

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

DIRECTED BY
MIKE SMITH

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022



ANNIVERSARY


**EYNSFORD
CONCERT BAND**

1972 - 2022

GUEST CONDUCTORS
CHRIS MOWAT
JOHN HUTCHINS
STEPHEN AITKEN

GUEST COMPÈRE
ANDY BARCLAY



The Army's National Charity

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome back!

It's great to be back at The SPACE, Sevenoaks - our first concert here since Christmas 2019 and our first event of a year that sees Eynsford Concert Band celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

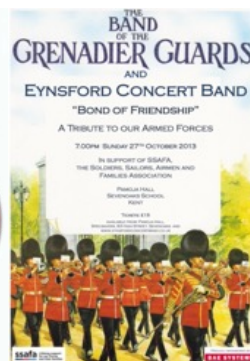
I'm really pleased that our guests are able to join us this evening. Chris, John, Steve and Andy have all played a significant role in the history of our band and it is great that they can play a part in this evening's concert and help us celebrate accordingly.

It's also great to have ABF - The Soldiers' Charity joining us this evening. The pandemic has had a significant impact on their fundraising ability, so please can I ask you to utilise their Bar service, buy raffle tickets and be as generous as you can this evening.

I am so proud to have been a member of this band for over 40 years. I have no idea where the time has gone as it seems like we've only just finished celebrating our 40 year anniversary! I firmly believe that this is because the band has such a vibrant and varied calendar each year that always gives us something exciting and challenging to look forward to.

The pandemic was no exception. The band were not able to get together for 16 months and, while it would have been easy for us to drift apart, the exact opposite happened. Our regular Tuesday rehearsals were replaced by quiz nights and guest speakers and our concerts were replaced by virtual recordings and hilarious film making. Indeed, our membership grew as we were also able involve past members, friends, and family from all corners of the country and beyond.

PROGRAMME COVERS FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS...



I'm also pleased to welcome our newest members who have joined us since rehearsals restarted. These include 5 new members of our Young Musicians Academy and I am delighted with the way they have all embraced the band and the fun they seem to be having. Tonight's concert is their first opportunity to see what the band is really all about - performing to you, our audience.

This year also marks the 10-year anniversary of Mike Smith taking on the role as our Musical Director, making him our longest serving MD since our founder, Robin O'Connell. I'm sure that you'll agree that we can't thank Mike enough for the impact he has had on the band - the standards he has taken us to, the opportunities he has brought us and the professionalism that he has instilled have certainly taken us to a new level and we all very much hope that this will continue for many more years to come.

In addition to this evening's concert, our 50th anniversary celebrations include a "Churchill Portrait" concert in July, featuring a new work that has been specially written for us by Dr. Jack Stamp. We also plan to return to Lullingstone Castle in September for a Summer Concert as well as a 'proper party' for band members, friends, and family in October. Dates are listed later in the programme, so please put them in your diary and we look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, on behalf of Mike and the band, I hope you enjoy this evening's concert and thank you all for your continued loyal support.

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Ian Page.
Chairman, Eynsford Concert Band



OUR GUESTS

Andy Barclay



Andy has been closely associated with Eynsford Concert Band for nearly 40 years, first joining us for a workshop with members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra at Roedean School in 1984 - he has rarely missed a concert or band trip since! The band's ties with the LPO proved pivotal in a career that now sees Andy as their Principal Percussionist.

After studying at the Royal College of Music, Andy embarked on a wide-ranging freelance career before joining the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in 1990. In 2001 he was appointed to the London Philharmonic Orchestra where he has been since.

Andy has performed in West End shows including *The Lion King* and *Les Misérables* and on film soundtracks including *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *Harry Potter*. As a teacher and Professor of Percussion at the Royal Academy of Music, he is much in demand!

Chris Mowat



Chris was our Musical Director between 1995 and 2001, sharing duties with Graham Sheldon, Paul Welch and Phil Evans. Highlights included trips to Spain, Holland and the Czech Republic. Educated at Cambridge University, while still an undergraduate he was silver medallist in the Concours International d'Execution Musicale de Geneve.

During his 37 year playing career he achieved Principal Trombone in the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic, Halle and the BBC Philharmonic. He also appeared with most other British orchestras including the Academy of St Martins in the Fields, English Chamber, London Philharmonic, Philharmonia and London Symphony. As a chamber music performer he was a member of the Phillip Jones Brass Ensemble and London Brass. His many arrangements and compositions for brass have been widely published, performed and recorded.

As a teacher he was Professor of Trombone at the Royal College of Music, Trinity College of Music and finally Head of Brass at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

John Hutchins

John was the band's Musical Director between 2003 and 2011. In this time, he led the band on tours to Ireland (2004), Norway (2006) and Belgium (2010) as well as leading the recording of our CD's - "Beyond the Ford" (2005) and "Heritage Suite" (2009).



John has also had a distinguished career in music. He is currently Director of the LRAM teaching course at the Royal Academy, Director of the Junior Academy and Professor of Baroque Trumpet. As a performer he has played with numerous ensembles including The English Chamber Orchestra, The Royal Opera House and English National Opera Orchestras. On the baroque trumpet John has worked with The Sixteen, The English Consort, the Kings Consort, Copenhagen Baroque, Stuttgart Baroque and the English Baroque Soloists. John was also a member of the Phantom of the Opera orchestra in London's West End for fourteen years.

Stephen Aitken

Stephen was formally appointed Assistant Musical Director by Mike in 2012. He has stood in on numerous occasions when Mike has been unavailable and has enjoyed conducting pieces during many of our concerts.



Stephen is from the coal-mining area of Fife and it was the opportunity to join the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland that propelled him to take up music as a career. At the Royal Academy, he was awarded a Degree and a Masters, along with several Diplomas and Prizes.

Chris Mowat was instrumental in getting Steven's first break with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. This was followed by a distinguished performance career during which he performed Miss Saigon for its entire 10-year original run! Stephen has since built a successful career in teaching and it was at one of his schools that he met John Hutchins, who introduced him to Eynsford Concert Band. Mike and the rest of the band are truly grateful to Stephen for being there for us when we need him.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT PROGRAMME

OTHELLO
MVT 4: ENTRANCE OF THE COURT

ALFRED REED
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH

VICTORY

ROSSANO GALANTE
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH

MISS SAIGON

CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG
ARRANGED: WARREN BARKER
CONDUCTOR: STEPHEN AITKEN

THE WATERMILL
SOLOIST: JOANNA CHAPMAN

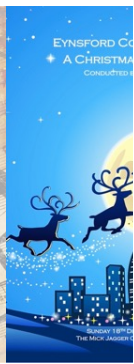
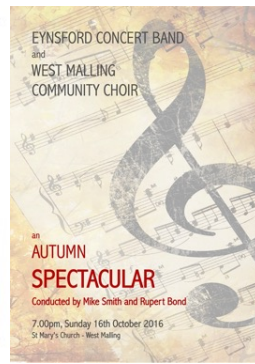
RONALD BINGE
CONDUCTOR: STEPHEN AITKEN

HERITAGE SUITE
MVT 3: CORNUCOPIA
MVT 5: WARM BEER AND CRICKET
MVT 6: WYATT'S REBELLION & HOPE

NIGEL CLARKE
CONDUCTOR: JOHN HUTCHINS

THE CRIES OF LONDON
MVT 6: HYMN

MARTIN ELLERBY
CONDUCTOR: JOHN HUTCHINS



THE BRITISH GRENADIERS

TRANSCRIBED: CLIVE RICHARDSON
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH

EYNSFORD INVICTUS
PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

DAVID HACKBRIDGE JOHNSON
CONDUCTED: MIKE SMITH

COUNTRY GARDENS

ARRANGED: PERCY GRAINGER
CONDUCTOR: CHRIS MOWATT

IRISH TUNE FROM COUNTY DERRY

ARRANGED: PERCY GRAINGER
CONDUCTOR: CHRIS MOWATT

THEMES FROM "GREEN BUSHES"

PERCY GRAINGER
CONDUCTOR: CHRIS MOWATT

THE RINGMASTER'S MARCH

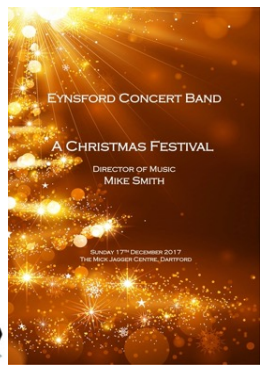
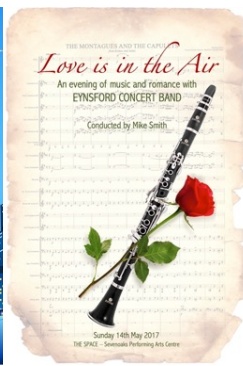
JOHN MACKEY
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH

BOND... JAMES BOND

ARRANGED: STEPHEN BULLA
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH

ENIGMA VARIATIONS OP.36
MVT 14: (E.D.U.) - FINALE

EDWARD ELGAR
CONDUCTOR: MIKE SMITH





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.



Throughout the pandemic, 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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

“UNSEEN WINGS” – A CHURCHILL PORTRAIT A PREMIER CONCERT & TALK

THE SPACE – SEVENOAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:00PM, SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022

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

FIREWORKS CONCERT

SWANLEY PARK

FROM 6:00PM, FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 2022

TICKETS: FREE ENTRY

SUMMER CONCERT AND GARDEN PARTY

LULLINGSTONE CASTLE, EYNSFORD

AFTERNOON, SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS

7:00PM, SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022

TICKETS: FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

THE SPACE – SEVENOAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:00PM, SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022

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

“FOR ENGLAND AND SAINT GEORGE”

A JOINT CONCERT WITH THE BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

THE SPACE – SEVENOAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

7:00PM, SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2023

TICKETS: AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR

MIKE SMITH — MUSICAL DIRECTOR



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND is honoured to have Mike Smith as our Musical Director.

Mike has been the band's Musical Director for the past 10 years, joining us in 2012 and leading the band into a new and exciting era.

In this time he has led the band on trips to Antwerp (2012), Malta (2013), Utrecht (2016), Norway (2017) and Austria (2019). In addition, he led us to be crowned National Concert Band Champions in 2014 (don't you know!) and to be the first band to represent the UK at the European Championships for Wind Orchestras in 2016.

Mike has enjoyed a distinguished career in Army music for over 37 years. Following on from being the Chief Instructor at The Royal Military School of Music and the only Army Director of Music to lead the Band of the Grenadier Guards for two tours of duty, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in April 2020 assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer Regional Band of the British Army based in Central London.

Mike will retire from the Army in 2023 in order that he can focus his attention on his first loves – his growing 'commotion' of grandchildren and Eynsford Concert Band!



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

PICCOLO & FLUTE

PAUL WILLIAMS
CAROLE EASTWOOD

FLUTE

ALICE BOWMAN
CLARE EVANS
ANNA CASLING
JANE WRIGHT

FLUTE & VOCALS

SUE RINGROSE

OBOE

JO CHAPMAN
JENNY HARRIS

OBOE & COR ANGLAIS

HELEN FIDLER

BASSOON

SIAN MILLER
PETA WHITE

ALTO SAXOPHONE

MARIE CHALKLEY- BOWMAN
LUKE BOWMAN
THOMAS EVANS

TENOR SAXOPHONE

GRAHAM BELL
ZOË MARKSFORD

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
KAREN LATIMER
COLIN LATIMER
MARTIN GRAINGER
DANIELLE FLARTY

EUPHONIUM

GEOFF BATTY
WILL HENDERSON

TRUMPET

DAVID WALKER
PAUL BOYD
SHEILA KING
ZOE MACKENZIE
DAVID SIMMONDS
RAY LESTER

TROMBONE

PAUL GOULD
DAVID MAHER
WILLIAM EVANS

TROMBONE & PIANO

LIZ SMALLWOOD

BASS TROMBONE &

CONDUCTOR

STEVE AITKEN

STRING BASS

PETE RINGROSE

PERCUSSION

DAVE HUNT
TIM EVANS
DAVE PACK
STEPHEN MATHEWS
GREGOR THOMSON

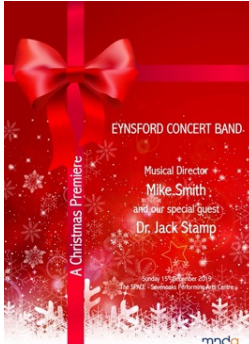
TUBA

STEVE BENNETT
BRIAN BENNETT
GRAEME CUTLER

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