

A warm welcome to our Christmas Concert - and thanks for coming along tonight at this busy time of year. We're very much looking forward to an enjoyable evening of wonderful festive music to get us and you in the Christmas spirit.

As you may know the band started back in November 1978, which means that tonight is our 40th anniversary Christmas Concert...so I thought I'd again fill this page with a potted history of those Christmas Concerts. The Christmas Concert has always been one of my and the band's favourite events of the year, with our earliest Christmas Concerts at Heathlands school under Sid's baton remembered very fondly by those of us old enough to have been there. Sid's last concert with the band was Christmas 1989 which makes the Christmas concert even more special for us, and it's always poignant to think that some pieces, such as Christmas Festival and Christmas Recollections, span the band's history from those early concerts right up to this year's concert. Shortly after I took over the baton in the mid



1990s we were invited to play our Christmas Concert in West Bergholt Church, with the 50+ players just about fitting into the area between the organ, the altar and the pews...with the latter holding as many people as we could squeeze in. I recall those concerts equally fondly - the band and audience in such close proximity generated a wonderfully warm & convivial



atmosphere. Eventually the concert became so popular that we had to find a bigger venue...with most of our Christmas Concerts since 2012 held at Coggeshall's St Peter ad Vincula Church, as well as a memorable Christmas concert at the West Cliff Theatre in Clacton in 2013. Despite playing at St Botolph's many times, we've never held our Christmas Concert here - so we're especially delighted to be here for our 40th anniversary.



As always, this year's Christmas Concert is a fun & relaxed evening where we celebrate another busy & successful year for the band by wearing daft hats and festive jumpers. You are of course welcome to join in with that, as well as with any of the pieces we play tonight...and remember, a set of keys can manage a pretty good sleigh bells impression if shaken firmly enough.

Everything you need to know about the band, including our 2019 concerts, open rehearsals and schools events, plus how to join us (and we'd really like you to !) is on the band's website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)), or you can call Graham on 07941 947541 or email [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org).

Finally - thanks again for coming - and we hope you enjoy the concert.

# Christmas Concert



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018

St Botolph's Church, Colchester

In aid of :  
**East Anglia's  
Children's Hospices**





# West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2018)



## Concert Band

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1. Wassail R. Bashford
2. A Fireside Christmas arr Sammy Nestico
3. **Carol : Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem** arr Colin Evans
4. The Nightmare Before Christmas (\*) Danny Elfman arr Michael Brown
5. Oh Holy Night Adolphe Adam arr Eric Osterling

1. Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
2. Baby, It's Cold Outside Frank Loesser arr John Moss  
*Soloists : Serena Campbell & Jack Eavery*
3. Roses de Noel E. Waldteufel arr J. Brubaker
4. **Carol : Once In Royal David's City** arr Colin Evans
5. A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson

## Training Band

1. Over The River arr John Moss
2. Carol Of The Drum arr Paul Lavender
3. It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas Meredith Wilson arr John Moss
4. Mary, Did You Know ? (\*) M. Lowry & B. Greene arr D. Wagner
5. Sweet Christmas Time Neil Diamond arr Tim Waters
6. Santa Baby Javits, Springer & Springer arr Brown
7. A Rockin' Christmas arr Paul Murtha
8. Feliz Navidad Jose Feliciano arr Michael Brown

6. All I Want for Christmas Is You Carey & Afanasieff arr Kerchner
7. Christmas Recollections arr James Christensen
8. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(\*) **Premiere performance**

### **West Bergholt Concert Band - 2019 Concerts**

Sunday 17th March 3:00pm - West Cliff Theatre Clacton

Sunday 9th June 2:30pm - Flatford

Saturday 13th July 7:30pm - St Luke's Church, Tiptree

Saturday 23rd November 7:30pm - St Botolph's Church, Colchester

Saturday 14th December 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

See [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org) for details.

**We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2019.**

**Band starts again on Friday 4th January at Heathlands School.**

## Interval