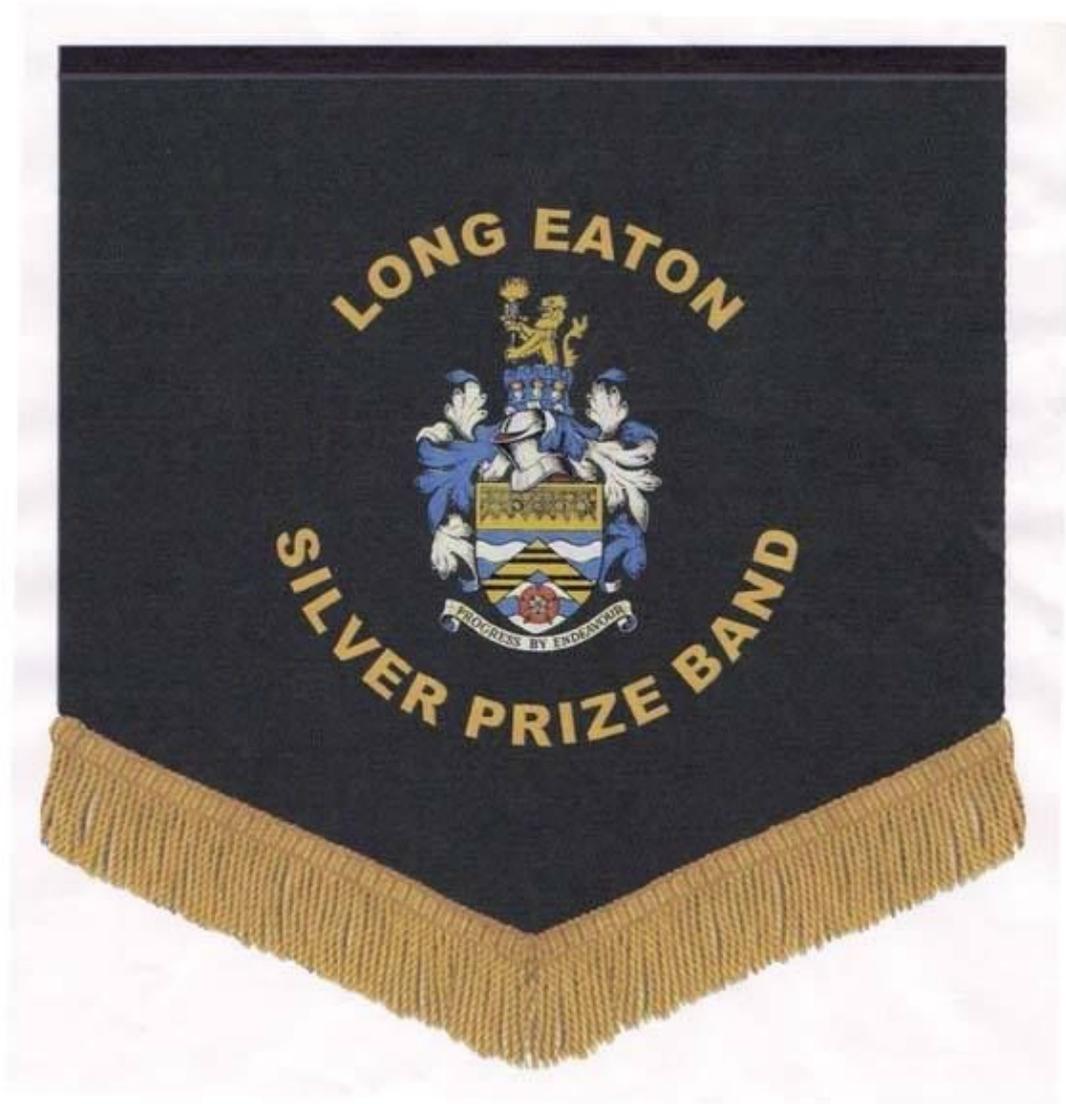


# The Silver Prize

The Journal of the  
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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# Band Room News

## Band Rehearsals

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, **all band rehearsals are cancelled** until further notice. Please see the band diaries within the newsletter for a list of cancelled band jobs.

## Erewash Film Society

The Erewash Film Society will not be happening this month, due to Covid-19.

## Zoom

While the band is unable to get together in person, we're having a weekly virtual chat on Wednesdays at 7:30pm using the Zoom app. It's easy to use, all you need is a device with a camera and microphone (Phone, Tablet, Laptop, Computer). We have been getting about 14 people involved, and it's been a nice opportunity to catch up and stay in touch. Everyone is welcome to join us, if you haven't been getting the emails and would like to get involved please contact [jamesmayell@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmayell@gmail.com).

## Committee & Band Officer Updates

Following the band's AGM, the list of Committee members and Band Officers has been updated. You can find the list at the bottom of the newsletter.

## Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to make a contribution to next month's newsletter, whatever that may be, your thoughts on the current situation, what you've been doing to keep yourself busy, anything at all, please feel free to write them up and send them to [jamesmayell@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmayell@gmail.com).

## Notes from the Musical Director



Hello everyone, hope you are all still staying safe and well. Whilst lockdown is now easing, we still have no idea when we will be able to start rehearsals again; so please keep trying to practice every week to keep your chops in. I am still available via zoom, messenger or skype for anyone (senior band, training band or beginners) who wants a free lesson.

Well done to all of you (James, Sarah & Stu, Sylvia & Clive, Fred, Rachel Frampton, Chris Sweeney, Rick, Isobel & Leo, Pete Roebuck, Chris Kelly, Faye Lacey, Caiden & Josh, Adele, Hazel Johnson, Rob S, Pete T, ex-member Natalie, Carl, Lance Corporal Melissa and anyone else I may have missed :) who played the Last Post and Reveille on VE day or played wartime songs on VE day. I doubt that any other band had more players! Even more of you have played for the NHS appreciation at 8 p.m. on Thursdays. I am very proud of you all.

I was asked to play for the British Legion at the War Memorial at 11 a.m. and then for my street at the scheduled 3 p.m. along with Natalie and Rob (and again a few days earlier for Central News).

Thank you to Yeti for continuing to organise the weekly Zoom meeting and to Faye for starting a weekly Zoom meeting for the training band. Please email if you have not received an invitation and I will make sure that you get the link for the next meeting. Please continue to send your news items to yeti, our editor  
Hope to see you all soon xx

### **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

Where I live in Oakwood I am lucky to have 2 small nature reserves. If you go at the right time it's lovely and quiet except for the bird song. Due to lock down the woods have been very busy so the birds have hidden themselves more. People have been cycling through it even though there is a big red sign for no bikes and you will be fined. I could have made a lot of money for the band. £500 a time.

The most different species we have seen are Great Tit, Blue Tit, Nuthatch, Magpie, Dunnock, Magpie, Crow, Thrush and lots of Robins. There aren't too many squirrels which is good news. The bluebells put on a lovely show.

I have also been watching the birds in our garden. The Great Tits have left the box and the Sparrows have left their nest under the gutter. It's funny to see the young all fluffy though one Great Tit may have fledged too early as there wasn't much to him. One of the Sparrow nests has unfortunately lost one young already to a Magpie. Never heard such noise from a group of Sparrows dive bombing the Magpie.

My challenge for June is how many different birds you see & then send the results to James Mayell for the next newsletter. I'm a member of the RSPB so update them on bird watching in different areas to see if anything is decreasing.

Have fun.  
Adele x



## Geoffrey's Blog

Hi everybody from the Geoff world. Most of the band have met me at outdoor band jobs. At West Park I even joined you all on the bandstand. I love brass music. My favourite is Long Eaton Silver Prize Band. You don't just play excellent music you also take of each other which is very important.



I am a trained PAT therapy dog and am currently working. My favourite instrument is the Tenor Horn. I fall asleep when Adele plays her horn. I detest Cornets. Too shrill on the old ears!!

My favourite hobbies are long distance walking, chasing cats, eating and sleeping. I've completed the Offa's Dyke Walk. Had to walk 18 miles daily. My long distance walk this year as far as Tan Hill was cancelled. Phew. One thing I miss during lock down is going to the pub.

Got my paws crossed that everything will be fine for the band. Keep up the practice ready for me to listen to you.  
Take care and stay safe.

Geoffrey. 🐾🐾🐾



## Notes from Fay Blackburn

Likewise, as so many people, we had celebrations on VE Day 75. I had ascertained the previous week, after the Thursday night 'clapping for carers', if anyone was interested and everyone was very keen. I planned it for 7pm, so that it wouldn't clash with items on TV. Our next door neighbour had organised recorded music from the 'old' songs and I had printed off song sheets, so we had a good sing-along. Adele followed up with more tunes on her tenor horn so we had another sing-along. It was a very good atmosphere, although some neighbours were already imbibed having had a party in each of their front gardens from 4pm!

We usually have items in the Journal from 5 years ago, so here are my memories from that age.  
Fay Blackburn, Vice Chairman

It was in June 2015 that we had our last 'Open Garden' when both the senior band and training band took part. We had opened our garden many times over the years, firstly for Sawley's All Saints Church, garden trail, with any proceeds that we made from a raffle, plant sale etc. Going to the band. We started off with 5-7 members of the band performing, a 3 line whip being in force for Lewis, Mark and Adele but they were ably supported by Debbie, Rob Burrows and Ben Allen. This situation gradually increased until Sharon said that we should make it a booking in the band calendar which happened over the next few years.

So that takes us to 5 years ago. Unfortunately for the first time bad weather was forecast but Mark, Sarah and Stu Measures came to the rescue and provided us with three gazebos. Luckily our art and crafts exhibition was in the garage. On the morning the weather seemed unpredictable but in fact the afternoon was fine and sunny, although rather windy, so the gazebos gave some welcome cover for the band.

From a personal point of view it was the first time I had heard Lewis play a solo on tenor horn. He gave a wonderful rendition of 'Silver threads amongst the Gold', especially as it was his first public performance of the piece. I told him that I had always thought he was a cornet player, but was changing my mind!

It was hard to believe that just two weeks later he would be diagnosed with his heart condition. But on a brighter note, he had his heart transplant in January 2019 and appears to be doing well, even though he is in total lockdown due to Covid 19.



## Five Years Ago

June 2015

### Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Social Club

The club's premises sold for £165,000 and the club's outstanding debts (including that to the band) have been paid. The FCA process to legally dissolve the club will start this month.

Our former band room is now an office for an I.T. company.

### 100... And Counting

Today (1<sup>st</sup> June) we welcomed three new players to our band: Xander Fogg, Matt Walter and Ruby Walter, our 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> players.

### Vice Presidents

The band thanks Len Cowley and John Blackburn, who have kindly agreed to become vice-presidents of the band.

## Ten Years Ago

June 2010

### Ben Allen

Congratulations to Ben (tenor horn), 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.



# 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

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
<del>Sunday 5th July</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	<del>TBC</del>	<del>Chester Green Party in the Park</del> <del>Chester Green, Derby</del>	<del>TBC</del>
<del>Saturday 11th July</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	<del>9:30am</del>	<del>Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day</del> <del>(with the Senior Band)</del> <del>(park in the high street, Staveley)</del>	<del>S43 3UU</del>
Saturday 18th July	10:00am	Orchard Nursery 25 Nether Street Beeston, Nottingham	NG9 2AT
Saturday 3rd October	TBC	Coffee Morning St Mary's Church 15 Victoria Rd, Draycott	DE72 3PS
Saturday 5th December	TBC	Coffee Morning St Mary's Church 15 Victoria Rd, Draycott	DE72 3PS
Thursday 17th Dec	7:30pm	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3FF

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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 Nudge 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
<del>Sunday 14th June</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	2:00pm	<del>West Park Concert</del> <del>West Park, Long Eaton</del>	<del>NG10 3NL</del>
<del>Saturday 20th June</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	7:30pm	<del>St Laurence's Church</del> <del>Market Place</del> <del>Long Eaton</del>	<del>NG10 1LT</del>
<del>Saturday 11th July</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	9:30am	<del>Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day</del> <del>(With the training band)</del> <del>(Park in the high street, Staveley)</del>	<del>S43 3UU</del>
<del>Sunday 12th July</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	9:30am	<del>Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day</del> <del>(Park at Poolsbrook Country Park)</del>	<del>S43 3WL</del>
<del>Sunday 19th July</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	7:30pm	<del>Summer in Brass at the Duchess Theatre</del> <del>West Gate, Long Eaton</del>	<del>NG10 1EF</del>
Sunday 6th Sept	TBC	Draycott in the Clay	TBC
Saturday 12th Sept	TBC	Red Cross Concert	TBC
Friday 16th Oct	7:30pm	Nottingham Rotary Concert Church Dr, West Bridgford, Nottingham	NG2 6AY
Saturday 24th Oct	7:30pm	British Legion Concert St Laurence's Church Market Place Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
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

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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 <https://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	James Mayell

## 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.
	Richard Walker PG Cert, DMS, CITP, MBSC, MAPM	
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	Ian McCormick
Chairman (*)	Fred Aram	
Vice-Chairman (*)	Professor Pete Thomas	
Secretary (*)	Lisa Balsom	
Contest Secretary	Lisa Balsom	
Training Band Secretary	Adele Carter	
Training Band Rep	Rob Guest	
Treasurer (*)	Robert Stansfield	
Equipment Officer (*)	Adele Carter	
Assistant Equipment Officers	Professor Pete Thomas	Chris Kelly
Librarian (*)	Deborah Redpath	
Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
Band Sergeants	James Dennis	Emma Ramplin
Publicity Officers	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons), N.A.B.B.C.	Fay Blackburn
Committee Members (*)	Robert Burrows	Kim Larwood
	James Dennis	James Mayell
	Rob Guest	Sarah Measures
	Emma Ramplin	Stuart Measures
Newsletter Editor	James Mayell	
Webmaster	James Mayell	
Auditor	Kevin Massey, F.A.I.A.	

(\*) Indicates a committee member