

Lydd Town Council's Christmas Concert was held on 9th<sup>t</sup> December 2022 at All Saints' Church Lydd and was performed by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Cllr Clive Goddard had requested permission from Lydd Town Council to hold the Christmas Band Concert and talks began at the beginning of the year with Major Rick Bevan (retired) to invite the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas to perform in Lydd for a third year.

On the evening of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Band of 45 musicians led by the Director of Music, Capt. Esther Hayes, entertained the audience of several hundred people by playing, God Save the King, a selection of music from Oliver by Lionel Bart, Christmas tunes and traditional music including Yo Nepali, a soloist serenaded us with What a Wonderful World and two pipers delighted the audience.

Cllr Clive Goddard said

*"We were honoured to have the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas perform their stunning set for us in All Saints' Church, the Cathedral of the Marsh. The Church was full and the audience included the Chair of Kent County Council, Deputy Chair of Folkestone and Hythe District Council, and ten Mayors from across Kent and East Sussex. The band were excellent and received a standing ovation and the comments as people left were of joy at the wonderful musical evening, they had experienced.*

*The Town Clerk, Angela, and myself wasted no time in speaking to the Director of Music to invite them back to perform for us in Lydd again next year".*

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who gave donations for tickets and raffle prizes and the local businesses who supported the event Action Watersports Lydd, Spar Lydd, The Pilot, Dungeness, Lydd Golf Club, McColls Lydd on Sea, Usher Motors, Lyons Outfitters, Lydd, Lydd Vets, Morrisons, Lydd and M&M Richardson, Dungeness.

All the profits from the concert will be donated to the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

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Brigade of Gurkhas**



