

Good evening and welcome to tonight's concert, and an especially warm welcome to the musicians and audience members from Thurstable school. Tonight's concert marks the start of the band's 40th year and we're very grateful to the school for enabling us to celebrate that milestone with an event that continues the band's founding mission of encouraging young musicians. Today's workshop and concert wouldn't have been possible without all of Mrs Thomson's help and hard work, so a huge thanks to her, and thanks also to the church for welcoming us back so warmly and (hopefully) fitting us all in.

As a number of you are no doubt attending your first concert with us...a history of the band may be of interest. According to the village archives, there have been brass or military bands in West Bergholt for over a hundred years, but the current band was formed relatively recently back in November of 1978, helped by the discovery of some old brass instruments under the stage in the village hall. That discovery was made by a music teacher (Sid Cooper) from West Bergholt who wanted to set up a band where the young musicians he taught across Essex could mix with some less young musicians to perform all types of music in an enjoyable atmosphere. The band's first rehearsal included a mere 6 players, but as Sid was a hugely popular teacher, the band quickly became full of school-age musicians with some adults helping them along.

These days the band's membership is more evenly split between currently young and previously young, but we still hold true to Sid's original vision, and it's that which I believe has kept the band successful for all these years. The band is proud to include musicians of all ages and to perform all styles of music (a programme that includes Holst and Lady Gaga is about as diverse as you can get!) - and I know we'll enjoy performing tonight's concert as much as we've enjoyed our afternoon rehearsal with the school.

If you've read this far...you can see how maintaining a band membership of all ages is key to the band's continued success, and has the added benefit of keeping the types of music the band plays fresh. Sid is sadly no longer with us to encourage his pupils into the band (that's how I joined exactly 35 years ago), so schools events such as today are how we maintain a flow of young musicians into the band. These events usually encourage some of those who take part to **join this band** of great people playing great music...so if we have tempted you, **come and speak with me in the interval**, visit our **website** www.wbcb.org, give me a call (07941 947541) or drop me an **email** (Conductor@wbcb.org). We're always very happy to welcome new players of all ages, either to our Training Band (Grades 1-4) or Concert Band (Grade 4 upwards), and our 40th anniversary events next year make it a great time to join the band. Coincidentally, our 40th anniversary will also see us surpass the £40,000 mark for monies raised for charity...although as we only started keeping count a dozen years ago we've probably sailed past that already.

Finally - thanks for coming along this evening, and we hope you enjoy the concert.



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“An A to Z of Music”

Saturday November 18th

St Luke's Tiptree

In aid of  **Children in Need**

(*) Premiere performance

Bold = with Thurstable School

West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2017)

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Training Band

1. Pokémon Theme (*) T. Loeffler & J. Siegler arr P. Murtha
2. Try Everything (*) Furler, Hermansen & Eriksen arr Conaway
3. Big Band Superhits arr Paul Murtha
4. Evermore (*) A. Menken & T. Rice arr M. Brown
5. Shake Rattle and Roll Charles Calhoun arr M. Sweeney
6. **Hello (*)** A. Adkins & G. Kurstin arr J. Vinson
7. **Song Without Words** Gustav Holst arr Michael Story
8. **Flutes Espana** Eric Osterling
9. **One Hand, One Heart** Bernstein & Sondheim arr Marshall
10. **Raiders March** John Williams arr Paul Lavender
11. When She Loved Me Randy Newman arr Johnnie Vinson
12. Mamma Mia! - Highlights (*) arr Robert Longfield
13. Barrelhouse Blues Eric Osterling
14. The Final Countdown Joey Tempest arr Johnnie Vinson

Interval

Concert Band

1. A Yorkshire Overture Philip Sparke
2. Jesus Christ Superstar arr Mancini adapted by John Moss
3. Do Nothing Til You Hear From Me (*) Ellington & Russell arr John Moss
4. Suite from the Star Wars Epic - Part II John Williams arr Robert W. Smith
The Imperial March / The Forest Battle (Episode V)
Princess Leia's Theme (Episode IV)
Star Wars (Main Title)
5. Folk Dances Shostakovich arr James Curnow
6. Jazz It Up! (*) arr Victor Lopez
7. How Does a Moment Last Forever (*) A. Menken & T. Rice arr M. Brown
8. Lady Gaga In Concert (*) arr Sean O'Loughlin
9. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

2017/18 Concerts "40th Anniversary" (see www.wbcb.org for details)

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

Sunday 11th March 3:00pm - West Cliff Theatre, Clacton

Sunday 10th June 2:30pm - Valley Farm, Flatford

Saturday 14th July 7:30pm - West Bergholt

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

Saturday 16th December 7:30pm - St Botolph's Colchester