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Sandwich Concert Band

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Pfizer Wind Orchestra Performs Final Concert and Re-forms as Sandwich Concert Band



June 19th 2011 was the date of the final performance of the PWO at the Pfizer Social Club – exactly eight years since the first concert there on June 15th 2003. Heather Holloway, Concert Manager, said, “We had hoped for a pleasant sunny afternoon where the audience could sit outside and eat their picnics in the warming sun, listening to a carefully selected programme of music.” Unfortunately, the weather forecast for the afternoon was uncertain, so the band set up indoors. Chairman, Kate Robinson said, “What a good decision - the rain at times was so heavy that the sound of it beating down on the roof made us think we’d acquired an



extra player in the percussion section!”

Despite the weather, the concert was a great success. The audience were still able to enjoy their picnics sitting at tables rather than on blankets, and the players didn’t have to peg their music to the stands! A Prize Draw took place, and one lucky member of the audience won a bottle of Moët & Chandon champagne.

The programme had been chosen by the players and Senior Orchestra pieces included 2 movements from Holst’s Second Suite in F, The Standard of St George, Pirates of the Caribbean, Light Cavalry Overture, West Side Story, and Blaze Away. The Training Band also played a selection of pieces which included Teddy Bear’s Picnic, The Great Escape, and a very moving performance of Annie’s Song. The final piece on the programme was voted for by the Friends, who chose the ever popular and toe-tapping music to the Dam Busters. After the standing ovation this performance received, the Senior Orchestra encored with another favourite – Instant Concert – and brought eight years of concerts and music making to a rousing close.



Simon Gayton, Conductor and co-founder of the PWO said afterwards, “It’s sad that we’ve had to perform for the last time as the PWO; we’ve played some great concerts over the years and the standard keeps on rising, but we’re looking to the future and are confident the new band will also be successful.” Kate added, “We’ve already had some good discussions about forming a new band and there’s real enthusiasm from the musicians about making a fresh start and getting involved.”

Simon Gayton



Sandwich Concert Band held its first rehearsal on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at Pfizer's Social Club and we got down straight away to rehearsing for our forthcoming concerts (see below). Business as usual really.



Simon
Gayton



Kate
Robinson

We are pleased that Simon Gayton and Kate Robinson will be continuing as Conductors of the Concert Band and Training Band respectively.

Band Heading and Logo

These are our new Band Heading and logo.



Forthcoming Concerts

Inaugural Concert of Sandwich Concert Band

The first concert of the Sandwich Concert Band will be held on Saturday 29th October 2011 at 7pm at St. Mary's Art Centre, (formerly St. Mary's Church) Sandwich.

Music (subject to change) includes:

Colonel Bogey Czardas Lord of the Rings Jurassic Park Harry Potter Yesterday

The Newly Formed
Sandwich Concert Band's
Inaugural Concert
also featuring
The Segno Clarinet Ensemble
Saturday 29th October 2011 at 7.00pm
St. Mary's Art Centre, Sandwich
Tickets: Adult £7.00 Children £3.50 available on the door
Programme*:
Colonel Bogey
O Mio Babbino Caro
Czardas
Yesterday
Lord of the Rings
Variations in Blue
New York, New York
Jurassic Park
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
*programme subject to change
Website: www.sandwichband.org.uk

We will also be joined by the Segno Clarinet Ensemble who will play a delightful selection of clarinet music.

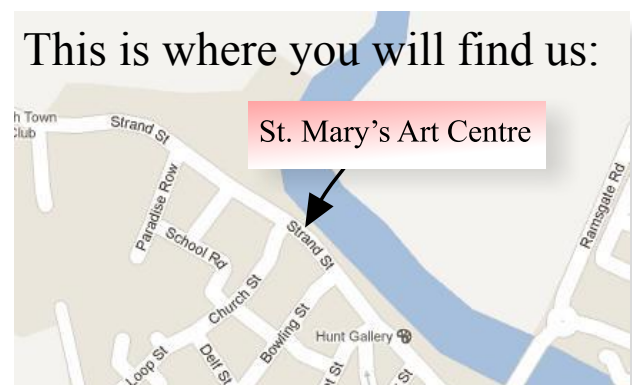
Come along and join us as we begin a new chapter in the life of the band.

Tickets will be available on the door.

Adults - £7.00

Children - £3.50

This is where you will find us:



Christmas Concert



Sunday 11th December 2011 at 2.30pm
St. Mary's Arts Centre Sandwich

This will be, as last year, an afternoon affair with mulled wine or orange juice and mince pies - bring your own silly - sorry, seasonal hat!



The Concert Band and the Training Band will be performing lots of seasonal music to get you in the festive mood.

Your Christmas starts here!

So, bring along your friends and family, young and old(er).

Tickets (which include refreshments) are: £8 adults/£4 children, will be available at the door on the day.

A new look for the Sandwich Concert Band.

Not only have we changed our name but also our clothing.

The new Concert Band uniform is black. Blackshirt or blouse with black trousers or skirts.

I have made this 'mock-up' of what we might look like. Quite smart do I hear you say.

Simon I have put in a cream jacket though, just to see what that would look like.



Plea for New Members

Sandwich Concert Band is a Community Band and are 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 Pfizer Social Club

Concert Band meets on a Wednesday 7pm (baton down at 7.15pm) till 9.15pm at Pfizer Social Club

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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