

So...here we are again, back at the West Cliff ! Thanks for coming along to this afternoon's concert – we're very appreciative of your continued support and always look forward to performing here...it's one of our favourite and most-visited venues.

The band started performing here back in the 1980s when Sid Cooper was running the band. When he suddenly passed away here after a pantomime in January 1990, he'd already planned a March 1990 concert here, so that instead became his memorial concert. Seeing the theatre packed to the rafters with almost everyone Sid knew and taught added to what was already a very emotional concert. Performing a March concert here therefore has a special meaning for those few of us who played that day and are still in the band. The concert was also the first time I'd ever conducted the band...my brother was running the band and insisted that I conduct one piece – “Neil Diamond In Concert”. I suspect the people at the back could see my baton shaking in my hand with nerves.

In the years following that concert, the band entered a rebuilding phase as the predominantly student membership left for University. By the mid 1990s I'd gradually taken over all conducting duties from my big brother, and in 2000 was delighted to bring the band back here. Since then we've played one to three concerts here almost every year, with the highlights for me being Christmas 2013 with the Cavender Singers, our many Last Night of the Proms concerts, and the concerts we've performed with Phil Sweeting's band. Over the years you've helped us raise almost £15,000 for Charities – including £6,000 for the Hospice and £4,000 for the Theatre – as well as money for the British Legion, Rotary, the RNLI, Headway...and numerous others.

As with many things in life, the band goes in circles...and this year we're losing a high number of players to University once they pass their A-Levels. This places the band back into another rebuilding phase, so whilst we can only manage one concert here in 2014, we do hope to be back in 2015 and beyond, and especially hope that you'll come back and see us. Audiences make concerts special for performers, and the audience here has been doing just that for almost all of the band's history.

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

The band would like to thank :

- American Stage Band Music Services, Colchester, for its generous assistance in ordering and importing new music.
- Our guest players Bob, Dave, Jeff, Moira and Amanda.
- Chandos Music Ltd for its support, and for donating new music. **CHANDOS**



West Bergholt Concert Band



To The
BIG BANDS

In aid of the West Cliff Theatre
(Registered Charity No. 1001 022)

Sunday 16th March
West Cliff Theatre, Clacton

West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director

Concert Band

1. El Capitan J P Sousa arr K Brion & L Schissel
2. Broadway Showstoppers Overture arr Warren Barker
3. Oblivion (*)
Soloist : Jane Sweeting Astor Piazzolla arr Robert Longfield
4. Themes Like Old Times (*) arr Warren Barker
5. The Carnival Of Venice (*)
Soloist : Phil Sweeting Julius Benedict arr Jean-Baptiste Arban. Adapted by Johnnie Vinson

Training Band

1. Baby Elephant Walk Henry Mancini arr Johnnie Vinson
2. Dixieland Ramble (*)
*Dixieland Combo – Oliver Pigram, Ronan Caruana,
Nick Thompson, Martin Munson* arr Eric Osterling
3. What a Wonderful World (*) G D Weiss & B Thiele arr Longfield
4. Take Five Paul Desmond arr Paul Cook
5. The Way We Were (*) M Hamlish arr James Kazik
6. Sock Hop Tonight ! (*) arr Paul Murtha
7. Jump, Jive An' Wail Louis Prima arr Johnnie Vinson

Interval

Concert Band

1. Oxford Street (March) (*) Eric Coates arr Douglas E Wagner
2. A Tribute to Artie Shaw
Soloist : Richard Catchpole arr James Christensen
3. Serenade Derek Bourgeois
4. Highlights From Jersey Boys arr Michael Brown
5. Yakety Sax J Rich & B Randolph arr J Vinson
6. Big Band Signatures arr John Higgins
7. Dixie Patrol Harold L Walters

(*) *Premiere performance*

West Bergholt Concert Band – 2014 Concerts

- Sunday 22nd June 3:00pm – Colchester Band Stand
- Saturday 12th July 7:30pm – St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall
- Saturday 15th November 7:30pm – Colchester
- Saturday 13th December 7:30pm – West Bergholt

Details of all our events can be found on our website (www.wbcb.org).