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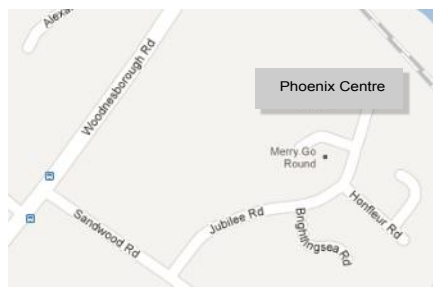
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Phoenix Community Centre



Sandwich Concert Band is now settled in at our new rehearsal venue; Phoenix Community Centre, Sandwich (<http://www.thephoenixcentre.org>). We have been made really welcome. Rehearsals are now being conducted in earnest for our forth-coming concerts (see below) with an interim conductor, a one Jeremy Cooper, who has given us a change in conducting style as we tackle new and exciting music for the coming season.

The map shows how to find us.



Jeremy Cooper

Previous Events

Autumn Concert 2011

The Inaugural Concert of the Sandwich Concert Band took place at St Mary's Arts Centre on 29 October 2011. The concert got off to a rousing start with the march, *Colonel Bogey* by Kenneth Alford, followed by the equally exhilarating *Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture* by Glinka. Two John Williams compositions featured in the concert: *The Dance of the Witches* (from the *Witches of Eastwick*), and the theme tune to *Jurassic Park*.



The band also played four movements from the atmospheric symphonic band composition *Ghosts* written by Stephen McNeff, in which the spine-chilling music depicts the stories of eerie spectres before finally laying them to rest in the final movement.



The Lennon and McCartney classic *Yesterday*, arranged for wind band with solo alto saxophone, was performed capably by one of the band's youth members Peter Winstanley.

The Concert Band were joined by the Segno Clarinet Ensemble in this concert, who presented a number of pieces, including *Lakme* (Flower Duet) by Delibes, and *Tico Tico* by Zequinha Abreu.



Christmas Concert 2011

The Christmas Concert on 11th December proved to be a lively affair with a mixture of Christmas songs and carols. Both the Concert Band and the Training Band played for this concert, where the audience also enjoyed mulled wine (or orange juice) and mince pies. The concert marked the end of an era, as Simon Gayton, conductor and founder of the band, directed us for the last time before taking up a new post in Leeds. He was presented with this caricature and the band gave him a fitting send off with a brass section rendition of 'On Ilkley Moor Baht'at'!



Small Ensembles



Over the last few months, small ensembles from the band have also taken part in a couple of local events. Incidental music was provided for the AGM of St Mary's Arts Centre in Sandwich on 2nd December, and a clarinet ensemble and brass ensemble added diversity to the Vivat! concert celebrating the Queen's accession to the throne, which also featured performers from Kent College, and Sir Roger Manwood's School.

Forthcoming Concerts

Queen & Country

Sunday 25th March 2012 at 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' Church, Ash.



This is a new venue for us and we are looking forward to playing there. In this Jubilee Year the concert has lots of music with a British flavour (e.g: Oxford Street March, Pirates of Penzance, Holst's 2nd Suite in F) and some with a royal flavour (e.g: The Queen's Grenadier, Zadok the Priest)

Tickets (available on the door):
Adults £6 Children £3

Outdoor Concert,
Market Street, Sandwich
on Sunday 13th
May 2012 at
12.30pm (Timing to
be confirmed).



The Band is taking part in a 2 day celebration of the sandwich. The festival commemorates the 250th anniversary of the 4th Earl of Sandwich 'inventing' the sandwich.

Street music on Sunday will be provided by the Betteshanger Brass Band, the [Sandwich Concert Band](#) and the Manwood's School Jazz band. On Saturday, a free concert by JumboGumbo will entertain whilst the Sandwich-Honfleur Twinning Association share lunch with their visitors from Honfleur. Look out for the marauding Pirate Musicians in full costume!

Sandwich Concert Band are playing for about an hour but as we go to press no timings have been confirmed. Check our website for more details. For more details on the whole event visit: <http://www.sandwichevents.org.uk>

The Kent Grand Concert

7.30pm Saturday 19th May 2012 at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.

This deserves nearly a whole page to itself!

The Sandwich Concert Band are more than pleased to be taking part in this grand concert in aid of ABF (Army Benevolent Fund) The Soldiers Charity.

Bands taking part are:

The Band of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment
Ashford Concert Band
Bromley Concert Band
Hythe Town Concert Band
Invicta Concert Band
Sandwich Concert Band
Thanet Concert Band

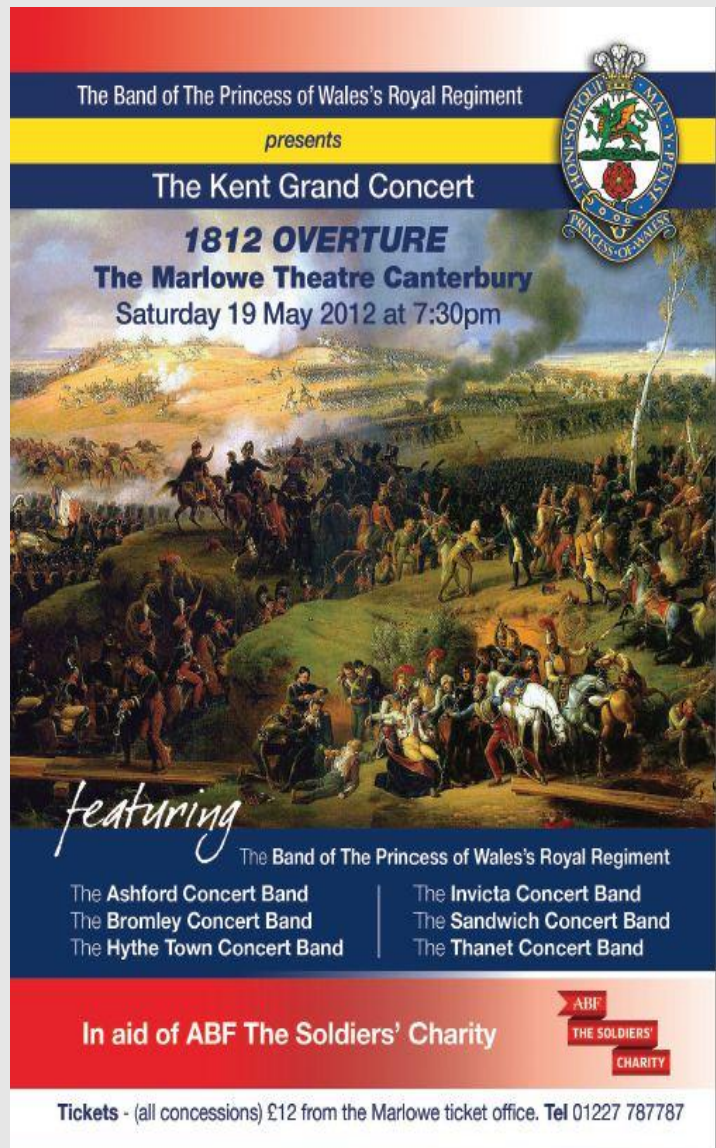
Music includes:

Oxford Street March
Bohemian Rhapsody
Trumpets Wild
Hymn to the Fallen
Holst 2nd Suite in F
Where-ever you are
Post Horn gallop
Overture 1812

The two tunes in italics are the music we have selected to be played and will be conducted by our own conductor.

Tickets for this concert are available on the Marlowe Theatre web site: <http://www.marlowetheatre.com>
or telephone: 01227 787787

This is expected to be a very popular concert.
Get your tickets early!



The Band of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
presents
The Kent Grand Concert
1812 OVERTURE
The Marlowe Theatre Canterbury
Saturday 19 May 2012 at 7:30pm

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The Hythe Town Concert Band | The Thanet Concert Band

In aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity

Tickets - (all concessions) £12 from the Marlowe ticket office. Tel 01227 787787

Search for a new conductor



Due to the relocation of our previous Musical Director, Sandwich Concert Band is looking to appoint a musically accomplished individual with experience of wind band music as our new Musical Director.

Sandwich Concert Band is an all-age community group, for players of Grade 5+ standard, and currently has over 40 members who rehearse in Sandwich on Wednesday evenings for approximately 40 weeks of the year (no rehearsals during August).

We perform an average of six concerts a year, encompassing a wide range of musical styles and genres. We enjoy developing our repertoire and library, and seek a Musical Director with the ability to deliver enjoyable rehearsals to a high musical standard and who is able to inspire

confidence in players with varied musical abilities.

The band is run by a volunteer committee, and the Musical Director will work closely with the committee with regard to repertoire, concert planning etc. The post is a voluntary one, but reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses will be considered.

For more information, e-mail contact@sandwichband.org.uk, visit our website at www.sandwichband.org.uk or ring 07812 030616

Applications are invited by Wednesday 18th April 2012.



Then there is this:

In the beginning, there were only wind instruments in the orchestra. Then, they noticed that many of the people were too stupid to play wind instruments, so they gave them large boxes with wires strapped across them. These people were known as "strings". Then they noticed that some people were too dumb to play strings, so they were given two sticks and were told to hit whatever they wanted. These people were known as "percussionists". Finally, they noticed that one percussionist was so dumb, he couldn't even do that, so they took away one of his sticks and told him to go stand in front of everybody. And that was the birth of the first conductor.

So, who wants a bit of work experience!

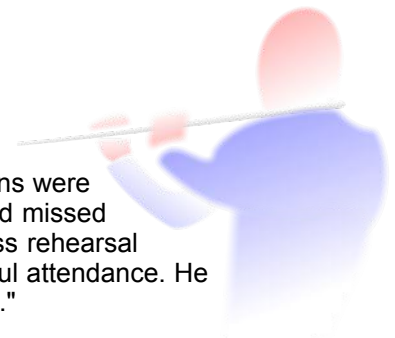
**Drum Kit Player
Wanted**

concert band/military band/wind orchestra repertoire
(Wednesday evening rehearsal)

MUST BE ABLE TO SIGHT-READ

For more information, e-mail contact@sandwichband.org.uk, visit our website at www.sandwichband.org.uk or ring 07812 030616

Seriously though. We do want a Drum Kit player. Could that person be you or do you know of some-one who could fill this position for us?
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Or ring: 07812 030616



And Finally

A community orchestra was plagued by attendance problems. Several musicians were absent at each rehearsal. As a matter of fact, every player in the orchestra had missed several rehearsals, except for one very faithful flute player. Finally, as the dress rehearsal drew to a close, the conductor took a moment to thank the flautist for his faithful attendance. He humbly responded "It's the least I could do, since I won't be at the performance."

[Plea for New Members](#)

Sandwich Concert Band is a Community Band and is always looking for new members who play a wind instrument to join us.

Players of all ages are welcome either to join our Training Band or Concert Band. The former is for young and old up to grade 4 when we encourage them to move to the Concert Band. Don't get put off by the grades. You do not have to have the piece of paper saying what grade you are only to be about that ability on your instrument and have the wish to join a lively and friendly band.

If you are interested; contact any of the members shown below for more information - or turn up at one of our rehearsals and introduce yourself.



Rehearsals

Training Band meets on a Wednesday 6pm - 7pm at Phoenix Community Centre.

Concert Band meets on a Wednesday 7pm (baton down at 7.15pm) till 9.15pm at Phoenix Community Centre.

Keeping in touch

We hope to keep you in touch with what SCB are doing but for really up-to-date news please visit our Website: www.sandwichband.org.uk or find us on Facebook or You Tube.

If you have any items or suggestions for inclusion in a newsletter let us know and we will try and include it in our next bulletin (no promises though).

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If you have contributed items, thoughts, corrections (and there are usually several) to this edition and have not been mentioned please accept my apologies.