

The Silver Prize

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Band Room News



Lewis

Lewis had his heart transplant on the 24th January and was sitting up in a chair phoning his father Mark the next morning asking for him to bring him some smoothies. He is likely to be moved out of intensive care soon but is likely to remain be in hospital for some time yet: we don't know when he will be allowed back on euphonium.

The band send him our best wishes for a continued good recovery.

Brett Baker

A big thank you to Bett Baker for a most instructive trombone sectional on our area test piece.



CD Recording

We are planning to record our new CD during weekend 13th/14th April subject to players' and recording technicians' availability. Please let Sharon know as soon as possible if you are not available whilst we still have time to choose another date before Easter.

Erewash Film Society

This month's film is being shown on Monday 19th February at 7:30 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!



Press Release

Ramplin sisters Return to their Roots



When illness struck the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band, conductor Sharon Stansfield decided to rally the troops and ask her nieces Melissa and Emma to help out. Melissa plays cornet with the Band of the Welsh Guards in London and Emma was recently playing euphonium with the Thoresby Band. Melissa and Emma are more than happy to help and are pleased to be returning to their hometown band together. Both girls learnt to play with the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band along with various members of their family, and they have always maintained links with the band.

The band are very grateful for the girls help, especially in the run up to Christmas.

The band and supporters would also like to wish Lewis Blackburn and Fred Aram lots of love and luck in the coming months with their health issues.

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Notes from the Musical Director



For the next six weeks we will be focusing solely on our preparations for the area. So far, rehearsals have been going very well, and we are ahead of where I expected to be at this point. Most of the notes are now in place and the balance and intonation is improving. Thank you to Brett Baker for taking a trombone sectional for us and in advance to David Purkiss and Macca for taking top and bottom sectionals next Sunday.

With the section down to 16 bands, qualifying for the national finals becomes more difficult, since only two rather than three bands will be going to Cheltenham. To be one of those two, we need to remain focused and ensure that our performance at NEMBBA and more importantly the area is the best that we can be.

However, whatever the outcome at Kenilworth, we have made significant improvements in our standard of playing by rehearsing First Suite in Eb, throughout the band, and particularly within our new trombone section, whilst our back-row cornets are now developing into our best for many years. We need to maintain this after the area, both for our CD recording, and forward into our spring and summer concerts.

Our training band is also doing well, and I look forward in time to when I can promote more players into the senior band, whilst we have several promising players in the novices who will be moving up to training band soon. This of course will leave gaps in the beginners' section: if any of you have friends who would like to learn to play a brass instrument, we have plenty of spare instruments in the cupboard!

Ben Measures



Congratulations to Ben for winning the over 300 rigid suspension class on his 1948 Ariel 350 at the Talmag Trophy trial run by the Territorial Army (London) motorcycle club at Aldershot.

Ben came 1st out of 20 in his class with no marks lost (not putting down), the only rider in his section to achieve this, and this whilst riding against most of the top pre-1965 (motorcycle) riders in the country. Last year the winning rider won with 7 put-downs but was unable to successfully defend his title against Ben, who was entering for the first time!

The course was of 30 observed sections over 2 laps of 15 sections with a speed test at the end of lap one.

The full set of results can be downloaded from <https://www.talmag.co.uk/results-downloads>.

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Five Years Ago

Postcard from Skegness

The band had another successful outing to Butlins, where we were once again probably the best represented band which was not actually competing (and probably had more people staying on site than many of the bands who were).



We can report that the weather was better than last year; it rained rather snowed and was about 10°C warmer.

The weekend proved rather expensive for the band: we purchased a new Trevada Eb Brass and mouthpiece for **Big Ben** as well as some music and cornet lyres.

As usual, a number of us were helping out other bands. Well done to Sharon, Little Rob & Carl, who achieved fifth place in the first section with Leicester Co-op. Melissa, Emma and Rob (none of whom were playing their usual instruments) were sadly less successful with Ibstock Brick Bass in the second section.

Well done also to Little Rob and Little Ben, who made their debuts as roving reporters for All4Brass. We understand that they have so far avoided legal action for their comments.

Ten Years Ago

100th Edition

After eight years and three months, this newsletter has finally reached its 100th issue.



Extracts From The First Edition

Tips From The Sections

Always pay attention during a rehearsal. Sharon's extra long baton can reach players cowering in band room corners that no other baton can reach.

Emma Ramplin (cornet)

Put Vaseline on your valves. Then, when there are some twiddley bits, demonstrate the superb co-ordination of your section by simultaneously finding a need to clean and oil your valves.

The Bass Section

Fifteen Years Ago

Tip from the Horn Section

As you know, I am a busy nursie and working nights. Well one day my horn needed cleaning and after 12 hours on nights, it seemed a brill idea to put it through the dishwasher. Well I can tell you... it came up a treat and of course shiny and bacteria free.

Lisa

Do not try this at home kids. Also, it is definitely not recommended for trombones or basses (it's difficult to bend them back into shape after crushing them in). Our drum kit looks mucky though!

Sharon

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Training Band Diary

Adele will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. Changes to the schedule are marked in red. **If you need to miss any of these jobs, please let Adele know in writing or by email A.S.A.P., as we may then need to organise dep. players.**

2019

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	28 th April	1:30 p.m.	St. George's Parade, Long Eaton (with the senior band) Meet by the Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton	NG10 4AA
Saturday	11 th May	2:00 p.m.	Spring and Plant Fair St. Giles' Church Hall, Church Drive, Sandiacre	NG10 5EE
Saturday	13 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	7 th September	12:15 p.m.	The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston	DE7 5GR
Friday	22 nd November	6:15 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights Lakeside Park, Sawley (with the senior band)	
Thursday	28 th November	5:45 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the senior band) Market Square, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Saturday	7 th December	11:15 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.	The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston	DE7 5GR
Thursday	19 th December	7:30 p.m.	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3FF

Forthcoming Contests

North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest

We will be entering the NEMBBA contest as usual: this year it is on Sunday 24th February at the Postmill Centre, South Normanton.



Area Contest



We have entered the area contest as usual: this year it is on Saturday 9th March in the Upper Hall of the Kenilworth School (note the change of venue).

Bolsover Entertainment Contest



We will probably enter the Bolsover Entertainment Contest: this year it is on Sunday 6th October.

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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. **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.**

2019

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	24 th February	All Day	North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest at The Postmill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Saturday	9 th March	All Day	Midlands Area Contest at Upper Hall, Kenilworth School, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth	CV8 2DA
Sunday	28 th April	1:30 p.m.	St. George's Parade, Long Eaton (with the training band) Meet by the Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton	NG10 4AA
Sunday	9th June	2:00 p.m.	West Park, Long Eaton (enter West Park from the end of Lime Grove)	NG10 4LD
Saturday	13 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	14 th July	9:30 a.m.	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (park at Poolsbrook Country Park)	S43 3WL
Sunday	21 st July	7:30 p.m.	Duchess Theatre, West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Saturday	7 th September	TBA	Stapleford Carnival, Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, 2 Washington Dr, Stapleford	NG9 8PY
Sunday	6 th October	All Day	Bolsover Entertainment Contest (provisional) Heritage High School, Boughton Lane, Clowne	S43 4QG
Thursday	7th November	7:30 p.m.	Festival of Remembrance The Winding Wheel 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Friday	22nd November	6:15 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights Lakeside Park, Sawley (with the training band)	
Thursday	28 th November	5:45 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the training band) Market Square, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Saturday	7 th December	7:30 p.m.	Greenwood Court, Cator Lane, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire,	NG9 4BW
Tuesday	10 th December	8:30 p.m.	Masonic Lodge (small band) Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4LR
Friday	13 th December	8:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band)	LE11 3YA
Wednesday	18 th December	8:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band, provisional)	LE11 3YA
Sunday	22 nd December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday	22 nd December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

2020

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	20 th December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	20 th December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

2021

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	19 th December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday	19 th December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

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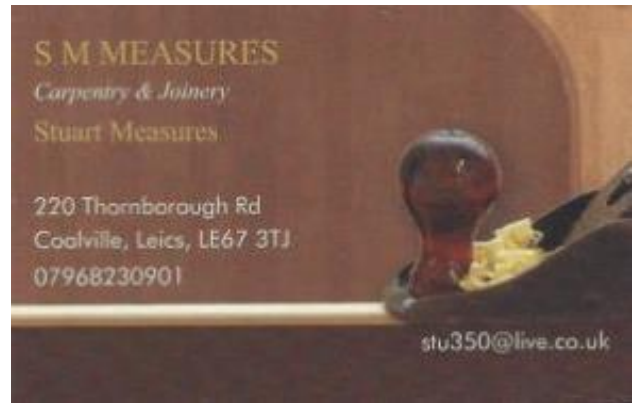
	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	18 th December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday	18 th December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF



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

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.
Val Custance	£250 for new music
Erewash Film Society	The Erewash Film Society kindly make an annual donation to the band to contribute to the running expenses of the band room.
Des Fry	A tenor trombone
John Hill	Music, music and trombone stands and a trombone gig bag
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 £1,740 to general band funds and a set of the British Legion march.
Peter Dawson	Our landlord, for our rent-free rehearsal facilities
The Family of Fred Pear	£300 and various band memorabilia
Professor Pete Thomas	New ties, badges and banners, a cornet for the training band and advertising leaflets for the band
Rod Salter	For repairing many of our stands
Arthur Smith	His father's cornet
Rebecca Weller	Some cornet mutes
Alan Askey	A bass stand, some music stands and music
Jenny Fredou	A wireless microphone system

Brass Tuition

For private lessons, contact

Sharon (07887 907516) or
James (0115 9735776)

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

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