



November 2025

As you might be aware, SCWB performs three major concerts each year: in March, October and December. Other events can also be found in the calendar such as supporting people living with dementia, Banding Together (a day of music-making in which local musicians are invited to take part), fund-raising concerts for local charities and our annual visit to Romsey Bandstand.

This year, our October concert featured Chris Avison (former Principal Trumpet of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra) as guest soloist. He performed the Arutiunian Trumpet Concerto as well as the beautiful slow melody Love Eternal and the firecracker encore Virtuosity! We are so lucky to be able to share the stage with such wonderful instrumentalists. If you missed the concert, or were there and would like to listen again, some of the pieces are in our YouTube channel, @sotonwindband. [Or click here to go to the selection.](#)



Only three weeks later we returned to the Rose Theatre to take part in the National Concert Band Festival regional event. Participants are required to perform a 20-minute own-choice programme which is adjudicated and for which a grade is awarded. We performed Hope Springs Eternal (composed by the band's Patron Rob Wiffin), Prelude: 49th Parallel (Vaughan Williams) and Vesuvius (Ticheli). The band rose to the occasion, performed magnificently we were delighted to be presented with a Platinum Award. This is the eighth time SCWB has earned such an accolade and is testament to much hard work and commitment from all band members.

We look forward now to our Christmas Concert at 3pm on Saturday 6th December in Chandler's Ford Methodist Church. For the third year in succession, we will be joined on stage by the fantastic Hiltingbury Junior School Choir. They bring such joy and fun to the concert! The band will accompany the choir in a number of pieces and, of course, there will be some congregational carols allowing everyone to participate. It has been said that this concert marks the true beginning of the festive season for many. We hope to see you there!



Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/scwb - but hurry, they are going very fast and it is likely to be a sell-out.

Southampton Concert Wind Band dates for your diary

2025

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church	Saturday	Dec 6th	3.00pm
<i>Christmas Concert, with the choir of Hiltingbury Junior School</i>			

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Chandler's Ford Methodist Church	Saturday	Mar 21st	7.30pm
St. Paul's Church, Winchester	Saturday	Oct 17th	7.30pm
<i>With special guest soloist, Brett Baker (trombone)</i>			

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