



newsletter

March 2009

Band News

Time is flying by as always and already we find that we are mid-way through the 2008-9 season. As you can see we have many dates coming up throughout the spring and summer and if you visit our website you will see that we have begun planning dates for next season too. We hope to see you at one of our concerts soon.

Meet a Member

Many friends of the band are also friends of at least one of our members but we thought that you might like the opportunity to get to know us a bit better. So, each newsletter we will feature a member or section of the band and tell you a bit about them. Our first victim is Steve Edmonds who plays tuba with the band.

Steve was born in Watford into a Salvation Army family; his father taught him the tenor horn from the age of 5. Steve then went onto receive private lessons from a family friend who was a music teacher.



In 1975 Steve went into the armed forces where he joined the Band of the Third Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment. He married Cheryl in 1979 and has two children, James 24 and Nicola 21. Steve served in the band for 14 years during which time he studied both tuba and trombone for a period of time at the Royal Military School for Music, Kneller Hall. Steve also spent 2 years at the Queens' Division Depot as an instructor to young musicians. Having left the army in 1989, Steve has spent a number of years teaching young musicians in schools as well as privately. In 1990 Steve became a full time member of the Essex Concert Band and has on many occasions rehearsed the band in the absence of our resident conductor. He also on occasions plays the trombone not only for the ECB but for local dance bands and as part of the pit orchestra for some of the local operatic musicals. He now lives and works in Witham.

2008-9 Concert Season

Saturday 25th April 2009 at 7:30pm
Joint Concert with Tendring Concert Band
St John's Church, Gt Clacton.
No advance bookings required.

Sunday 3rd May 2009 at 3pm
Colchester Castle Park Bandstand
Free open-air concert

Saturday 13th June 2009 at 7:30pm
Summer Gala Concert
St Botolph's Church, Colchester
In aid of the Mayor's Charities
Please contact us to reserve tickets
(01206 364607, Amanda Arthur)

Saturday 27th June 2009 at 7:30pm
Tiptree Festival
St Luke's Church, Tiptree
Further details to follow

Monday 6th July 2009 at 7:30pm
Harwich Festival Concert
Harwich
Further details to follow

Sunday 19th July 2009
Oulton Broad Bandstand, Suffolk

Don't Forget Our Website

The website includes information on concert dates, news, membership and more and is updated regularly throughout the concert season.

www.essexconcertband.org.uk

Are you planning a fundraising concert or perhaps an open air event?

The Essex Concert Band is available for hire.

Our standard fee is £250 per booking.

If you no longer wish to receive updates and newsletters from Essex Concert Band please contact me to cancel your registration. Amanda Arthur, 01206 364607; amandaisom@hotmail.com (stating Essex Concert Band in the subject line); or 45 Hazell Avenue, Colchester, CO2 9DS.