



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### THE BAND OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS

Lydd Town Council is delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Band Concert will be performed by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas which is based at Shorncliffe near Folkestone.

Following a proposal at the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by Councillor Clive Goddard that the Christmas Band Concert go ahead again this year, talks began with Major Rick Bevan in early January regarding a community engagement event for a Military Band to perform in Lydd and the arrangements were finalised on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The Band has travelled extensively throughout the world and recent tours have included Nice, USA for the International Military Tattoo, Cyprus, India and Nepal. The musicians are recruited into the Band after their basic military training. Initial musical instruction then commences, first under the supervision of the Director of Music, then after approximately four years, at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall in London.

The Director of Music is Major Tony Adams who achieved his long term aspiration when he was afforded the great honour and privilege to be appointed Director of Music of The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Councillor Clive Goddard said *"Lydd has been the home of the Military for many years and it is excellent news that we will have a Military Band performing for us at Christmas this year, particularly as this is the Centenary of the end of World War 1. I am really looking forward to the Concert by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas which will have 34 band members playing for us in Lydd and I hope that it will be well attended by the local community"*

The Lydd Town Council Christmas Band Concert will be held at 7pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 in All Saints' Church, Lydd. Tickets will be limited to 300 and will be available from the Town Clerk at the Guild Hall from 29<sup>th</sup> October until 29<sup>th</sup> November during normal opening hours 9am until 12.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Donations are appreciated and all the money collected will be donated by Lydd Town Council to the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Light refreshments will be served during the interval.

Lydd Town Council and Cinque Ports Training Area are joint signatories to the Army Covenant Bronze Level.