

# The Silver Prize

The Journal of the  
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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## Band Room News

### St Laurence's Church

Our Christmas concert at St. Laurence's Church raised £680 towards their roof appeal.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Amy who graduated her Modern Languages PGCE with Distinction at the University of Nottingham in December.



### Nudje

Thank you to everyone in the Senior Band for all your feedback on the Nudje system. We had a good busy month to test it all out over Christmas and I'm happy with how things are going, we're already making good use of the system and I have plenty of improvements to make over the coming months. Please continue to respond to emails about band jobs going forward, as it helps Sharon and Lisa know who's available when planning concerts and deps.

I'll also be rolling out the system to the training band during the coming weeks.

- Yeti

### Adele's Blog

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 two players from Long Eaton Silver Prize Band went to help Charnwood Brass with a Christmas gig. The venue was a lovely café at Castle Donington. Unfortunately there were only three of us playing. Fran Skinner (Charnwood), Pete Thomas and Adele Carter (Long Eaton). This didn't matter as we were able to cover the parts. Fran played her Euphonium, Pete his Trombone and I swapped between my Tenor Horn and Cornet. An enjoyable couple of hours were spent playing Christmas Carols. We were provided with free drinks and mince pies.

## **Band Room Tidying**

Please help to keep the band room tidy by cleaning up after yourself, throwing rubbish in the bins, washing cups etc. If we all do a little bit then we can keep it nice and tidy!

## **Erewhash Film Society**

This month's film is being shown on Monday 20th January 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

## 20 Years

On Thursday 2nd January the band held a surprise party for Sharon and Rob to celebrate their 20 years with the band.

Sharon took over the band as Musical Director on 3rd January 2000 with around 15 players, and over the past 20 years her and Rob have created a thriving Training Band and Beginner's Group, and have taken the Senior Band from strength to strength, leading them to success in several contests, most notably the National Brass Band Championships in 2006.

Their countless hours of hard work have kept the band alive, inspired many young players to learn and thrive and helped craft the great friendly and inclusive community we have today.

From all the band: Thank you for everything, and here's to the next 20 years!



## Awards

The band held its annual awards ceremony at the Shaftesbury Club concert for the Training Band, and the Chatsworth Theatre Concerts for the Senior Band.



### James Mayell

Congratulations to Yeti, this year's winner of the Centenary Shield as the Bandsman of the Year, as voted for by the band.

The Centenary Shield was donated by our former president (now vice-president) Roland Hosker.



### Alice Clifford

Congratulations to Alice, this year's winner of the ProActif Shield for being the senior band's most improved player of the year.



### Frederique Gwyther

Congratulations to Frederique, this year's winner of the Progress Shield for being the training band's most improved player of the year.

The Progress Shield was donated by the Long Eaton branch of the Cooperative Party in memory of three former members.



## Joshua Storry

Congratulations to Joshua, winner of the Elma Ramplin Memorial Shield as the beginner's group most improved player of the year.

The Elma Ramplin Memorial Shield was donated by our vice-president Richard Walker.



## Alfie Kilford

Congratulations to Alfie, the winner of the Fred Pear Memorial Watch as the young (under 21) achiever of the year.

The Fred Pear Memorial Watch was originally presented to Fred by the band on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and has been donated back to the band by his daughter Dorothy.



## Notes from the Musical Director

Happy New Year to you all: my twenty-first with the band as your conductor!!!

Thank you for all your efforts during the Christmas season; with once again standing ovations at all our concerts. Thank you especially to the many of you who also turned out for the Christmas Eve crib service at St. Laurence and then on to the QMC to play on Lisa's wards and also to Clive, Lizzie and Isobel (making her debut on percussion) for their help at our Duchess Theatre Christmas concerts and to Sarah who did a sterling job on Flugel with the band at the evening concert. I have had tremendous feedback from all our Christmas concerts, especially at the Duchess Theatre,

where they sold over 185 tickets (52% of the available tickets) for the 2020 Christmas concerts on the night!

Well done too to the award winners: Yeti, Alice, Alfie, Frederique and Josh. Thank you especially to Yeti for taking over the newsletter and website, and for implementing his new system for you to record your availability for band jobs, which has been a big help during our busy Christmas season (as well as playing solo horn very well 😊).

Over the next 9 weeks, the senior band changes their focus from concerts to the NEMBBA and Area contests. These weeks are when we have time to solely focus on our playing technique (the usual intonation, balance, starting and ending the correct notes together, dynamics and especially watching me for tempo changes), and being the very best that we can be.

We have made further progress as a band during the Remembrance and Christmas concert seasons, and I was especially pleased with how we played at our Duchess Theatre concerts, but there is always room for improvement. Working on Endurance for the next few weeks, will benefit all of us, and of course we then apply the lessons learned to our future concerts. Although our training band does not contest, they also now have a break from concerts during which we can also focus our playing standard whilst we prepare our spring and summer concert programmes.

As ever, I want everyone in the senior band to work on Endurance; yes, two weeks before the area we do need to reduce down to 25 brass players; but you are all valued members of the band and we can all benefit from the experience. Thanks for everything and here's to a happy successful 2020.

(Note: this was written before the surprise party)

## Christmas Crackers

After realising that this is apparently a band newsletter tradition, I didn't want it to stop just because I've taken over as editor, however I threw all my cracker jokes in the bin without reading them, so here's some of Google's finest:

**What says "Oh, Oh, Oh"?**

Santa walking Backwards

**What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a duck?**

A Christmas Quacker

**How does Good King Wenceslas like his Pizza?**

Deep pan, crisp and even

**Who's Rudolph's favourite Pop Star?**

Beyon-Sleigh

**Why was the Turkey in the Percussion section?**

Because he was the only one with Drumsticks

I'll stop now before I give Sharon too many ideas for next 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

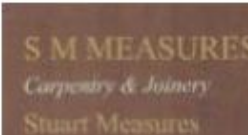
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# Five Years Ago

January 2015

## Notes from the Musical Director

As most of you are already aware, despite all of our efforts to save the club, particularly over the last eight years, our club (founded in December 1920, with the premises being purchased in 1928) is closing on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for all your support and kind messages during this difficult time.

However, whilst our club will shortly be no more, our band will continue to grow from strength to strength in our new premises in the Derby Road Trade Centre in Sandiacre, with our new landlord, and former band member, Pete Dawson, who has generously found us new premises at short notice.

Leaving the club after all these years is going to be a wrench, and we will miss the downstairs bar and the concert facility in particular. However, we will have an even bigger band room; our beginners' group will have their own room for the first time; we will have other rooms to house our library and equipment; and we will be able to socialise after rehearsal just as before. We also hope that the Erewash Film Society will be joining us.

Onwards and upwards! Come on you Reds!

## Owen Edward Lax

Congratulations to Stephanie & Matt Lax whose first child, Owen Edward (8lbs 8oz) was born on St. Nicholas' Day (6<sup>th</sup> December) and hence will have two visits from Santa every year. The presents will no doubt consist of plenty of brass instruments to prepare him for his future career with our band.

## 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.**

### 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
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
Thursday 17th Dec	7:30pm	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; 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.

You should receive emails from Nudje for these events, please respond to them with your availability to keep everything up to date, and let Lisa or Sharon know if you can't make them so we can arrange dep players.

### 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
Tuesday 8th Dec	8:30pm	Masonic Lodge (small band) Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4LR
Wednesday 16th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club (Rotary, Full Band)	LE11 3YA
Friday 18th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club (Golf Club Dinner & Carols, Small Band)	LE11 3YA
Sunday 20th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

### 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

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
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>

Our Facebook pages are:

<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	
Vice-Presidents	Fay Blackburn	Roland Hosker
	John Blackburn	Councillor Kevin Miller
	Councillor Val Custance	Carl Ramplin F.C.C.A.
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Honorary Life Members	Ted Bradley	Rod Salter
	Colin Millns	
Musical Director (*)	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C.	
Assistant Musical Director	James Dennis	
Chairman (*)	Fred Aram	
Vice-Chairman (*)	Professor Pete Thomas	
Secretary (*)	Lisa Balsom	
Contest Secretary	Lisa Balsom	
Training Band Secretary	Adele Carter	
Treasurer (*)	Robert Stansfield	
Equipment Officer (*)	Adele Carter	
Assistant Equipment Officers	Professor Pete Thomas	Chris Kelly
Librarian (*)	Deborah Redpath	
Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
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(\*) Indicates a committee member