



# newsletter

August 2010

## Band News

Well as you can see from the photograph below we had much better luck with the weather when we visited Kensington Gardens in July than when we went to Oulton Broad last summer. However, we were not so lucky on Colchester Bandstand in May when many members of the band performed wearing full winter woolies. We never seem to quite get it right.



Kensington Gardens, London, 18 July 2010

We've been very busy at times during the last year but in particular over the summer months when we welcomed guest conductors Jonathan Abbott and Matthew Andrews who kindly stepped in whilst Geoff was on sabbatical. We would like to thank them both for their help and support and hope to see them again soon.

We've started to put together our programme of events for the coming year, as you can see below. We hope to see you at one of our concerts soon.

## 2010-11 Concert Season

**Saturday 18th September 2010 at 7.30pm**  
All Saints Church, Maldon

**Saturday 9th October 2010 at 7.30pm**  
Village Hall, Rowhedge (free entry)

**Saturday 23rd October 2010 at 7.30pm**  
Witham Royal British Legion  
First Annual "Poppy Prom"  
Tickets in advance from Joe, 01376 505082:  
£7.50 (£5 concessions)  
Tickets available on the door:  
£10 (£7.50 concessions)

**Tuesday 21st December 2010 at 7.45pm**  
Village Hall, Rowhedge (free entry)

**Saturday 22nd January 2011 at 7.30pm**  
St Andrew's Church, Fingringhoe

## Meet a Member

### Gavin Vaclavik

Gavin was born and bred in Harwich. After badgering his parents constantly for 6 months he finally got his first drum kit for his 15th birthday. After playing in various local bands, Gavin decided to close his welding business and study music at the Colchester Institute as part of the "Access to music" course. After two years of study there and one year at the British academy of new music in Stratford, London, Gavin finally achieved a diploma in "music practise / performing drums". He then became a full time musician for "Princess cruises" completing two contracts, one in the Mediterranean and one in the Carribean.



Gavin joined the Essex Concert band in 2006, and also teaches the drums privately and at "magic music" in Clacton, and still plays with various local bands between ECB bookings and also DJ's across the country at private functions.

Gavin is currently single and still lives in Harwich.

*by Gavin Vaclavik*

## Fundraising News

Many of the events at which we are invited to perform are held in aid of local organisations. Additionally we also hold our Christmas and summer concerts to raise funds for organisations chosen by members of the band. During 2009/10 our charities were Sea Change and CLIC Sargent for whom we raised £750 in total.

## Don't Forget Our Website

**Many of our 2011 concert dates have been arranged. Please take a look at our website for more information.**

[www.essexconcertband.org.uk](http://www.essexconcertband.org.uk)

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