



WEST BERGHOLT CONCERT BAND & TRAINING BAND

Music for all since 1978



Around
The World
In 80 Minutes



Holst, Les Miserables, Abba, Captain America,
Africa, Pirates Of The Caribbean, Pokemon,
A Night In Tunisia, and more !

Saturday July 13th - 7:30pm

St Peter ad Vincula Coggeshall

Tickets on the door - £6 adults,
£5 concessions, Under 18s Free

See www.wbcb.org for details

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Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2024)

Concert Band

1. Amparito Roca Jamie Texidor
2. Africa D. Paich & J. Porcaro arr Jerry Davis
3. Pirates Of The Caribbean Klaus Badelt arr John Wasson
4. Reverie Jerry Nowak
Leaving Soloist - Finn Ashe-Robinson
5. Waltz from Masquerade (*) Aram Khachaturian arr Rocus Van Yperen

Training Band

1. Captain America March Alan Silvestri arr Paul Murtha
2. Sway Pablo Beltran Ruiz arr Michael Brown
3. Flutes Espana Eric Osterling
4. I'm Seventeen Come Sunday arr Michael Story
5. The Lord Of The Dance Ronan Hardiman arr Johnnie Vinson
6. The Best of Chicago (*) arr Paul Murtha
7. Pokemon Theme T. Loeffler & J. Siegler arr Paul Murtha

(*) Premiere Performance

Have a great summer.

Band starts back on Friday 6th September.

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1. Luftwaffe March Ron Goodwin arr Desmond Walker
2. Second Suite in F for Military Band (*) Gustav Holst edited by Colin Matthews
March
Song Without Words
Song Of The Blacksmith
Fantasia On The 'Dargason'
3. Más Que Nada (*) Jorge Ben arr Michael Brown
4. Selections from Mamma Mia arr Michael Brown
5. A Night In Tunisia D.Gillespie & F. Paparelli arr P. Murtha
6. Selections from Les Miserables arr Warren Barker
7. Signature Tune : Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

2024 Concerts

September 7th	Afternoon	Fete	Bures Village Green
Nov - Fri 15th or Sat 16th	7:30pm	Schools Concert	Venue TBC
December - Saturday 14th	7:00pm	Christmas Concert & Choirs	St Botolph's Colchester

2025 Concerts

March - Sunday 23rd	3:00pm		West Cliff Theatre, Clacton
June- Sunday 8th	3:00pm		
July - Saturday 12th	7:30pm		
Nov - Fri 14th or Sat 15th	7:30pm	Schools Concert	
December - Saturday 13th	7:30pm		

Remaining 2025 dates & details coming soon - please check our website (www.wbcb.org.uk).

For details of the band, visit www.wbcb.org, call Graham on 07941 947541 or eMail Conductor@wbcb.org

A very warm welcome to this evening's concert - thanks very much for coming along especially as there are so many concerts at this time of year. I very much hope you enjoy our musical journey around the world tonight...feel free to sing or clap along whenever you like.

I'm never sure who reads this back page of "conductor's notes", so over the years I've used the page for many things. Tonight's notes include some history, with the rest directed towards the band members, so if you don't have anyone in the band feel free to ignore them.

Many people know that I joined this band in 1982 when I was 12, playing under the band's founder Sid Cooper who provided me with huge enjoyment, inspiration, and education (both musical & bandsmanship). The band was devastated by the sudden loss of Sid in 1990, as was I, and there was talk of the band ending. However, the band chose to continue with my brother Jeff as principal conductor, and with support from me, Ian Rogers, my (now) father-in-law Ron Mason, Andy Andrews and others, we steered the band away from the fundamental changes that others were trying to force onto it. I took over running the band in 1994 at another difficult point for the band as membership had dwindled due to losing the constant influx of players that Sid brought through his instrumental teaching. That rebuild changed the band from being predominantly young players to be a mix of all ages, and since then the band has been lucky to maintain a large & mixed membership which has been key to keeping the band thriving to this day.

Running a band takes a lot of time, effort & thought, as well as stubbornness (which I possess in spades) and as Bob once said, a bit of stupidity (ditto). In the 30 years I've run it there have been many ups & downs, particularly in the years prior to Covid where the band was a very challenging place for me, with enjoyment so rare and frustrations and unpleasantness so common that I drove to this church more than once with the intention of resigning. However, Covid broke that pattern, with our weekly Zoom "rehearsals" during lockdown building friendships across the band and resulting in the band exiting lockdown in an incredibly good place. To quote Baddiel & Skinner, after "30 years of hurt" (an exaggeration), the band is sounding better than ever and is blessed with an utterly fabulous bunch of musicians who make band enjoyable both for themselves and for me. I've never known the band happier than it currently is, and I cannot remember a time when I consistently enjoyed band rehearsals or concerts as much as I do now...so I cannot express how grateful I am to the band members for making this band what it has always aimed to be about - enjoyment.

As well as all the band members, I'd like to thank the people who help & support me :

- Admin / Operations - Ralph (Website) & Paul (Finances)
- Logistics - Anne-Marie, Chris, Clare, Ed, Ian, John, Nick, Rachel
- Support & Guidance - Anne-Marie, Chris, Clare, Lara, Martin, Tess
- Persistent deps - Anna, Colleen, Dave, Jayne, Kyle, Lou, Olly
- Infinite patience - Karen (my wife)

If you've read all that and are still awake - well done, thanks, I hope you enjoy the concert and have a great summer (if it ever stops raining).