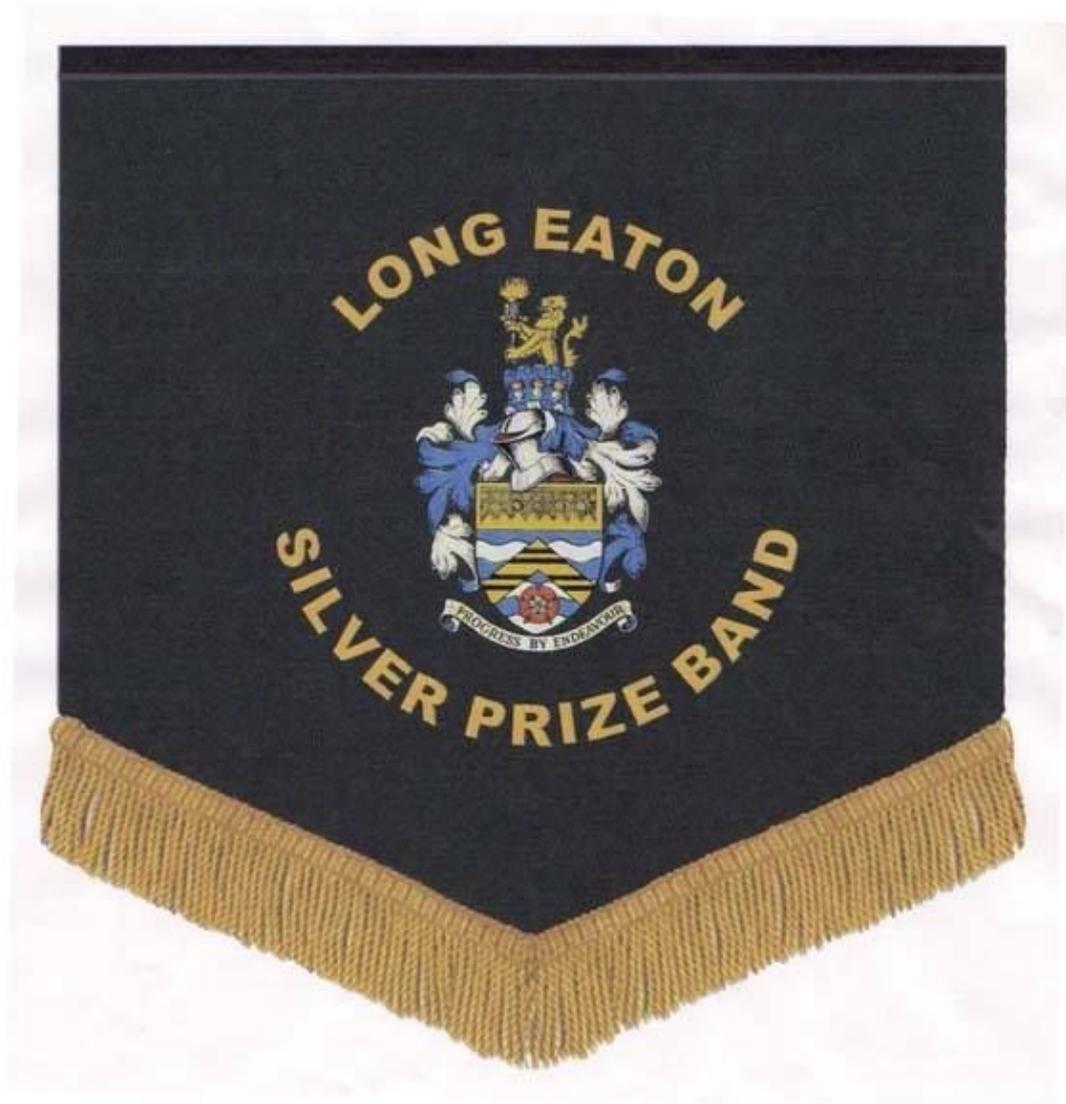


The Silver Prize

The Journal of the
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Christmas Rehearsal Schedule

The training band and beginners' group last rehearsal before Christmas is on Monday 9th December (since the training band is playing at All Saints Church on the 16th). However, please do not forget all our band jobs! Rehearsals resume in the New Year on Monday 6th January.

The last rehearsal for the senior band this year will be on Wednesday 11th (since we are playing at the golf club on the 18th and are taking Christmas Day and New Year's Day off). We start our rehearsals for NEMBBA and the area with a voluntary rehearsal on Thursday 2nd January and then reverting to our usual Wednesdays from January 8th.

Nudje

The Senior Band are trying out a new event management tool called Nudje. If you're a member of the Senior Band, you'll notice emails starting to come through giving you details on upcoming band jobs and asking if you can make it or not.

Please click on the yes or no buttons in these emails to let Sharon and Lisa know whether you can get to jobs or not, even if you've already said in person / on email. This way the system can generate a list of who can and can't get, which is really useful for planning jobs and organising deps etc. We're also planning on rolling it out for the training band soon also!

It works best if everyone is using it, so please do check the emails and respond with your availability! If you're not getting emails or you have any questions or issues please email Yeti - jamesmayell@gmail.com

Bandsman of the Year

Please send your votes for your "Bandsman of the Year" (on paper or by email) to Sharon. Sharon will also be awarding the ProActif Shield for the band's most improved player of the year and the Progress Shield (donated by the Long Eaton branch of the Cooperative Party in memory of three former members) for the training band's most improved player of the year.

Tenor Horn Donation

The band would like to thank Pam Hallam for the donation of a Tenor Horn. The horn will go to the training band.

Erewash Film Society

This month's film is being shown on Monday 16th December at 8:00pm. 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

Notes from the Musical Director



Firstly, a massive thank you to all of you who participated in the Remembrance parade this year. This year we had 49 on parade and 52 around the memorial, slightly down on last year's record, but still one of the best in the country! Our concert at Bramcote also went very well, with a standing ovation at the end and with many of the audience telling me afterwards how much they had enjoyed it. Thank you again to Clive, Catherine, Mike and George for helping us out on front-row, bass and percussion.

We are now well into our Christmas season, having helped to switch on the Christmas lights at Ockbrook, Long Eaton and Borrowash. Thank you to all of you who managed to play at these events. It is always difficult to raise a band for a 5:30pm start on a weekday, but we still managed to put out a band of over 30 players each time, despite traffic jams and people working late. Thank you to Ted for conducting at Ockbrook whilst I was on holiday and to Ted (again) and Macca for taking the rehearsals.

As is usual, we now have a busy programme of events ahead of us until Christmas. Please remember to let me know as soon as possible if you cannot make any of these jobs: finding deps at Christmas is always difficult as all bands are busy.

Thank you again for all your hard work this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful New Year!

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

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



Adele's Blog

2019 has been a very busy year for me. I have gone from being assistant equipment officer and training band secretary to taking both jobs on full time. Sharon also decided to move me on to 1st Tenor Horn. Very different from 2nd horn. Had to spend sometime at my lessons getting my brain working on the pieces correctly. Often have Sharon thinking outside the box. Surprised I haven't sent her mad. Since moving from cornet the tenor horn is the favourite out of the two. Our horn group have a good laugh and help each other out. Recently we had 12 tenor horn players at practice.



Since becoming Equipment Officer I've realized how much stuff we have collected. Some of the instruments are over a hundred years old. Even the old instruments will play well if looked after. I've had to get some back in working order if they've not been used for a few months as slides stick and valves dry out. I've cleaned several instruments that belong to players or are using one from our stock. Some of the stuff I've found inside has amazed me. I'm Surprised people aren't ill!! So I'm going to give you the do's and don'ts from an article on Brass Care and Maintenance.

1. Flush out the instrument at least once a month with a mild, soapy solution using luke-warm water. Then rinse with cold water and dry thoroughly. Don't use hot water as it may damage the lacquer. The instrument can be put in the bath to soak for a short time to ease off grease etc.
2. Special flexible cleaning brushes should be used to clean out slides and tubing. A pull through brush is the best. You should always have 2 separate brushes for the mouthpiece and valves.
3. Before putting the instrument together make sure all valves and slides are wiped over using a lint free cloth. The smallest amount of dirt can affect the instrument.
4. Use only valve oil and slide grease. Some hinder the instruments performance.
5. When putting the instrument together do not over tighten the parts with screw ends. I've had problems removing valves & the bottom of the valves. When they are over tightened and any dried dirt gets in those parts makes its extremely hard to remove. You are also causing unnecessary tension on your instrument.
6. Special polishing cloths are available for instruments. There are different cloths for silver lacquer and brass instruments. Never use anything abrasive on the instrument.
7. The instrument should be kept in an atmosphere of even temperature and humidity. Do not leave it in sunlight or near a radiator even when it's in the case.
8. When the instrument is out of its case be careful where it is placed – sat on or knocked over by people/animals. Instruments can even get damaged when falling on carpet.
9. When you have finished playing loosen the valve caps by half a turn. This avoids the trapped moisture causing corrosion in the screw threads.
10. Make sure the case or gig bag for the instrument is suitable. There needs to be plenty of padding so the instrument can not move. Never keep anything else in with your instrument as it can cause damage. If there is a pocket on the outside of the case use this to store your mouthpiece as some aren't stable in there holders in the case.

Any problems with instruments I'm more than happy to sort. If it requires cleaning I'm willing to do them. Happy playing.

Five Years Ago

December 2014

John Blackburn

The collection at our president's 80th birthday concert raised £700 for the band. Thank you to John, Faye and all their friends for their generosity.

Charity Concert

Our charity concert for the Red Cross raised £785. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Emmarrrrggggghhhhhhhh

Emma has left the band to move to the championship section with Thoresby. We will of course be on the front row at Butlins for her first contest (and we have more players attending than most of the bands who are actually contesting). In the meantime we wish her well for the future.

Maintaining our policy of promoting from within, to replace Emma, Lewis is moving from second-man down to solo horn, Rob is moving from fourth-man to replace Lewis, Rebecca is moving back to the front row from second cornet and Sarah moves to second cornet. Sharon will be deciding on her third cornet line up nearer the contest.

Training Band Diary

Adele will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. New additions are marked in green. 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 ASAP, as we may need to organise dep players.**

2019

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Saturday 7th Dec	2:15pm	The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston	DE7 5GR
Saturday 14th Dec	11:00am	Market Square, Long Eaton (with the Senior Band)	NG10 1LT
Monday 16th Dec	6:30pm	Scouts & Guides Carol Service All Saints Church, Sawley	NG10 3AT
Thursday 19th Dec	7:30pm	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3FF

2020

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 5th July	TBC	Chester Green Party in the Park Chester Green, Derby	TBC
Saturday 11th July	9:30am	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (with the Senior Band) (park in the high street, Staveley)	S43 3UU

Forthcoming Contests

North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest

We will be entering the NEMBBA contest as usual; next year it is on Sunday 23rd February at the Postmill Centre, South Normanton.

Area Contest

We will be entering the area contest as usual next year. It is on Saturday 7th March at Kenilworth School.

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Band Diary

Lisa will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. New additions are marked in green. 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 ASAP, as we will then need to organise dep players.

2019

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Friday 6th Dec	7:30pm	St. Laurence Church Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Saturday 7th Dec	7:30pm	Greenwood Court, Cator Lane, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire	NG9 4BW
Tuesday 10th Dec	8:30pm	Masonic Lodge (small band) Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4LR
Friday 13th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band)	LE11 3YA
Saturday 14th Dec	11:00am	Market Square, Long Eaton (with the training band)	NG10 1LT
Saturday 14th Dec	7:30pm	Wigston College, Station Road, Wigston	LE18 2DS
Wednesday 18th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band)	LE11 3YA
Sunday 22nd Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 22nd Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

2020

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 23rd Feb	All Day	NEMBBA Contest at The Postmill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Saturday 7th March	All Day	Area Contest Kenilworth School	CV8 2DD
Sunday 19th July	7:30pm	Summer in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Saturday 11th July	9:30am	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (With the training band) (Park in the high street, Staveley)	S43 3UU
Sunday 12th July	9:30am	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (Park at Poolsbrook Country Park)	S43 3WL



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Sunday 20th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
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2021

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 19th Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 19th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

2022

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 18th Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 18th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

Band Supporters

The band is also most grateful to the following individuals, organisations 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 80th 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

Personnel

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Website & Social Media

Our website address is <http://lespb.org.uk>

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<https://facebook.com/lespb> (Senior Band)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270405743010461/> (Training Band)

Our Twitter account is @LESPB1906

Training Band Officers

Musical Director	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C.	
Assistant Musical Directors	James Dennis	Elizabeth Bullard
Events Organiser / Secretary	Adele Carter	
Equipment Officer	Adele Carter	
Librarians	Deborah Redpath	Cheryl Allen
Stage Manager	Stuart Measures	
Beginners Group Teachers	James Dennis	Stuart Measures
	Robert Stansfield	

Band Officers and Committee

President	Professor Pete Thomas	
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	John Blackburn	Councillor Kevin Miller
	Councillor Val Custance	Carl Ramplin F.C.C.A.
	Richard Walker PG Cert, DMS, CITP, MBSC, MAPM	
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	Colin Millns	
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Vice-Chairman (*)	Professor Pete Thomas	
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