



March 2026

Welcome to this edition of Upbeat!, the first of 2026.



The Band's first event of the year was our ninth staging of Banding Together, where SCWB welcomes members of the local wind band community for a day of music-making under the direction of a guest conductor. Taking the lead on this occasion was Peter Cigleris, professional clarinetist and SCWB's guest soloist a couple of years ago. Seventy four musicians gathered at The Mountbatten School, Romsey to rehearse and perform music that included *Shepherd's Hey* (Grainger) and the *First Suite in Eb* (Holst). To everyone's delight, Peter also performed a clarinet solo, *The Gentle Maiden* (arranged Blinks) which is an old Irish folk song. It was an excellent day of musical development and social interaction with like-minded folk.

Planning for the future never stops and in the past few weeks we have secured bookings for two important engagements. The first will be on Saturday 2nd May when the band will return to the Jubilee Hall in Bishop's Waltham to perform a short concert for people living with dementia. This is a hugely rewarding event for the Band members who can witness the joy their music brings to the audience members who are strongly encouraged to sing and clap along. Home-made cakes make the concert even more appealing! If you know someone who would be interested, please let them know. The free tickets and details are from www.ticketsource.co.uk/scwb from March 21st.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!
 A concert for people living with dementia, and their carers
 Come and sing along with

SOUTHAMPTON CONCERT WIND BAND
 Conductor Calum Gray

TICKETS – Free from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/scwb

A Dementia Friendly Concert:
 Informal seating around tables
 Plentiful car park spaces
 Refreshments on arrival
 Easy wheelchair access
 Concert lasting 1 hour
 Song sheets available
 Free entry

Saturday 2nd May 2026
 2.30pm to 3.00pm arrival for tea and cake
 Concert starts at 3:00pm, finishing 4:00pm

Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham
 Little Shore Road, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1ED

Sponsored by Meon Valley Lions Club (CIO) Lions International



Looking much further ahead, we are thrilled to announce that we have secured a booking for a concert in Romsey Abbey on Saturday 18th September next year. There is indeed truth in the rumour that our MD, Calum, is already planning the programme of music for that very special concert!



In the immediate future, however, the Band has its next concert on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm in Chandler's Ford Methodist Church. There is quite a variety of music to look forward to, ranging from a traditional overture (*Poet and Peasant – Suppé*) to a famous march (*The Thunderer – Sousa*) to some highly recognisable big band melodies (*In the Miller Mood – arranged Barker*). Our principal horn, Fran Gordon, will perform the *Rondo* from *Mozart's 4th Horn Concerto* and the percussion section will have some fun with John Mackey's extraordinary composition *Foundry*.

We do hope that you'll be able to join us!

Southampton Concert Wind Band dates for your diary		
Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham	May 2 nd	3.00pm
<i>A 'Sing-a-Long' concert for people who live with dementia, and their carers</i>		
Chandler's Ford Methodist Church	June 14 th	3.00pm
<i>A fundraising concert with all proceeds to charity</i>		
War Memorial Park Bandstand, Romsey	Aug 9 th	2.30pm
St Paul's Church, Winchester	Oct 17 th	7.30pm
<i>With guest soloist Brett Baker, trombone</i>		
Chandler's Ford Methodist Church	Dec 12 th	3.00 pm
<i>Christmas Concert, with the choir of Hiltingbury Junior School</i>		

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