



# Christmas Concert & Carols

St Botolph's Church, Colchester

## Saturday 14th December 7pm

### A Concert of Festive Favourites

Let It Snow, Winter Wonderland, Feliz Navidad,  
The Nutcracker, Carols to Sing & more !

**WEST BERGHOLT CONCERT BAND**

**&**

**HEATHLANDS & MILLFIELDS SCHOOL CHOIRS**



**Tickets on the Door**  
(Cash or Card)

**£5 Adults, Under 18s Free**

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# West Bergholt Concert Band

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Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2024)

Concert Band	The Bells of Christmas	Stephen Bulla
Band & Choirs	A Christmas Portrait (*)	arr Jerry Nowak
Millfields Choir	<i>Sing Up It's Christmas</i> <i>Jingle Bell Rock</i> <i>Dormi, Dormi O Bel Bambin</i>	
Audience Carol	O Come All Ye Faithful	arr Colin Evans
Heathlands Choir	<i>Here We Come A Wassailing</i> <i>Stille Nacht</i> <i>Something Just Like This</i>	
Band & Choirs	Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas	H. Martin & R. Blane arr Wagner
Training Band	Little Saint Nick	Wilson & Love arr Osterling
Band & Choirs	Carol Of The Drum	arr Paul Lavender
Band & Choirs	I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas	John Rox arr James Kazik
Audience Carol	O Little Town Of Bethlehem	arr Colin Evans
Heathlands & Millfields Choirs	<i>Rocking</i> <i>Tell Me A Story</i> <i>The Shepherd's Song</i>	
Band & Choirs	Our Winter Wonderland	arr Paul Murtha
Band & Choirs	Feliz Navidad	Jose Feliciano arr M. Brown

**A huge thanks to Mrs White & Heathlands Choir, and Mrs Bennett and Millfields Choir for joining us tonight.**

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Concert Band & Audience	Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Concert Band	Merry Christmas Darling	R. Carpenter & F. Pooler arr C. McDonald
Concert Band	Suite From The Nutcracker	P. I. Tchaikovsky arr J. Curnow
Audience Carol	Once In Royal David's City	arr Colin Evans
Concert Band	Do They Know It's Christmas	M. Ure & B. Geldof arr F. Bernaerts
Concert Band	Christmas Favourites	Johnny Marks arr James Swearingen
Signature Tune	Dixie Patrol	Harold L. Walters

(\* ) Premiere Performance

**We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Band starts back on Friday 10th January at Heathlands School.**

## 2025 Concerts

Friday 7th March	7:00pm	Schools Concert
Thursday 8th May	7:00pm	VE Day in West Bergholt
Sunday 11th May	3:00pm	VE Day 80th - West Cliff Theatre Clacton
Saturday 14th June	2:00pm	West Bergholt Fete
Saturday 12th July	7:30pm	Mozart to the Movies - St Peter's Sudbury (TBC)
Friday 14th November / Saturday 15th November	7:30pm	Play Day / Schools Concert - Venue TBC
Saturday 13th December	7:30pm	Christmas Concert

A warm welcome to our Christmas Concert - it's our favourite concert of the year, and we appreciate you all coming along to join in with the fun. A special thanks to Mrs White & the Heathlands School Choir and Mrs Bennett & the Millfields School Choir for joining us. It's always a busy time of year, especially for those of us with musical children, so we appreciate you all coming along tonight and bringing your young musicians with you.

I believe that Mrs White has already told Mrs Bennett that tonight is a relaxed concert and that the children can sit with the audience during the pieces where they're not singing. Apparently they're also allowed to wear crazy Christmas dress instead of school uniform, possibly inspired by the band member who came dressed as a reindeer last year. I dread to think what the band are dressed in this year.

In order for our younger musicians to get home in time for bed, the first half includes all of the pieces with the choirs - some with the band, some on their own, and some as a massed choir. We've chosen some rare Christmas pieces that the choirs weren't familiar with so they've done brilliantly to learn them all. As you hopefully know these Christmas classics, you are welcome to join in too.

My memory of the band's Christmas Concerts goes back to my first in 1982, when 60+ school-aged musicians & 100+ audience members squeezed into Heathlands School Hall (before it was extended). Shortly after I took over conducting 30 years ago



our concerts moved to West Bergholt Church, with the band squeezing in between the organ, altar and pews, the latter being crammed full of people until no-one could move.

We eventually had to move to bigger venues, with our Christmas Concerts now held either at St Peter ad Vincula in Coggeshall or here at St Botolph's, which is a simply wonderful place to play in.



Tonight is all about enjoyment, so please join in, sing along, clap along, and give your sleigh bells (or keys) a good shake.

Thanks again for coming tonight - and we hope you enjoy the concert.

*Everything you need to know about the band - including how to join us - is on our website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)), or you can contact Graham on 07941 947541 or via [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org).*