

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### **Derek Wilson MBE – President & Conductor Emeritus**

Derek started learning a musical instrument, the tenor horn, at the age of 10 years with a local brass band in his home town of South Shields, County Durham. At the age of 20 he joined the Royal Air Force School of Music where he learnt the French horn and music theory. On completion of the one year course he joined the No.1 RAF Regional Band where he spent four years before leaving to join the RAF Band in Germany as Principal Horn. Three years later he returned to RAF Uxbridge HQ Music Services joining the RAF Central Band in 1960 where he remained until retirement in 1982. Derek also spent seven years at Amersham Music Centre from 1970 teaching brass instruments and forming a junior and senior wind band as conductor. Over the years Derek has played in an opera orchestra in Ealing and for many shows and concerts in Middlesex and South Bucks as well as teaching in a number of South Bucks schools. In 1977, together with two parents of his pupils, he founded the Chalfont Wind Bands and his hope is that CWB will continue to entertain and support charities for many years to come. In 2007 he received an MBE for services to music and was awarded the title of 'Conductor Emeritus' of CWB in 2010.

### **Dwight Pile-Gray BMus (Hons) ATCL –Director of Music**

Dwight began playing the French Horn at age 12, passing his grade 8 within five years. He went on to study for a performance degree at the Trinity college of Music, where he received tuition from some of the country's finest horn tutors and also studied conducting. During this time Dwight was engaged to play with a professional orchestra in Germany and played with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. He also played with a number of Opera companies at home and abroad. Whilst at college Dwight was a member of numerous ensembles including a brass quintet, a woodwind quintet and a horn, violin and piano trio. On completion of his degree, he joined the Corps of Army Music in 2005 and, after graduating from the Royal Military School of Music, took up his post with the Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers whilst pursuing a varied freelance career. Dwight is currently studying for a further diploma in horn performance. He joined the Band as Assistant Director of Music in October 2010 and took up his rôle as Director of Music in January 2011 following the retirement of Cliff Rowley.



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## FOLLOW THE BAND

Saturday 21 May 2011

Parish Day  
St Joseph's Church  
Austenwood Lane, Chalfont St Peter

Saturday 18 June 2011

St Mary's Church Fête  
St Mary's Church  
Amersham



## Chalfont Concert Wind Band



Some vacancies for new members in both Bands



### Rehearsals on **Monday** evenings

'A' band – 7.45pm to 9.45pm  
(minimum requirement: Grade 5)

'B' band – 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
(for those starting to discover music and for those returning to it after a break)

**Contact:**

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**Rehearsal location:**

Robertswood County Combined School,  
Denham Lane, Chalfont St Peter,  
Bucks. SL9 OEW



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