



# newsletter

July 2007

## 2006/7 Season Summary

### Performances

During the past year we have worked once more with the splendid Tendring Concert Band\* as well as visited many of our regular venues: Rowhedge, Kelvedon, Harwich and Tiptree. We were also fortunate to add new venues in Wickham Bishops and also St Botolph's Church in Colchester to our concert series. We very much enjoyed taking part in all of these events and hope that we will have the opportunity to return in the future.

Many of our events are held in support of very worthy causes but we were particularly pleased in December to be able to support the work of the Colne Endeavour Music Club\*\* with whom some members of the band are very closely linked.

Our season closed on 22 July when we appeared on the bandstand in Colchester with guest conductor Matt Andrews. Despite the forecast the weather was kind to us and the event was very well supported.

### Membership

We have welcomed several new members this year whose skills have added to the quality of the playing as well as to the excellent atmosphere within the band. With our membership at a new high we are now in a situation where some sections have reached capacity. However, we will always find room where we can and welcome enquiries from potential members.

### Beyond Music

After a slow start to the season the past 3 months have seen us very much as a performing band, so much so that we have been too busy to organise our usual end of year social. Hopefully we can put this right in the Autumn and we look forward to coming together in an 'off-duty' capacity.

Finally, a huge thankyou to you the audience as well as the partners and friends of the members for all the support and help we have received during 2006/7. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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.

## Future Concerts

### October/November 2007 (date tbc)

Rowhedge Prom, Rowhedge Village Hall (7.30 pm)

### Autumn 2007 (date tbc)

Layer-de-la-Haye

### 18 December 2007

Concert of Christmas Music and Carols  
Rowhedge Village Hall (7.30 pm).  
Free entry but with retiring collection

We are awaiting confirmation for events at a number of our regular venues. We recommend that you check our website regularly. 'Friends' of the band will also receive information on forthcoming events via our mailing list.

## Our Mailing List

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with future news and details of forthcoming concerts why not join our mailing list? It's free!

Either pick up a form from the band or send your name, address, telephone number and e-mail (if you have one) to Amanda Arthur, 45 Hazell Avenue, Colchester, CO2 9DS or to amandaisom@hotmail.com (stating Essex Concert Band in the subject line).

We issue around 2 newsletters per year plus additional e-mails containing concert dates during each term.

## Don't Forget Our Website

Our website includes information on concert dates, news, membership and more.

Please visit us online:

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



\* Part of the Tendring Area Music School held at Tendring Technology College on Saturday mornings.

\*\* Through music, the club aims to develop the personal and social skills of the members regardless of any disability or special needs the person may have. <http://colneendeavour.tripod.com>