

A warm welcome to this evening's concert. I can't believe it's 15 years since we last played here, so we're delighted to be back. For those of you can't remember us from 15 years ago, or who are attending your first concert by the band...we were formed back in 1978 by a local music teacher so that young musicians could mix with some less young musicians to perform a wide range of music in an enjoyable atmosphere. The band's early years saw it dominated by school-age musicians, with some adults helping them along, but these days the band membership is almost exactly the other way around, although our aims & atmosphere haven't changed a bit. The band continues to bring a unique sense of fun & enjoyment to its concerts, whilst remaining a driving force in the development of young musicians across Essex. Our concerts in recent years have raised almost £35,000 for local & national charities, and we continue to perform regular events with schools to enable tomorrow's musicians to experience playing in a full sized concert band with a wide-ranging repertoire.

Like any amateur group, our members are the lifeblood of the band and we're always very happy to welcome new players of all ages and abilities, either to our Training Band (Grades 1-4) or Concert Band (Grade 4 upwards). To find out more about joining or about the band, please visit our website [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org), or you can call or email Graham on 07941 947541 or [Graham@wbcb.org](mailto:Graham@wbcb.org).

We're especially keen to welcome new members at this time of year as we're again losing a number of players to University - this year we bid farewell to Ellie, Alice & Helen on Flute. As sad as we are to see them go, we wish them all the best for the future, and hope we'll see them back at future concerts and perhaps back in the band once they've completed their studies...that's what happened to me 25 years ago !

As I won't see the band again until September, I'd just like to thank the people without whom running the band would be even more work than it already is !

**Alison** : for being my right hand man, so to speak.

**Ed** : for all of the transportation, storage, problem solving, and general fixing of things.

**Karen (my wife)** : for all the behind the scenes work sorting out schools, dep players, venues...and allowing me to keep disappearing to do band rehearsals & concerts, and band admin in the evenings.

**Merv & Ian** : for making sure we can get in and out of our rehearsal venue every week

**Ian & Lynn** : for providing drinks and cakes (we're really spoilt !) each week at rehearsals

**Moira** : for helping out on bass and for covering rehearsals when I'm in Legoland.

**Ralph** : for maintaining the website .

**Gillian** : for helping publicise the band events.

**All of the band** : for their continued support and hard work.

# Best of British



## In aid of St Luke's Tiptree

Saturday July 16th

St Luke's, Tiptree

# West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2016)

## Concert Band

1. RAF March Past Henry Walford Davies & George Dyson
2. The TV Detectives (\*) Nigel Hess
3. The Flower Duet Leo Delibes arr Marc Alexander  
*Soloists : Felicity & Ellie Sadler*
4. James Bond...007 arr Johan De Meij
5. Is This The Way To (Amarillo) N Sedaka & H Greenfield arr J Ocean

## Training Band

1. Viva La Vida Coldplay arr Tim Waters
2. Memory Lloyd-Webber arr Michael Sweeney
3. Highlights From Harry Potter John Williams arr Michael Story
4. May It Be Bhraonain, R & N Ryan arr John Moss
5. Rolling In The Deep Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth arr J Kazik
6. Smoke On The Water Deep Purple arr Johnny Vinson

## Concert Band

1. Crown Imperial William Walton arr Jay Bocook
2. Two Songs Without Words (\*) Gustav Holst arr Frank Erickson
3. Something George Harrison arr Paul Murtha
4. Phantom Of The Opera arr Warren Barker
4. Don't Stop Me Now (\*) Freddie Mercury arr Paul Murtha
5. Pop And Rock Legends: Elton John arr Ted Ricketts
6. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(\*) Premiere performance

### 2016 Concerts

Saturday 19th November 7:30pm - Colchester School (TBC)

Saturday 10th December 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

### 2017 Concerts

Sunday 12th March 3:00pm - West Cliff Theatre, Clacton

Sunday 11th June 2:30pm - Valley Farm, Flatford

Saturday 15th July 7:30pm - Venue TBC

Details of all our events can be found on our website ([www.wccb.org](http://www.wccb.org)).

## Interval

Have a great summer - band starts again on Friday 2nd September at Heathlands