

The Silver Prize

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Band Room News

Alyson Burrows

The band sends its condolences to Rob and Amy Burrows and their family following the sudden death of their mother. Twenty-one of the band and former-band members attended her funeral.



David Smith

Thank you to David Smith, who has donated his father's, Arthur Smith's, cornet to the band. Arthur Smith previously played with the Stanton Ironworks Band (now Ilkeston Brass). The cornet was originally won in a Welsh contest, by his father Walter Lewis.

Erewash Film Society

This month's film is being shown on Monday 17th October at 8:00 p.m. Details of the film are posted in the band room (the license prevents us from advertising which films are being shown other than on the band's premises).

All members of the band are welcome. Free admission.



Cadwell Park Motorcycle Racing

Our racing team of Sarah (pictured out in the front, tearing around the chicane at Cadwell with higher-powered bikes in her wake) and Ben (with Beardy Stu as engineer) had mixed fortunes at Cadwell Park last month. Sarah won her class within the first race by a massive margin only to suffer a major engine failure in her next race when a piston disintegrated and spread its self throughout all of her engine leaving it beyond Stuvatisation. However, Ben made up for this by both by winning his class in the subsequent races and also beating the rest of Sarah's class with an engine half the size of theirs!

Cedars & Larches



*-Fay has sent us this picture of the training band playing at Cedars & Larches in Ilkeston

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Notes from Bolsover Festival of Brass

Result: Third Section

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| 1) | Ifton Colliery Brass | Scott Robert Lloyd |
| 2) | Rolls Royce (Derby) | Graham Cardwell |
| 3) | Shirland Welfare | Lynden Cooper |
| 10) | Long Eaton Silver Prize | S. Stansfield, F.V.C.M. (Hons) |

Adjudicator's Comments

Mark Wilkinson

Spirit of Brass

Confident to open, music has drive. Bass line doesn't always fit with tune. Not always secure in pitch. Tempo has slowed slightly losing some impact. Can take more dynamic drop 4 before end. Good build.

Swing Low with Grace

Confident but perhaps a little on the loud side for mp and does not always fit together. Has a nice swing and good playing. Nice balances are noted. A little loud for mp to close.

Just a Closer Walk

Nice solo contributions around the stand. Music has a good feel and maintains a steady tempo.

Anthem

A little on the loud side to open and needs a bit more warmth in sound. Great vocal solo but watch band don't over power (as can't always hear voice). Well done vocalist; a very moving performance.

Uptown Funk

Music has drive and good playing. Can take more attention to the various detail (and dynamic contrasts). You capture the style well (and well done dancer: a nice inclusion!).

Lots of visuals and though have gone into the programme planning.

Notes from the Musical Director



I was pleased with our performance at Bolsover which was a big improvement on our rehearsals the week before. The intonation was a lot better (although there were still some issues, even though they were not mentioned in the remarks), but the main issues picked up on were those worked on last week; tempos slowing, insufficient dynamic contrasts, and vibrato, especially on the high notes. We need to continue to work on these over the next few months.

Having said all of this, we are starting to improve as a band again. We have had an unusually large number of personnel changes in the last year, something that we had not had to do much of over the years, and it is taking time to gel as a band again. There was a lot of good playing in our performance at Bolsover, but there were also too many lapses of concentration which was the difference between

being in the prizes and 10th. However, it does show that if we can learn to play consistently at our best, we are capable of much better contest results. Thank you for all your efforts in the last few weeks.

On Wednesday, we will have a first run at the area test piece. Dynamic control, sound quality and drive are again going to be key, particularly at the start of the piece where we start at pp. We will not be running the piece much in rehearsal this year (we have concerts to prepare for), but please look at your parts at home. The more time I have to spend note-bashing, the less time we have to put the parts together and build a great performance.

The main effort of both our bands for the rest of the year will be our Remembrance and Christmas concerts. As usual we are going to be very busy; please look at the engagement lists and let me, Lisa (senior band) or Lesley (training band) if you unable to make any jobs.

Finally, congratulations to Jessica, Mrs Jessica, Isobel and Leo, who have all been promoted from the beginner's group to the training band in the last month.

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Five Years Ago

Asda Collection

The 6 hours' playing marathon outside Asda raised £562.51 towards our national finals fund. Thank you to all who played, collected, or packed bags, and thank you to Asda for giving us permission to make the collection.



Ten Years Ago

Awards for All

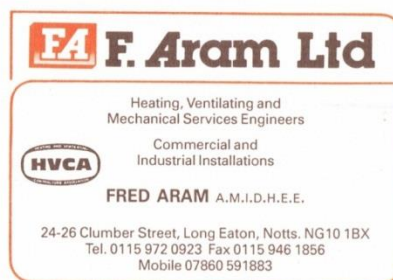


The band is the grateful recipient of a £5,000 from Awards for All to replace the windows in our band rooms.

Fifteen Years Ago

Derbyshire County Council

Our president, Roland Hosker, presented the band with cheque for £750 at our final rehearsal before leaving for the national finals.



Forthcoming Contests

North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest

We may be entering NEMBBA again next year when it is on Sunday 25th February at the Postmill Centre, South Normanton.



Area Contest



We will be entering the area contest as usual: next year it is on Saturday 10th March at the Nicholas Chamberlaine College.

Whit Friday Marches

We are considering entering next year's Whit Friday marches on Friday 25th May



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Contests Next Year



We are considering which entertainment contests to enter next year.

Advertisements

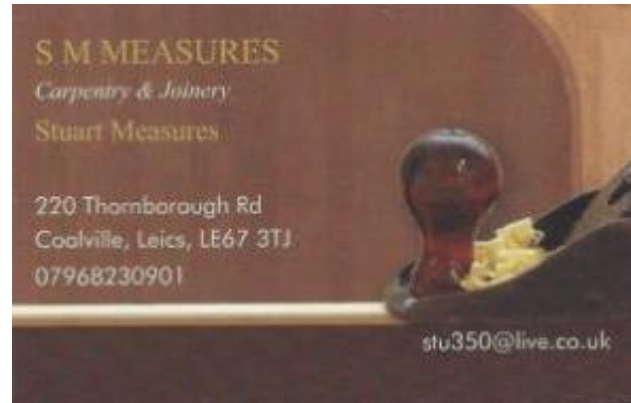


Creative Measures
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Sarah Measures

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The advertisement features a silhouette of a person painting a wall on the left side.



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Carpentry & Joinery
Stuart Measures

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KEVIN MASSEY F.A.I.A.
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NOTTS.
NG10 3AT

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KPHMS Examinations

Unlike any other examination board and in the interests of flexibility the music played in KPHMS examinations can be from the ABRSM, Trinity Guildhall or KPHMS syllabuses. The only stipulation is that it must be on the syllabus for the chosen instrument, at the chosen grade. An accompanist is also provided. For further details, please see Sharon or visit

<http://www.kphms.com/Examinations.php>



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Training Band Diary

Lesley will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

2017

| | Date | Start | Event | Post Code |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Sunday | 12 th November | 10:15 a.m. | Armistice Parade, Long Eaton (with the senior band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park | NG10 7HJ |
| Friday | 17 th November | 6:00 p.m. | Ockbrook Christmas Lights Outside the Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook (with the senior band; bring your own chair) | DE72 3SE |
| Friday | 24 th November | 6:45 p.m. | Sawley Christmas Lights Lakeside Park, Sawley | |
| Saturday | 25 th November | 5:00 p.m. | Spondon Village Christmas Lights (with the senior band) | |
| Thursday | 30 th November | 5:30 p.m. | Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the senior band) Market Square, Long Eaton | NG10 1LT |
| Friday | 1 st December | 6:00 p.m. | Borrowash Christmas Lights Outside the Co-operative Shop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash (with the senior band; bring your own chair) | DE72 3HE |
| Sunday | 3 rd December | 11:15 a.m. | The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston | DE7 5GR |
| Thursday | 7 th December | 7:30 p.m. | Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley | NG10 3FF |
| Sunday | 10th December | 1:00 p.m. | Nottingham Yacht Club, Cranfleet Cut, off Pasture Lane, Long Eaton (provisional) | NG10 2FZ |
| Saturday | 16 th December | 11 a.m. | Carols with the Long Eaton Churches Fellowship choir Market Square, Long Eaton (with the senior band) | NG10 1LT |
| Monday | 18 th December | 6:30 p.m. | Scouts & Guides Carol Service All Saints Church, Sawley | NG10 3AT |

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2018

| | Date | Start | Event | Post Code |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|--|-----------|
| Saturday | 7 th July | 9:30 a.m. | Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (with the senior band) (park in the High Street, Staveley) | S43 3UU |
| Saturday | 1 st September | 12:15 a.m. | The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston | DE7 5GR |
| Sunday | 11 th November | 10:15 a.m. | Armistice Parade, Long Eaton (with the senior band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park | NG10 7HJ |

If you need to miss any of these jobs, please let Lesley and Deborah know **in writing or by email A.S.A.P.**, as we may then need to organise dep. players.

Band Diary

Lisa will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

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| | Date | Start | Event | Post Code |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|--|-----------|
| Saturday | 14 th October | 7:30 p.m. | Nottingham Rotary Club Charity Concert Lutterell Hall, Church Drive, West Bridgford | NG2 6AY |
| Saturday | 28 th October | 7:30 p.m. | British Legion Concert St. Laurence Church Market Place, Long Eaton | NG10 1LT |
| Sunday | 12 th November | 10:15 a.m. | Armistice Parade, Long Eaton (with the training band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park | NG10 7HJ |
| Thursday | 16 th November | 7:00 p.m. | Festival of Remembrance The Winding Wheel 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield | S41 7SA |
| Friday | 17 th November | 6:00 p.m. | Ockbrook Christmas Lights Outside the Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook (with the training band; bring your own chair) | DE72 3SE |
| Saturday | 18 th November | 7:30 p.m. | St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Church Street, Bramcote | NG9 3HD |
| Saturday | 25 th November | 5:30 p.m. | Spondon Village Christmas Lights (with the training band) | |
| Thursday | 30 th November | 5:30 p.m. | Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the training band) Market Square, Long Eaton | NG10 1LT |
| Friday | 1 st December | 6:00 p.m. | Borrowash Christmas Lights Outside the Co-operative Shop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash (with the training band; bring your own chair) | DE72 3HE |
| Saturday | 2 nd December | 7:30 p.m. | Greenwood Court, Cator Lane, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire, | NG9 4BW |
| Sunday | 3 rd December | 2:30 p.m. | Dementia Society Soldiers & Sailors, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton | NG10 3JS |
| Friday | 8 th December | 7:30 p.m. | Christmas Crackers Concert St. Laurence Church Market Place, Long Eaton | NG10 1LT |

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| | Date | Start | Event | Post Code |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| Saturday | 9 th December | Evening | Fred's Ladies Evening & Dinner The Belgrave Rooms 25 Goldsmith Street Nottingham | NG1 5LB |
| Monday | 11th December | 7:00 p.m. | Main Hall, Friesland Sports Centre Nursery Avenue, Sandiacre | NG10 5AF |
| Tuesday | 12 th December | 8:30 p.m. | Masonic Lodge (small band) Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton | NG10 4LR |
| Wednesday | 13th December | 8:30 p.m. | Longcliffe Golf Club (small band) | LE11 3YA |
| Friday | 15 th December | 8:30 p.m. | Longcliffe Golf Club (small band) | LE11 3YA |
| Saturday | 16 th December | 11 a.m. | Carols with the Long Eaton Churches Fellowship choir Market Square, Long Eaton (with the training band) | NG10 1LT |
| Saturday | 16 th December | Evening | Wigston, details TBA | |
| Sunday | 17 th December | 2:30 p.m. | Chatsworth Centre West Gate, Long Eaton | NG10 1EF |
| Sunday | 17 th December | 7:30 p.m. | Chatsworth Centre West Gate, Long Eaton | NG10 1EF |

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| | Date | Start | Event | Post Code |
|----------|---------------------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| Sunday | 25 th February | All Day | North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest (provisional) | DE55 2EJ |
| Saturday | 10 th March | All Day | Midlands Area Contest Nicholas Chamberlaine College, Bulkington Road, Bedworth | CV12 9EA |
| Saturday | 26 th May | 11:00 a.m. | Erewash Canal Preservation and Development Association Great Northern Canal Basin, Derby Road, Langley Mill | NG16 4AA |
| Friday | 13 th June | 1:00 p.m. | Whit Friday marches (provisional) | |
| Saturday | 7 th July | 9:30 a.m. | Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (with the training band) (park in the High Street, Staveley) | S43 3UU |
| Sunday | 8 th July | 9:30 a.m. | Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (park at Poolsbrook Country Park) | S43 3WL |
| Sunday | 11 th November | 10:15 a.m. | Armistice Parade, Long Eaton (with the training band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park | NG10 7HJ |
| Sunday | 11 th November | 6:30 p.m. | Lighting of a Beacon for the 100 th Anniversary of the Armistice Market Place, Long Eaton | NG10 1LT |
| Sunday | 16 th December | 2:30 p.m. | Chatsworth Centre West Gate, Long Eaton | NG10 1EF |
| Sunday | 16 th December | 7:30 p.m. | Chatsworth Centre West Gate, Long Eaton | NG10 1EF |

If you need to miss any of these jobs, please let Lisa or Sharon (preferably both) know in writing or by email A.S.A.P., as we will then need to organise dep. players.

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Band Supporters

The band is also most grateful to the following individuals, organisation and businesses for their recent support of the band:

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| Roland Hosker & Bill Camm | Over the last ten years, our former presidents Councillor Roland Hosker and the late Councillor Bill Camm have individually and together secured grants for the band in excess of £5,750, which has made a major contribution in purchasing suitable instruments and music for both our bands, and in particular the training band. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Blackburn | £2,257 from open garden days, talks to various societies and other events, £510 from a collection made at their golden wedding celebrations, and £700 from a collection made at John's 80 th birthday party. |
| Members of the Erewash Film Society | The band is profoundly grateful to 19 members of the Erewash Film Society who donated some of or their entire share of the residual assets of the club, totalling £5,566.90, to the band. |
| Other Supporters | The band is also grateful to our other supporters (outside of the Erewash Film Society) who together donated a further £3,469.21 of their share of the residual assets of the club to the band. |
| Val Custance | £250 for new music |
| Ben Hadfield | An Olds tenor trombone |
| Erewash Film Society | £300 |
| Helen Cutting | Some band memorabilia |
| Helen Driscoll | Music |
| Des Fry | A tenor trombone |
| Helen Lane | Repairing novice instruments |
| James "Yeti" Mayell | Hosting the band's website for free |
| Len Cowley | £200 towards the nationals and new music for the band and £1,340 to general band funds. |
| Long Eaton Rotary | £200 |
| Matt & Ruby Walter | A King cornet |
| Peter Dawson | Our new landlord, for our rehearsal facilities |
| The Family of Fred Pear | £300 and various band memorabilia |
| Professor Pete Thomas | New ties, badges and banners, and a cornet for the training band |
| Rod Salter | For repairing many of our stands |
| Arthur Smith | His father's cornet |
| Roy Varney | A bass drum and beater, music and mouthpieces |
| St. Laurence's Church | Music stands and folders |
| Steve Inger | Photographing the band at our Chatsworth Centre Christmas concert last year |
| Tesco | £600 towards waterproof jackets for the training band |

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Personnel

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Web Sites, Facebook & Twitter

Our web site address is <http://www.lespb.org.uk>.

Our Facebook sites are <https://www.facebook.com/lespb> (senior band) and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270405743010461/> (training band)

Our Twitter account is @LESPB1906

Band Officers and Committee

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| President | John Blackburn |
| Vice-Presidents | Fay Blackburn Councillor Val Custance Len Cowley Councillor Roland Hosker Councillor Kevin Miller Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A. Richard Walker PG Cert, DMS, CITP, MBSC, MAPM Ted Bradley Rod Salter Colin Millns |
| Honorary Life Members | Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C. James Dennis & Lewis Blackburn |
| Musical Director (*) | Fred Aram |
| Assistant Musical Directors | Professor Pete Thomas |
| Chairman (*) | Lisa Balsom |
| Vice-Chairman (*) | Lisa Balsom |
| Secretary (*) | Robert Stansfield |
| Contest Secretary | Robert Stansfield |
| Treasurer (*) | Alan Askey |
| Equipment Officer | Deborah Redpath |
| Assistant Equipment Officer | Mark Blackburn & Ben Allen |
| Librarian (*) | James Dennis & Stuart Measures |
| Assistant Librarians | Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C. Fay Blackburn |
| Band Sergeants | David Allcock Kim Larwood |
| Publicity Officer | Benjamin Allen James Mayell |
| Committee Members (*) | Lewis Blackburn Sarah Measures |
| | Mark Blackburn Stuart Measures |
| | Robert Burrows Hazel Rogers |
| | James Dennis |
| Newsletter Editor | Robert Stansfield |
| Webmaster | Robert Stansfield |
| Auditor | Kevin Massey, F.A.I.A. |
| (*) indicates a committee member | |

Training Band Officers

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| Musical Director | Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C. |
| Assistant Musical Directors | James Dennis & Lewis Blackburn |
| Events Organiser | Lesley Prytherch |
| Equipment Officer | Alan Askey |
| Librarians | Deborah Redpath & Mark Blackburn |
| Stage Manager | Mark Blackburn |
| Beginners Group Teachers | James Dennis, Robert Stansfield & Stuart Measures |