

VE DAY

80th Anniversary Concert

Sunday May 11th - 3pm

West Cliff Theatre, Clacton-on-Sea

Music from VE Day...Big Bands, WWII Songs, Musicals, Marches, Patriotic Classics & more.



WEST BERGHOLT CONCERT BAND

Music for all since 1978

Tickets £8 adults £7 concessions
from the Theatre Box Office (01255 433344)

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Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2025)

2025 Concerts

June - Saturday 14th	Afternoon	West Bergholt Fete
July - Saturday 12th	7:30pm	Mozart To The Movies - St Peter's Arts Centre, Sudbury
November - Friday 14th or Saturday 15th	7:30pm	Band Play Day & Schools Concert, Colchester
December - Saturday 13th	7:30pm	Christmas Concert - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

2026 Concerts

March - Sunday 22nd	3:00pm	West Cliff Theatre, Clacton
July - Saturday 11th	7:30pm	
November - Friday 13th or Saturday 14th	7:30pm	Band Play Day & Schools Concert, Colchester
December - Saturday 12th	7:30pm	Christmas Concert

*Additional 2026 dates coming soon - please check our website
(www.wbcb.org.uk) for dates.*

A warm welcome to this afternoon's concert & thanks for coming along. We're especially glad to see you this year as the March concert date we advertised when we played here last year had to be unexpectedly moved, but the good news is we can now play some wonderful music associated with the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

The band has a long association with this theatre - we first played here in the 1980s under the baton of our founder Sid Cooper, continued through the early 1990's with my brother Jeff conducting, and after a short break we returned in 2000 and have played here at least once a year ever since. So that's 35 years since I first conducted the band here, and 25 consecutive years since I brought the band back here in 2000...wow that makes me feel rather old.

The reason we keep coming back is simple - we are lucky enough to have an audience who support us every year and who make playing here so much fun. You are of course welcome (actually encouraged) to join in whenever you like - sing along, hum along, clap along, and even dance if there's space. Those in the band that are here for the first time are in for a treat (and a surprise) when they see how interactive these concerts are and much fun we have together.

I chose The Royal British Legion as today's charity for a couple of reasons - firstly they're the obvious choice for a VE Day Concert, and secondly to honour the memory of my dad who collected poppy money for over 25 years in Clacton, raising over £17,000 in the process.

Thanks again for coming along today and helping us raise money for such a worthy cause, and we hope you enjoy the concert.

Graham.

Everything you need to know about the band is on our website www.wbcb.org, or you can call Graham on 07941 947541 or eMail Conductor@wbcb.org.

If you'd like to follow our concerts...you can find them on our website www.wbcb.org. We also :

- Publicise events in local magazines - such as Look & Regional Life
- Publicise in local papers (sometimes large articles, sometimes small)
- Will appear in the theatre brochure when we play here (next March)

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1. On The Quarter Deck Kenneth J. Alford arr John Edmonson
2. Highlights from South Pacific Rodgers & Hammerstein arr P. J. Lang
3. Theme From Schindler's List John Williams arr Calvin Custer
Clarinet Soloist - Archie Welland
4. But Not For Me George & Ira Gershwin arr Warren Barker
Vocal Soloist - Louisa Charrington
5. Armed Forces Salute arr Bob Lowden

Training Band

1. Colonel Bogey March arr Eric Osterling
2. Pennsylvania Polka Lester Lee & Zeke Manners arr E. Osterling
3. Brazil S. K. Russell & A. Barroso arr J. Vinson
4. In The Mood Joe Garland arr Paul Murtha
5. The Sound Of Music Rodgers & Hammerstein arr Johnnie Vinson
6. Yes We Have No Bananas Frank Silver & Irving Conn arr E. Osterling
7. Sing, Sing, Sing (*) Louis Prima arr Michael Story
Drum Solo - Elliott Wright

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1. RAF March Past Walford-Davies & Dyson arr H. R. Gore
2. Light Cavalry Overture (*) Franz von Suppe arr L. J. Schissel
3. Over The Rainbow H. Arlen & E. Y. Harburg arr W. Barker
Vocal Soloist - Louisa Charrington
4. Big Band Bash arr Bob Lowden
5. The Dambusters Eric Coates arr W. J. Duthoit
6. Nimrod Sir Edward Elgar arr Alfred Reed
7. Keep Smiling Through arr Darrol Barry
Please sing along for White Cliffs & We'll Meet Again
8. Signature Tune : Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(*) Premiere Performance

We hope that "We'll Meet Again"

here on

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White Cliffs Of Dover

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after
Tomorrow, when the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
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We'll Meet Again

We'll meet again

Don't know where, don't know when

But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

Keep smiling through

Just like you always do

'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say "Hello" to the folks that I know

Tell them I won't be long

They'll be happy to know that as you saw me go

I was singing this song

We'll meet again

Don't know where, don't know when

But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.

