

LYDD TOWN COUNCIL

BAND OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS CONCERT PRESS RELEASE DECEMBER 2024

A night at the Proms Gurkha Style!

Lydd Town Council's Christmas Concert was held on Friday 6th December 2024 at All Saints' Church Lydd and was performed by the spectacular Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

The musicians led by the Director of Music, Capt. Esther Hayes, entertained the audience of several hundred people by playing a programme of music which opened with God Save the King and closed with Yo Nepali. The programme also included music from Wicked, traditional Christmas carols, music from Star Wars and Big Band signature tunes.

During the Interval refreshments were available and the raffle was drawn. There were some fantastic prizes donated by local business and community members.

Lydd Town Council would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity and support in donating raffle prizes

Ansell's Garage, Lydd Free MOT Test
Spar, Lydd £40 voucher
Corinna's Hairdressers Lydd £30 voucher
Action Watersports, Lydd 1 x session voucher
The Pilot, Dungeness £25 voucher
The Varne fish and chips, Lydd on sea £10 voucher
Brew 32, Lydd
Lyons Outfitters, Lydd
M&M Richardson, Dungeness
Morrisons, Lydd
The George, Lydd
The Royal Oak, Lydd
Usher Motors, Lydd

Cllr Clive Goddard whose proposal to Lydd Town Council was to request the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas perform the Lydd Town Council Christmas Concert for us again this year 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 Mayors and Council Chairs from across Kent and East Sussex. The band were excellent and the comments as people left were of joy at the wonderful musical evening, they had experienced.

Capt. Esther Hayes announced that she will be moving on next year and there will be a new Director of Music taking over. The Town Clerk, Angela has thoroughly enjoyed working with Capt. Hayes in organising the Christmas concert in Lydd over the last three years.

We would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Jack Greenhalf and the Church Wardens of All Saints' Church for all that they have done to assist along with their congregation for making the refreshments".

All the profits from the concert once the expenses have been paid to the Church for heating and refreshments will be donated to the Gurkha Welfare Trust to help with the work that they do in Nepal providing vital support to Gurkha veterans, their families and community

members by delivering essential financial and medical aid and to provide access to clean water.

**The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas appears by kind permission of
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