTRY

### SUMMER CONCERT AND GARDEN PARTY

LULLINGSTONE CASTLE, EYNSFORD

AFTERNOON, SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

TICKETS £14 (INCL. ENTRY TO THE WORLD GARDEN)



# EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

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## **PICCOLO & FLUTE**

PAUL WILLIAMS  
CAROLE EASTWOOD

## **FLUTE**

ANNA CASLING  
CLARE EVANS  
ALICE BOWMAN  
JANE WRIGHT  
SUE RINGROSE

## **OBOE**

JO CHAPMAN  
JENNY HARRIS

## **OBOE & COR ANGLAIS**

HELEN FIDLER

## **BASSOON**

SIAN MILLER  
COLIN BROMLOW

## **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

MARIE CHALKLEY- BOWMAN  
ZOE MARKS  
LUKE BOWMAN  
THOMAS EVANS

## **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

GRAHAM BELL  
ALISON HERRING

## **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

IAN PAGE

## **CLARINET**

BRYAN EDWARDS  
ANDY MATTISON  
ANGELA JACKSON  
VIVIENNE ASTALL  
WENDY EATON  
MAGS SHACKLETON  
OLWEN EVANS  
CHRISTINE TILL  
HANNAH KITCHING  
JOANNA PAGE  
BILLY WHITE  
SANDRA LANE

## **E♭ CLARINET & CLARINET**

NEIL ANDERSON

## **BASS CLARINET**

BRIAN EVANS

## **HORN**

CAROL MAHER  
DAVID CHAPMAN  
MARTIN GRAINGER  
DANIELLE FLARTY

## **EUPHONIUM**

GEOFF BATTY  
WILL HENDERSON

## **TUBA**

STEVE BENNETT  
GRAEME CUTLER

## **TRUMPET**

DAVID WALKER  
RICHARD THOMAS  
PAUL BOYD  
SHEILA KING  
ROY COX  
DAVID SIMMONDS  
RAY LESTER

## **TROMBONE**

PAUL GOULD  
LIZ SMALLWOOD  
SAM COX  
WILLIAM EVANS

## **BASS TROMBONE & CONDUCTOR**

STEVE AITKEN

## **STRING BASS**

PETE RINGROSE

## **PERCUSSION**

DAVE HUNT  
TIM EVANS  
AARON TOWNSEND  
STEPHEN MATHEWS  
DORIAN BURT

## **TUBA AND**

## **'THE MAN AT THE BACK'**

BRIAN BENNETT



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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