

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

DIRECTED BY
MIKE SMITH

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022



A FESTIVE WELCOME

Season's greetings and a very warm welcome to Eynsford Concert Band's Christmas Concert for 2022.

It is wonderful to be back at The SPACE here in Sevenoaks for our first Christmas Concert since 2019 having seen our Christmas concerts in both 2020 and 2021 cancelled due to the pandemic.

2022 has been a fantastic year for the band during which we have been celebrating our 50th Anniversary with concerts and events. I'm sure our founder member, Robin O'Connell, would have been proud to see how his vision has developed and the joy it still brings.

Our Anniversary year commenced with a Spring Concert here at The SPACE where we were joined by two of our former conductors, John Hutchins and Chris Mowat. Our host for the evening was Andy Barclay, principal percussionist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and long-term friend of the band.

In July we performed a very special commemorative concert in which we featured music that reflected the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill. The programme included the world premiere performance of '*Unseen Wings - A Churchill Portrait*', a piece for wind band and narration, and written by our Honorary Patron and eminent composer Dr Jack Stamp.

The bands annual performance at Swanley fireworks in August saw Stephen Aitken at the helm with myself being away on duty with my 'day job' at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. A bumper crowd heard the band in fine form with the finale piece, Sir William Walton's *Crown Imperial*, being selected to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The breaking news of the passing of The Queen in early September was a great shock to us all and meant I was also called away for the band's scheduled outdoor performance at Lullingstone Castle. Stephen and the band delivered a performance which helped lift the spirits during this very sad and reflective period.

To commemorate The Queen's reign the band re-released our recording of *I Vow to Thee, My Country* with an accompanying picture montage of the monarch on the band's YouTube channel. Thousands of 'views' and comments from around the world came flooding in and, at the time of writing, had received 73,000 hits – a remarkable effort for a remarkable lady.

In October an Anniversary Party saw over one hundred band members, family and friends come together to celebrate the achievements of the band and to mark my 10th Anniversary as Music Director of ECB. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and band members for the support they have given to me over this period. It has been a privilege to have been the bands principal conductor during this time and I am proud to be associated with this fine band.

As we approach the end of 2022 we can look back on what has been a fabulous year and a fitting way to commemorate our 50th year. Moving into 2023 we are looking forward to reconciling our friendship and collaboration with the Band of the Grenadier Guards at our Spring concert here at The SPACE on St George's Day - 23rd April. It should be another great evening's entertainment.

On behalf of all members of Eynsford Concert Band I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas, a healthy and peaceful New Year and hope you enjoy tonight's festive musical offering.

Mike Smith
Music Director





From the first camp held on Brownsea Island for just 20 boys in 1907, Scouting has grown into a worldwide organisation of more than 31 million people.

The World Scout Jamboree is an international camp held every four years for Scouts and Guides aged between 14 and 17. It is an opportunity for young people to discover more about international cultures and lifestyles, make new friendships both within the UK and from overseas and, perhaps most importantly, develop key skills for life.



The first Jamboree was held in London in 1920 and was attended by some 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries. Since then, the event has grown over time. The next Jamboree will be held in Korea in 2023, with 50,000 young people from every corner of the globe expected to attend.



I am one of six Scouts that have been selected by our District to represent Kent in Korea next year. In order to send us to Korea, and to assist Scouts from poorer countries to attend, our District needs to raise £24,000. The six of us have been working hard all this year to support this fundraising, and we are delighted that Eynsford Concert Band has chosen to help us in various ways this year.

This evening we will be selling the programmes and raffle tickets for the band, and our parents will be running the bar. After the concert, we will be holding a retiring collection.



On behalf of the six of us, I would like to thank Eynsford Concert Band for this opportunity, and also thank you all for your kind support.

Thomas Evans

Alto Saxophone, ECB Young Musicians Academy

PROGRAMME

A CHRISTMAS INTRADA
(WASSAIL AND ALLELUIA)

ALFRED REED

CAROL FANTASIA

ARR JOHN FOX

THE WILDERNESS

ROSSANO GALANTE

SANS DAY CAROL

JOHN RUTTER

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

DUDLEY BROOKS

EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT

KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY

ARR GEOFF KNORR

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ARR ROBERT HARTLEY

INTERVAL





FANTASIA FOR CHRISTMAS

ELLIOT DEL BORGIO

SCHERZO

(SYMPHONY No.1 MVT 2)

GUSTAV MAHLER

MINOR ALTERATIONS No. 2

(CAROLS FROM THE DARK SIDE)

DAVID LOVRIEN

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

JOHNNY MARKS
ARR NAOHIRO IWAI

SLEIGH RIDE

SOLOIST: SUE RIVERS

LEROY ANDERSON

TROIKA

SERGEI PROKOFIEV
ARR HAROLD WALTERS

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

LEROY ANDERSON

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL
ARR ROGER SWIFT





A POTTED HISTORY

1972: Eynsford Youth Band founded by Robin O'Connell

1973: First rehearsals in the newly opened Anthony Roper Primary School, Eynsford



August 1979: First band tour to Hanover, Germany (soon to be followed by Malta, Austria, Spain, Ireland and many more!)

September 1980: The band performs on BBC's *Nationwide* TV programme

July 1981: First LP Record recorded at Roedean School, Brighton

December 1984: First amateur wind ensemble to play at the Albert Hall in support of the London Philharmonic Orchestra

August 2006: First asked by Fred.Olsen to provide entertainment on their cruise ships (and again by Cruise and Maritime Voyages in 2017)

November 2006: The band wins Gold at the BASBWE National Concert Band Festival

April 2010: The band helps with 'Promoting Music in Schools' workshops for the new secondary intake and their parents at The Malling School, Kent and funds a brass teacher for a year

October 2013: First of many performances alongside the Band of the Grenadier Guards, during which over £35,000 was raised for SSAFA and ABF-The Soldiers' Charity

July 2014: The band wins the National Concert Band Symposium

May 2016: First band to represent the UK at the European Championships for Wind Orchestras in Utrecht, Holland

July 2016: The band performed a charity concert for Valence School, Kent that included a Spitfire fly-by to music

November 2016: Young Musician's Academy launched

June 2019: First civilian band to play at the Household Division Music Festival

2020 / 2021: Concert and rehearsals cancelled as the band endures the COVID Pandemic, releasing "*The Great Escape*", "*Sleigh Ride*" and "*Bond, James Bond*" lockdown videos

2022: The band commemorates the death of Queen Elizabeth II, releasing their recording of "*I Vow to Thee My Country*" with video montage - receiving a remarkable 73,000 hits on YouTube

2022: The band celebrates its 50th Anniversary and 10 years of Mike Smith as their Music Director



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**“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: £16

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

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

MUSIC DIRECTOR - MIKE SMITH

PICCOLO & FLUTE

PAUL WILLIAMS
CAROLE EASTWOOD

FLUTE

CLARE EVANS
ANNA CASLING
ALICE BOWMAN
JANE WRIGHT
SUE RINGROSE
BHAVNEET GHUMAN

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
JESSICA CURTIS

E♭ CLARINET & CLARINET

NEIL ANDERSON

BASS CLARINET

BRIAN EVANS
ALISON HERRING

HORN

CAROL MAHER
DAVID CHAPMAN
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

TUBA

STEVE BENNETT
BRIAN BENNETT
GRAEME CUTLER

STRING BASS

PETE RINGROSE

PERCUSSION

DAVE HUNT
TIM EVANS
BEN BURTON
STEPHEN MATTHEWS



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

In support of our junior members and friends of the band who have been selected to attend the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea



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