LEICESTER COMMUNITY
CONCERT BAND ★ ★ ★

PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Wonder Of Christmas

WELCOME TO A CONCERT FILLED WITH
FESTIVE CHEER AND CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025

JUDGEMEADOW COLLEGE 7.30PM

IAN ROBINSON ~ CHAIR

Welcome to our Christmas concert. It promises to be a concert full of festive cheer, with plenty of opportunities for audience participation. I hope you know how to use the torch on your smart phone ready for the Christmas singalong! Regular supporters will also be looking forward to seeing what new Christmas hats our drummer, Sam, is going to be modelling. I am sure you will not be disappointed!

It is also a very special concert for the band, since it is the final Christmas concert under the baton of our founder and Musical Director, Brian. After nineteen years of outstanding leadership he retires from the role after our summer 2026 concert. We are currently in the process of appointing a successor to continue his legacy and I am very pleased to say that we have had interest from a number of very strong candidates. You'll be hearing many of his favourite Christmas arrangements during the course of this evening.

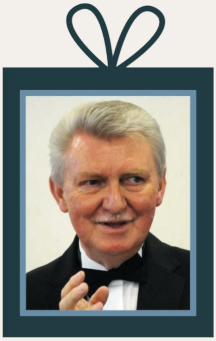
In August we were delighted to be invited back to play at the Abbey Pumping Station Family Fun Day. It was another sunny day and we were delighted to see so many family and friends there to support us.

I continue to feel honoured and privileged to hold the position of Chair of this fantastic ensemble. We are led by an inspirational Musical Director, have a supportive and hard working committee, and a membership who are talented, friendly and welcoming.

Finally, as always I would like to thank our great team of volunteers, who put this concert together and support us during the evening.

Thank you for coming and we wish you a merry Christmas.

BRIAN HUMPHERSON MBE ~ MUSICAL DIRECTOR



After qualifying as a music teacher in 1967, Brian held posts in Nottingham and Leicestershire schools. For many years he worked as a conductor for the Leicestershire School of Music and often acted as musical director for local choirs and operatic societies, notably Broom Leys Choral Society which he led for 29 years.

As Director of Music and Performing Arts at Guthlaxton College, Brian led the Guthlaxton Concert Band and Big Band to national and international success. The college also became renowned for its strong tradition in musical theatre and subsequently was designated as one of the first specialist Performing Arts colleges in the country in 1998.

After leaving the classroom he continued to work as a music examiner, teacher trainer and arts moderator. Following his retirement from teaching, Sheehan's Music Services approached him to see if he would be willing to lead a new project to encourage former musicians to blow the dust off their instruments.

Thus in 2007, 2nd Wind was born, initially with a small group of instrumentalists. In 2013 the band was re-established as Leicester Community Concert Band. It is now one of the largest musical ensembles in Leicestershire with over 60 musicians.

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A keen pianist, Brian has held a lifelong interest in jazz and popular music. He still performs with various ensembles, including the Nottingham Jazz Orchestra. He was awarded an MBE in 2008 for services to music education in Leicestershire.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

LCCB warmly welcomes enquiries from prospective new members with suitable musical proficiency. Please see our website for details.

PROGR

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Leroy Anderson

SCENES FROM "THE NUTCRACKER"

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky arr. Michael Story

CHRISTMAS CALYPSO

Peter Graham arr. Brian Bowen

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

arr. James D Ployhar

MINOR ALTERATIONS

David Lovrien

UKRAINIAN BELL CAROL

Mykola Dmytrovich Leontovych, arr. Philip Sparke

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard arr. Jerry Brubaker

INTERVAL

Refreshments available in the Dining Room

RAMME

A MOST WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS
arr. Robert Sheldon

RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
arr. Naohiro Iwai

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW
arr. Richard L Saucedo

SLEIGH RIDE
Leroy Anderson

LCCB SINGERS

Figgy Pudding!
arr. Ruth Morris Gray

A Holly Jolly Christmas
Johnny Marks arr. Greg Gilpin

MELE KALIKIMAKA
Robert Alex Anderson arr. Marco Martoia

LAST CHRISTMAS
arr. Andrew Watkin

WHITE CHRISTMAS
Irving Berlin arr. Naohiro Iwai

MUSICIANS

Flute/Piccolo

Naomi Abbs-Williams
Pat Bellingham
Kirsty Blackstock
Jane Cowan
Jon Dexter
Rachel Draper
Andrea Harris
Sue Harrison
Gael Lindsey
Ed Matthews
Helen Mockler
Sarah Short
Julia Sweeney
Sian Walls
Sarah Whittaker

Clarinet

Roger Calvert
Ann Churcher
Elaine Coley
Phil Desborough
Beth Ellis
Christine Grantham
Kathryn Hewitt
Cathy Highton
Nina Parker
Liz Pell
Heather Pelmore
Rosalind Read
Rhaana Starling
Sarah Statham
Karen Tyrrell

Oboe

Sheryl Hayes

Bass Clarinet

Tasmin Pritchard

Bassoon/Cor Anglais

Lez Bullwer

Alto Saxophone

Melissa Brodie
Alex Jemmett
Lucy Satchell

Tenor Saxophone

Sarah Banks
Dave Ellison
Laura Freeman
Peter Nicholls

Baritone Saxophone

John Finlay

Trumpet/Cornet

Alex Bentley
Nigel Birch
Helen Davidson
Rob Dunn
Jon Lee
Peter Perry
Ian Robinson
Sue Weatherby

French Horn

Alison Briggs
Richard Stone
Ed Williams

Trombone

Chantal Bielmann
Bruce Campbell
Peter Hession
Corey Stathers
Andrew Weatherby

Euphonium/Baritone

Stuart Braithwaite
Sophie Gray
Alan Parker

Tuba

Peter Briggs
Jonathan Lound
Roy Ridgewell

Percussion

Sam Harrison
Jonathan Knighton
Bruce Perrett
Nick Wolff

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Leicester Community Concert Band sends its warmest wishes for a joyful Christmas season and a prosperous New Year. We also have exciting news! Details about our 2026 concerts will be announced on social media soon. We look forward to welcoming you to these wonderful events on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, and **Saturday, December 5, 2026.**

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make this festive concert possible. Your support means so much to us, and tonight's success wouldn't have been possible without you.

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