LYDD TOWN COUNCIL

BAND OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS CONCERT PRESS RELEASE NOVEMBER 2026

Lydd Town Council is delighted to announce that the Christmas Concert to be performed by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will be held at All Saints' Church, Lydd on Friday 11th December 2026 at 7pm.

The band was first raised in 1859 as part of an Indian Army Gurkha Regiment called the Sirmoor Rifle Regiment but when India was partitioned in 1947 and the 2nd Gurkha Regiment chose to affiliate with Britain the band members all stayed in India. In 1949 sanction was given to raise the Band again and 56 recruits were given musical instruction. In May 1951 Captain JPC Bailey MBE was appointed as the first Director of Music. From that day forward they have delighted crowds with their fast and slick marching displays, lively concert music, ethnic Nepali folk tunes and colourful traditional dances.

At the meeting of Lydd Town Council held on 2nd November, Cllr Clive Goddard announced the date of the Lydd Town Council Christmas Band Concert and that tickets would be released on Wednesday 4th November by emailing the Town Clerk, Angela, townclerk@lyddtowncouncil.gov.uk or by visiting the Guild Hall on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9am and 12.30pm.

The tickets are available by donation and raffle prizes will be warmly received also as the proceeds raised from the concert will be donated by Lydd Town Council to the Gurkha Welfare Trust to help them carry out their vital work in Nepal.

There will be a short interval during the concert where the raffle prizes will be drawn and tea, coffee, mince pies and biscuits will be available.

We look forward to welcoming you to a Night at the Proms in Lydd – Gurkha style!