



Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Band

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Welcome to the Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Band

The Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Band was formed in 1980, and is made up of players who travel from as far afield as Medway, South London and Sussex as well as many local members from Sevenoaks and Tonbridge.

The Band has undertaken a number of foreign tours including Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Majorca, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain, and Tenerife. It also has connections with a German band, the Stadkapelle Heusenstamm, based near Frankfurt, and a French band in Lambersart near Lille. Band tours are great fun and helps us all to get to know each other.

The celebrated clarinettist Emma Johnson performed with the band at its 25th Anniversary Concert at the Sevenoaks Playhouse in 2005. The band has also made a Compact Disc entitled "Flourish".

The Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Band consists of:

[The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band](#)

[The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Training Band](#)

The purpose of The Band is:

- To provide opportunities for musicians to meet and make music
- To give training, assistance and advice to encourage individual members to improve their skills
- To give public and private recitals and concerts for the promotion and appreciation of music and the arts
- To join with other societies, both instrumental and choral, in joint ventures of a like nature

Administration

The Band is run by a committee elected annually at an AGM, consisting of:

Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Musical Director	Concert Band Representative	
Training Band Conductor	Training Band Representative	

Other important but non-committee roles include:

Librarians	Publicity	Section Representatives
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If you feel that there is an issue which needs attention, you are encouraged to speak to your Band Representative, who will have introduced themselves when you joined. If you would like to get involved in a band role, please speak to one of the committee.

Safeguarding

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Band is committed to the safety and well-being of all members but especially children & young people and vulnerable adults whilst they participate in Band activities. The Band has a safeguarding policy that can be accessed from the website. There is a safeguarding lead and each band has a designated lead. Please take the time to read the policy.

Music and instruments

The band has a large library of symphonic wind, military band and show pieces and it also has access to a large amount of privately owned material. A list is kept of the music owned by the band. The band also owns a range of percussion instruments.

Instrument loans

A scheme is available for members to obtain an interest free loan from the band if they need assistance in purchasing a new instrument. For details, please see the Treasurer.

Social events

The band organises occasional social events and these, together with workshops and foreign tours, give the band an especially friendly atmosphere. Some members of the band like to retire to a local hostelry after the weekly rehearsals and concerts. All are very welcome. Please check which venue we are currently frequenting.

We hope you enjoy being a member of the Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Band and welcome any suggestions as to ways in which the overall experience can be improved.

Uniforms

A full uniform policy is available from the members' section of the website. Please refer to it prior to a concert.

Scarves and ties (provided) – concert band colour is red, training band colour is blue

Fleeces – purchased from the band, black fleece with band logo

Stands – please provide your own, black for concerts

Stand covers – provided

Website and Muzodo

The band's website is www.stband.co.uk. We sign up for gigs via Muzodo, which can be accessed via the website, computer and/or a phone app. When you join the band, you will be given access. Our organisation's policy documents are available on the website, please take time to read these. Most members agree to share their contact details with other band members. Details of members who are under 18 are automatically withheld. A password protected list is available (email and tel number). We also have a Facebook page.

CONCERT BAND

Rehearsals

The band meets to rehearse every Friday evening in the hall at Knole Academy (West), Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3LE. Rehearsals start 7.45pm prompt, with a short tea break at 8.45pm and finishing at 9.45pm.

Players of Grade 7 standard (Associated Board) or above and also with the appropriate ensemble playing experience are welcome. Members are expected to attend rehearsals on a regular basis. Extra rehearsals may be held at the weekend leading up to a major concert.

Music folders are provided, with music to be played for the term.

Concerts

The Band performs a number of concerts during the year including two locally, a number at bandstands / parks throughout the South East during the summer months and an annual Christmas concert in a local church.

Members are encouraged to make every effort to participate. The concerts are attended by a discerning public, so our best performance is expected at all times. The income from these concerts helps to buy new music and to keep membership subscriptions down. It is hoped that each member will involve themselves in the promotion of concerts by selling tickets to friends and family.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions, which currently stand at **£65 per year, but £30.00 for members under 18 years of age or in full time education**, are reviewed annually and are payable to the Treasurer as soon as possible after 1st September each year.

New members joining during the year will be asked to pay on a pro rata basis. A refund of 50% is available for any member leaving the band before 1st February.

TRAINING BAND

Rehearsals

The band meets to rehearse every Friday evening in the hall at Knole Academy (West), Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3LE from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Refreshments are available after rehearsal, giving an opportunity to chat and get to know fellow players

All players, of any age, who have started learning to play a wind instrument or are returning to music after a break are welcome. If you have enthusiasm and wish to improve your playing then come along and give our friendly group a try. Experience has shown that playing with the Training Band noticeably accelerates a player's musical development. Members are expected to attend rehearsals on a regular basis.

Music folders are provided, with music to be played for the term.

Concerts

The Training Band gives occasional concerts both in-house and at local fetes in the summer months to gain experience and confidence in playing.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are reviewed annually and are currently **£50 per year, but £20 for members under 18 years of age or in full-time education**. They are payable to the Treasurer as soon as possible after 1st September each year. New members joining during the year will be asked to pay on a pro rata basis. A refund of 50% is available for any member leaving the band before 1st February.