

Hertfordshire's Five Gold Rings



The Purcell School's Elastic Band Community Concert Tour

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The Purcell School's Elastic Band is a wonderful little micro-orchestra containing lots of different instruments!

It is run by the amazing, unique Kevin Hathway – a fabulous musician who is well-known for dressing up in weird and wacky clothes and dancing about madly whilst conducting them!



Kevin's Elastic Band from the Purcell School, where Kev teaches is very special – they are all brilliant young musicians, and give fun-packed concerts of music which will surprise, delight and entertain audiences aged between 0 and 100 years old!





Here you see Elastic Band arriving in Ware ready for a gig, with their brightly labelled tee-shirts and instrument van plus lots of percussion.

In July 2012, Riversmead Housing Association asked Elastic Band to perform in 3 different places. These were ...

Bishops Stortford - Jackson Square Shopping Centre

Bircherley Green Shopping Centre

Tudor Square, Ware – Children's Concert

Kevin rehearsed the Purcell School group carefully for these 3 special performances. The great thing about Elastic Band concerts is that they are full of musical surprises! The band will sometimes march onstage singing, sometimes they will jump to their feet and shout in the middle of a performance, and at other times they will run around the stage and into the audience! There is never a dull moment – and the music they perform is sparkling, witty, fun-packed, educational, well-known and all-in-all, thoroughly enjoyable in every possible way.

The group travelled to the Riversmead area on a rather rainy, chilly and uncertain day – however, they were fired-up and ready for anything!



Elastic Band can play absolutely anywhere!



Getting ready to play at the Shopping Centre

A lot of people in the shopping centres in Bircherley Green and Jackson's Square were very surprised (and pleased) to see young musicians performing at their shopping centre. They brought young children up to have a closer look.



A Community Concert in Tudor Square, Ware



At first there were only a few people around. As the Elastic Band began to perform, more and more stopped to listen. Some people running stalls stopped serving and moved closer. Older people sat on the benches to listen. They hummed along with the well-known, beautifully-performed melodies, and clapped enthusiastically at the end of each piece.



Comments from the Community

'Good to have a bit of music in the square, eh?!'

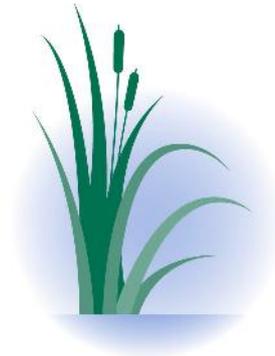
"Where d'you say they're from? Purcell School? Good, aren't they?"

"...cheers up the weather. Nice bright colours. Music's great!"

"My grandad used to play one of those!"

Thank you so much!

Riversmead Housing Association's support was very greatly appreciated by the Elastic Band and by those who were lucky enough to hear them. They also performed in the Broxbourne Gala on July 3rd, and at this event played some of the same pieces that were heard by the people in Ware, Bircherley Green and Bishop's Stortford.



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