

A warm welcome to this evening's concert. When we played here last year it was 15 years since our last visit, so we're happy to be making a much quicker return this time.

After last year's concert I received lots of comments regarding how wonderful it was to see so many young musicians in the band, and I was asked to write something for the Church magazine about the band's work with young players...so if you don't mind, I've included an updated version of that here.

When I joined the band in 1982 it was predominantly a band for school-age musicians, but over the years it has changed to include a balance of all ages, literally from 8 to 80. The band's success lies in maintaining that mix of youth and experience, and as young players tend not to proactively come and find us via websites as adult players do, we actively engage with schools and music teachers to keep a flow of new young musicians into the band. For Primary Schools this means organising afternoon workshops, where youngsters join us to play a typically wide range of music - Pop, Swing, Classical, Films, Shows & more - with help and encouragement from our regular players. For Secondary Schools, we make the whole day a joint event with the school's musicians, with an afternoon rehearsal followed by an evening concert - in fact we're back here in November with Thurstable School for such an event.

The schools events are always great fun for both us and the youngsters who come along, and the band gets a real buzz from seeing the young players progress during their time with us. Having enjoyed being in the band for an afternoon, the young players often become band members, and we get to maintain the range of ages that we're renowned for. Additionally, as encouraging young musicians was one of the band's founding missions, it's gratifying to think that as the band heads into its 40th year, we're still following the aims set out by the band's founder Sid Cooper.

Band History....

The band was 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 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 over £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 in general, please visit our website www.wbcb.org, or you can call or email Graham on 07941 947541 or Graham@wbcb.org.

Thanks again for coming tonight - we hope you enjoy the concert.



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YEARS OF MUSIC

Saturday July 15th

St Luke's, Tiptree

West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2017)

Concert Band

1. On The Quarter Deck Kenneth J. Alford arr John Edmonson
2. Hollywood Milestones arr John Higgins
3. Reverie Jerry Nowak
Euphonium Soloist : Oliver Hughes
4. Swing's The Thing arr Warren Barker
5. Take On Me (*) A-Ha arr Paul Murtha

Training Band

1. The Magnificent Seven Elmer Bernstein arr Michael Story
2. Sea Breeze Ralph Gingery
Alto Sax Soloist : Anna
3. Somewhere Bernstein & Sondheim arr Barry Kopetz
4. Be Our Guest (*) Menken & Ashman arr Eric Osterling
5. Flip Flop & Fly Calhoun & Turner arr Paul Murtha
6. Eighties Gold (*) arr Michael Brown

Interval

Concert Band

1. Manhattan Beach March Sousa arr K. Brion & L. Schissel
 2. Jupiter Gustav Holst arr James Curnow
 3. The Pre-Goodman Rag (*) Malcolm Arnold arr G. Woolfenden
Clarinet Soloist : Oliver Pigram
 4. Pop & Rock Legends : Chicago Lamm & Pankow arr John Wasson
 5. The Rakes of Mallow (*) Leroy Anderson
 6. Selections from Cats arr John Edmonson
 7. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters
- (*) Premiere performance

2017 Concerts

Saturday 9th September 1pm - 4pm - West Bergholt Fete

Saturday 11th / 18th November 7:30pm - Thurstable School

Saturday 16th December 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

2018 "40th Anniversary" Concerts

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

Sunday 10th June 2:30pm - Flatford

Saturday 14th July 7:30pm - West Bergholt

Saturday 17th November 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

Saturday 15th December 7:30pm - St Botolph's Colchester

Details of all our events can be found on our website (www.wbcb.org).

Have a great summer - band starts again on Friday 8th September at Heathlands