

A brief history of the band...

1977	The band is formed in November '77 (not '78) with 6 players after Sid Cooper finds some old instruments under the stage in the village hall.	1999	21st birthday concert at the Quay Theatre.
1978	Band history <i>officially</i> starts with its first concert. The band also plays at Clacton's Alton Park School...resulting in Jeff joining.	2000	Band returns to the Westcliff after 10 years. Format change to Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Big Band.
1979	Our longest serving member Jane joins.	2001	Return to the original format, but Junior Band becomes Training Band, & Senior Band becomes Concert Band.
1982	Graham joins.	2004	First "last night of the proms" concert initially outside (and then inside a barn) in West Bergholt. We start a spreadsheet to track charity monies raised .
1986	Concert at The Mercury Theatre.	2008	30th anniversary concert & party at Stoke by Nayland.
1990	Sid passes away at the West Cliff Theatre. At the next rehearsal the band considers stopping, but decides to carry on. Jeff takes over the baton...and resists pressure to change how band is run. Jeff conducts the Sid Cooper Memorial Concert at the West Cliff theatre. Graham (nervously) conducts 1 piece.	2012	Band plays for the village Beacon lighting ceremony for the Queen's diamond jubilee. First Christmas concert outside the village.
1991	Graham returns from Uni and starts helping out with conducting duties.	2013	35th anniversary. Christmas concert at the West Cliff.
1994	Graham takes over the baton full time.	2014	First concert on the Band Stand.
1996	Concerts move from the school to West Bergholt Church...and other venues.	2016	First concert at Flatford.
1998	20th anniversary - which we miss as we're not quite sure when the band started !	2017	Band plays at West Bergholt Fete for the first time since the early 1990s.
		2018	40th anniversary. Charity monies raised since records began passes £40,000.

A quote from an illustrious ex-member...

How wonderful to hear that Sid's band is still going strong, and celebrating such a milestone. I wish you all the best with your celebrations, and the continued success of the band. Sid inspired music for so many young musicians, so what a wonderful legacy he has left. Michael England (Musical Director) - www.michaelengland.info



Celebrating 40 Years of Music

Saturday July 14th
St Botolph's, Colchester



Pieces first conducted by :

SC : Sid Cooper

JW : Jeff Wilson

GW : Graham Wilson

West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2018)



Concert Band (Senior Band)

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SC Amparito Roca Jaime Texidor arr Aubrey Winter

GW Barnard Castle

Goff Richards

GW Young Persons Guide To John Williams arr Jay Bocook

SC Flutation

Clare Grundman

SC Clarinet On The Town
Farewell Soloist : Luke Siever
Ralph Hermann

GW Overture : The Marriage of Figaro

W. A. Mozart arr W. J. Duthoit

SC Big Band Bash
arr Bob Lowden

GW Danny Boy

arr Warren Barker

GW Waltz No. 2
Shostakovich arr James Curnow

Combined Bands

JW Joseph

Lloyd-Webber & Rice arr M. Sweeney

Training Band (Junior Band)

GW The Great Escape March
Elmer Bernstein arr R. W. Smith

GW Runaway Baby

Bruno Mars arr Paul Murtha

GW Thinking Out Loud
Ed Sheeran & A Wadge arr Longfield

SC The Blue And The Gray

Clare Grundman

GW The Incredibles (Main Theme)
Michael Giacchino arr P. Murtha

SC Dixie Patrol

Harold L. Walters

GW Somewhere / Maria
Bernstein & Sondheim arr J. Vinson

2018 / 2019 Concerts

Saturday 1st September 2pm - West Bergholt Fete

Saturday 18th November 7:30pm - Coggeshall Church

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

GW Just a Closer Walk with Thee
arr Johnnie Vinson

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

GW Livin' on a Prayer
Bon Jovi / Child / Sambora arr Murtha

Sunday 9th June 2:30pm – Flatford

Remaining 2019 dates coming soon.

Interval

Everything you need to know about the band - including how to join - can be found on our website www.wbcb.org, on Facebook www.facebook.com/WestBergholtConcertBand or email / call Graham on Graham@wbcb.org / 07941 947541.

Have a great summer – band starts back on Friday 7th September, with an extra rehearsal on Friday 31st August for those playing in the Fete.