

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND



“Unseen Wings” A Churchill Portrait

SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022

DIRECTED BY

MIKE SMITH

SPECIAL GUESTS

DR JACK STAMP

STEPHEN MANSFIELD

**THE SPACE
SEVENOAKS PERFORMING
ARTS CENTRE**



A WARM WELCOME

On behalf of Eynsford Concert Band (ECB), it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this evening's very special commemorative concert in which we remember, through music, the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill.

As the band celebrates its 50th Anniversary, this concert marks yet another milestone in the interesting and exciting collaborations that the band has had with bands, conductors, and composers over the years. It is such collaborations and variety that has been instrumental in keeping the band together and making great music for so long.

The band first met American composer, conductor and lecturer Dr Jack Stamp when he visited us in October 2019 where he hosted an intense and insightful weekend of rehearsals and conversation. He then returned in December 2019 to conduct the premiere of Reflections on "Weston", a piece that he wrote for the band and dedicated to the memory of Joe Stafford, one of the band's longest standing members.

We were therefore thoroughly delighted when Jack contacted us in July 2020 to set-out his desire to write another work for the band in honour of our 50th. "Unseen Wings" - A Churchill Portrait is inspired by the fascination Jack has had for Winston Churchill since the age of 11 when he followed the funeral of the great man as it was reported in the US.

Jack has written the piece based on the book *Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill* by New York Times winning author Stephen Mansfield. Stephen, who also shares a passion for Churchill, immediately offered his support after being contacted by Jack and hearing of his proposed project.



The band is thrilled and immensely grateful to Jack and Stephen who have both taken the time to travel from the US to attend the premiere of this new work this evening.

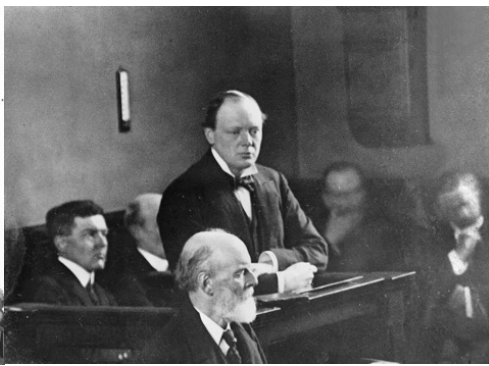
As a piece that includes intricate narration, it has introduced something very different for the band to work on. Requiring new levels of concentration by our conductor, band members and narrators alike, it has certainly provided a challenge and for some interesting rehearsals! I'd like to thank Mike, our narrators, and the band for the work they have put into bringing it together. We hope you enjoy the end product.

Back in April we launched our anniversary year with an outstanding 50th Anniversary Concert. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who joined us that evening and hope that you can join us for other events we have planned during the year including our Concert and Garden Party at Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford on Sunday 18th September and our Christmas Traditions Anniversary Concert in Sevenoaks on Saturday 17th December. All ECB performance dates are listed later in the programme, so please put them in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you enjoy tonight's concert.



Ian Page.
Chairman, Eynsford Concert Band



OUR GUESTS

Dr. Jack Stamp



Jack has retired from full-time employment as Professor of Music and Director of Band Studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) where he conducted the Wind Ensemble and taught courses in graduate conducting.

He recently served as Visiting Professor of Music at Luther College and, prior to this, was adjunct faculty for three years at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Jack received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from IUP, a Master's in Percussion Performance from East Carolina University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Conducting from Michigan State University where he studied with Eugene Corporon. In 1996, he received the Orpheus Award from the Zeta Tau Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha for service to music and was named a "Distinguished Alumnus" of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In 2000, he was inducted into the prestigious American Bandmasters Association and was awarded the title of "University Professor" for the 2008-2009 academic year at IUP, the highest award the university gives to a professor.

Jack continues to be active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and composer. He is also the founder and conductor of The Keystone Wind Ensemble, a group dedicated to recording forgotten American band classics. He has also been appointed "Composer in Association" to the Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band in the UK.

Dr Jack Stamp is also an honorary patron and great friend of Eynsford Concert Band.

Jack currently resides in Hudson, Wisconsin with his wife LeAnn.

Stephen Mansfield

"You have a destiny, but your destiny is fulfilled by investing in the destinies of others."



These words are the lifeblood of Stephen Mansfield's work and the reason why this New York Times bestselling author, entrepreneur, and popular speaker is often to be found serving vital social causes.

Stephen grew up as the son of a US Army officer and spent many formative years living in Berlin during the dark days of the Cold War. Returning to the US, he attended college, earning a bachelor's degree in history and philosophy and later a master's in history and public policy and a doctorate in history and literature. He also began acquiring a reputation as a speaker of both depth and humour.

In 2002 he came to international attention with his book, *The Faith of George W. Bush*, which landed on the New York Times bestseller list twice, won numerous awards, and was a source for Oliver Stone's acclaimed movie "W", a chronicle of President Bush's rise to the presidency. This groundbreaking book led to a string of influential works on American soldiers at war, Barack Obama, Abraham Lincoln, the Guinness brewing company, Pope Benedict XVI, Winston Churchill, Jesus Christ and Oprah Winfrey.

While managing his busy writing and speaking life, he founded a company that helps prominent figures and top organizations produce high-quality books. He also began coaching leaders to speak well, something he has done with politicians, leading artists, bestselling authors, and at major universities. In May 2021, Stephen was named a Senior Fellow of Public Leadership at Palm Beach Atlantic University where he teaches and coaches current and future leaders.

The Stephen Mansfield Podcast, launched in 2011, also continues weekly with nearly half a million downloads to date.

Stephen and his beloved wife, Beverly, split their time between Nashville, Tennessee, and Washington, DC.

PROGRAMME

THE VALIANT YEARS

MAIN THEME FROM THE TV SERIES

WINSTON CHURCHILL: "THE VALIANT YEARS"

RICHARD RODGERS

GUEST TALK

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL. HIS LIFE & TIMES

STEPHEN MANSFIELD

DR JACK STAMP

UNSEEN WINGS

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

NARRATED BY:

GRAHAM STONE

VIVIENNE ASTALL

JACK STAMP

INTERVAL



THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MARCH

RON GOODWIN

AN ORIGINAL SUITE

GORDON JACOB

THE BRITISH GRENADIERS

TRANSCRIBED: CLIVE RICHARDSON
CONDUCTED BY: STEVE AITKEN

CABARET

JOHN KANDER
ARRANGED: NORMAN LEYDEN
CONDUCTED BY: STEVE AITKEN

INFAMY

JACK STAMP
CONDUCTED BY: DR JACK STAMP

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY

GUSTAV HOLST
ARRANGED: GEOFF KNORR

VICTORY

ROSSANO GALANTE





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

OUR NARRATORS

Graham Stone



Graham Stone, Bass Baritone, was born in Devizes, Wiltshire, and sang in his first professional opera – “La Calisto” – for Bristol Intimate Opera in 1981. He studied at the GSMD with Laura Sarti and Johanna Peters, later studying with Italian bass Enrico Fissore. Career highlights include: Don Pasquale (Don Pasquale) in The Philippines, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Turkey; Pistola (Falstaff) at

Teatro Farnese, Parma; Alcindoro and Benoit (La Boheme) for the Macau International Festival; Kommisar (Der Rosenkavalier) and Bartolo (Le Nozza di Figaro) for Scottish Opera; Wilfred Shadbolt (The Yeoman of the Guard) and the title role (The Mikado) for the D’Oyly Carte Opera Company at the Savoy Theatre. Graham also appeared in the London West End production of The Phantom of the Opera as ‘M. Lefevre’, ‘Don Atillio’ and also singing many performances as ‘M. Firmin’. For the BBC, he broadcast the role of ‘Pedro’ in The Man of La Mancha, and most recently, the role of ‘Mr Joe Brundit’ in The Good Companions.

Vivienne Astall

Vivienne Astall has played Clarinet with Eynsford Concert Band since she joined us in 2001. She also serves as Secretary and Charity Trustee on the band’s committee. Viv enjoys playing in the band, and finds it a welcome distraction from the challenges of the day job.



Viv agreed to narrate Unseen Wings after agreeing to stand-in during one of our early rehearsals - she did such a great job, she was immediately talked into keeping the role! “I was honoured to be asked to narrate, and while rehearsing the piece I realised Stephen’s marvellous ability to convey the personality and achievements of such a long life in relatively few words. I also admire Jack’s wonderful skill in writing the music that compliments the words - truly amazing!”

We’d also like to thank Brian Bennett and Jo Page for their help as understudies during the rehearsals for this performance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIREWORKS CONCERT

SWANLEY PARK, SWANLEY

FROM 6:00PM, FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 2022

TICKETS: FREE ENTRY

A SUMMER CONCERT

LULLINGSTONE CASTLE, EYNSFORD

AFTERNOON, SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

TICKETS: £14 AVAILABLE FROM: [TICKETS@EYNSFORDCONCERTBAND.CO.UK](mailto:tickets@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk)
(INCLUDES 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: £14 AVAILABLE FROM: [TICKETS@EYNSFORDCONCERTBAND.CO.UK](mailto:tickets@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk)



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OBOE & COR ANGLAIS

HELEN FIDLER

BASSOON

SIAN MILLER
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LUKE BOWMAN

TENOR SAXOPHONE

GRAHAM BELL
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BARITONE SAXOPHONE

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BASS CLARINET

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EUPHONIUM

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WILL HENDERSON

TRUMPET

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SHEILA KING
DAVID SIMMONDS
RAY LESTER

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STEVE BENNETT
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GRAEME CUTLER

PERCUSSION

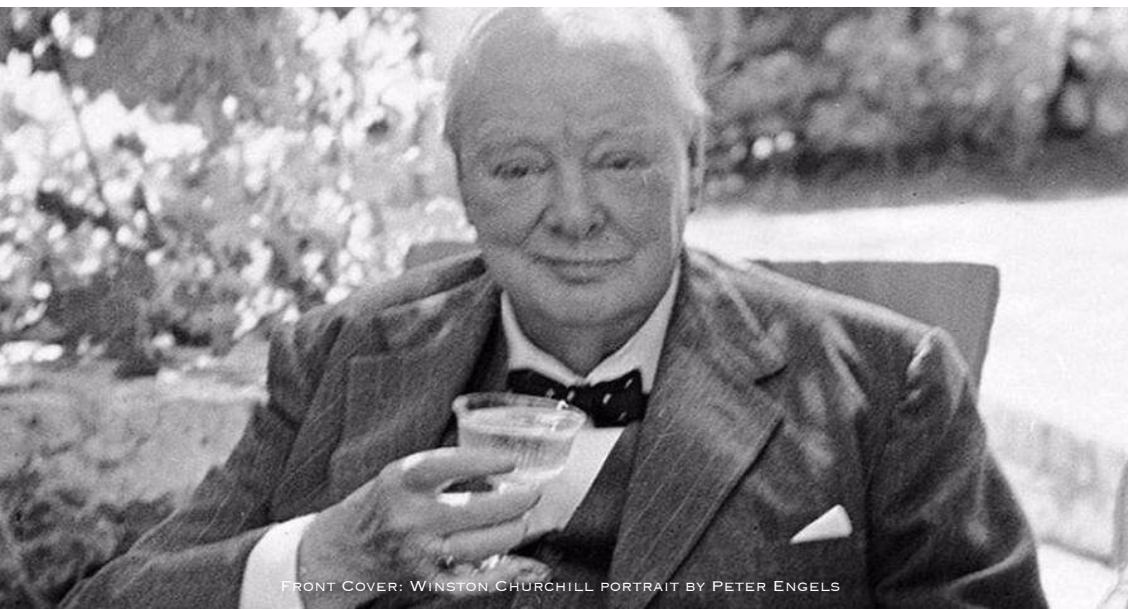
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