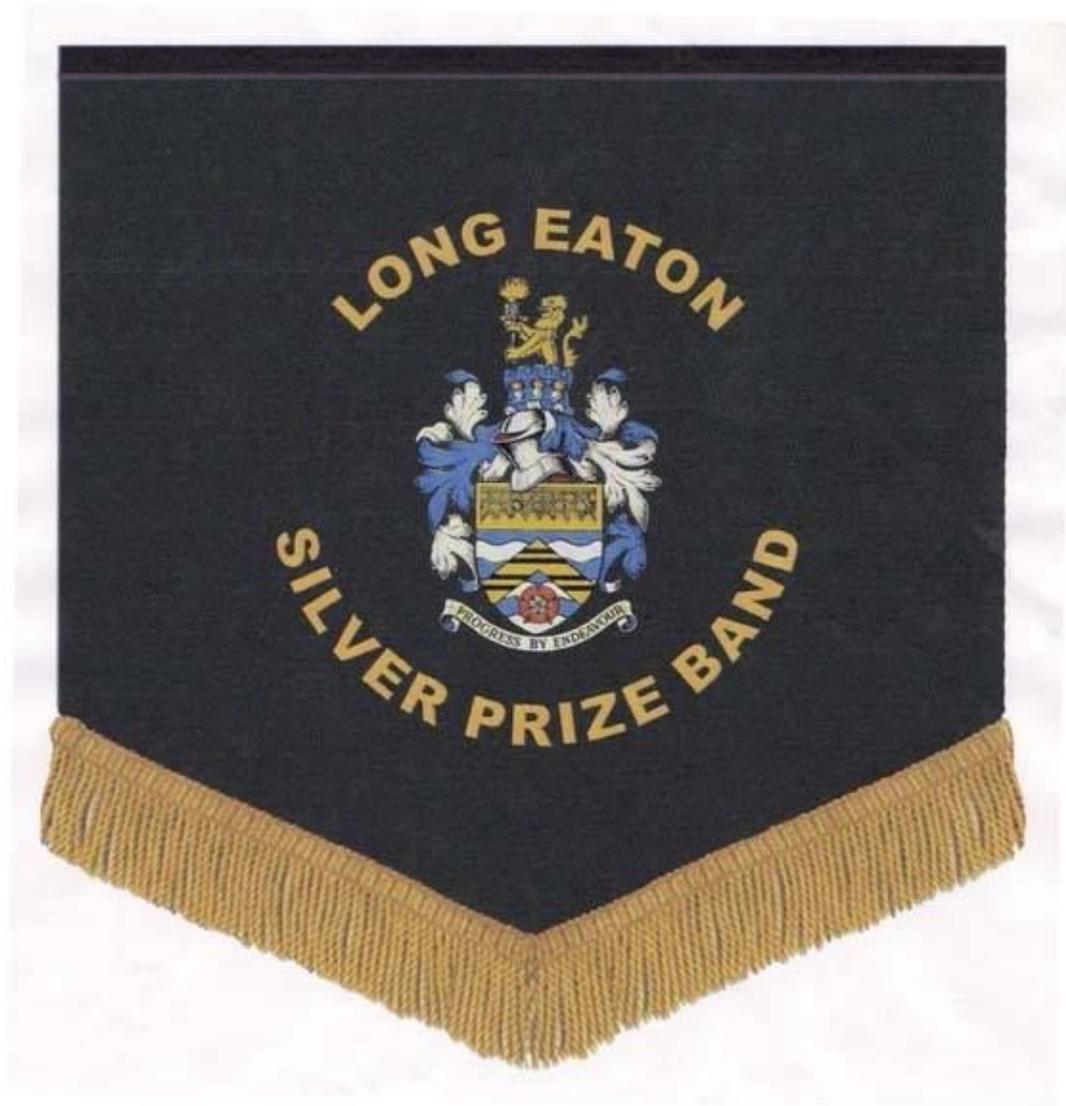


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Band Room News

Band Rehearsals

Under government guidance, the band are currently permitted to resume full rehearsals (up to 30 players) in the band room provided that a suitable risk assessment has been completed and that we have exclusive use of the premises. This means that the senior band could resume rehearsals, but not the training band, novices, or film club (i.e. the senior band would then have exclusive access). The committee has decided that in the current situation this would be unwise, but that we do need to consider how best to move to indoor rehearsals for the groups of six players currently rehearsing outside.

Although not actually required, as best practice we have written a risk assessment for use of the band room by six senior band players at a time and summarised this as a set of rules (both attached). As part of this we have regrettably decided that we need to exclude players deemed to be at high risk (principally players who needed to shield in the early months of the pandemic).

We are permitted to use the band room every day of week provided that its is outside of business hours, i.e. Monday to Saturdays in the evening and anytime on a Sunday. Sharon is keen that as many of you as possible as form into small groups and make use of the bandroom. We are limiting rehearsals to one a day to eliminate the minimal chance of cross-infections between groups of players. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are already taken. Please let Rob (dr.robert.stansfield@outlook.com, 07722118127) know if you wish to book the band room on another day.

If you already have a band room key, please note that we now have a lock on the passageway door, and so you need to collect this new key from Rob. If you do not have any band room keys, we will try to sort out a set for you.

Sadly, we cannot make any provision for the training band or novices, and we will probably all need to stop rehearsing should the Scottish and Welsh lockdown rules be applied to England (no meetings of different households), so let us make the most of this whilst we can!

Erewash Film Society

The Erewash Film Society is cancelled until further notice, due to Covid-19.

Area Contest

It has been announced that due to Covid-19 next year's Area contest has been cancelled. The bands that qualified for the 2020 finals will be invited to the 2021 finals, with the same test piece selected.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Sharon and Rob who have put a lot of time and effort into organising the band room and making preparations to allow us to start to rehearse inside again. If we all make an effort to follow the precautions that are in place then we'll be able to safely rehearse together. Thanks also to Debbie for putting in a lot of work behind the scenes sorting out the music library while we've been away.

Zoom

Thank you to everyone who has been coming along to the weekly zoom calls. We've had a few weeks off, but we're going to be moving them from a Wednesday when people are now busy rehearsing to another day, to be confirmed!

Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to make a contribution to next month's newsletter, whatever that may be, please feel free to write them up and send them to jamesmayell@gmail.com.

Notes from the Musical Director



The good news this month is that we are opening the band room to groups of up to six players from the senior band, who should have already received the risk assessment and guidelines for bandroom usage from Rob. The bandroom is still available on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and Sunday all day and evening; please let Rob know if you want to use it. Sadly, we cannot yet include the training band or beginners in this; please try to continue outside (during the day) or in well ventilated garages/barns etc whilst the weather permits.

It does look as if most, if not all, of our Christmas band jobs will be cancelled (six of us will be playing at the war memorial for Remembrance which may be our only official band job this year), so it's up to us to ensure that we create our own band jobs. Lockdown rules permitting, I would like as many of you as possible to be playing Christmas carols in your street/local area, social

distancing permitting of course, in December (may be the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve). By December, we will all be ready for some Christmas cheer this year and we have the means to provide it for our local communities.

Thank you again to Yeti and Fay for continuing to run the WhatsApp chat groups and organise the weekly Zoom meeting for the senior and training bands, and please continue to send your news items to Yeti, our editor. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Finally I have started lessons again so if anyone would like a lesson please get in touch. Stay safe and well and hope to hear from you all soon.

Brass Tuition

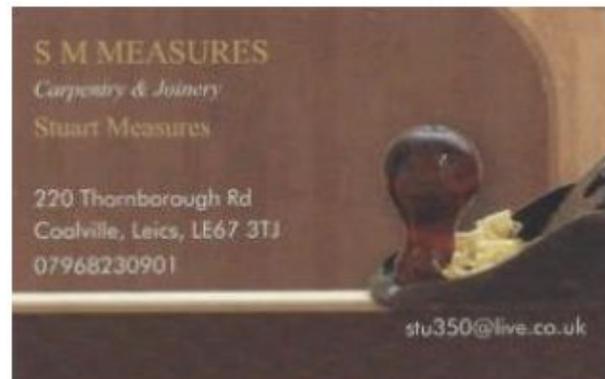
For private lessons, contact

**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>



Ten Years Ago

October 2010

Sharon

Sharon is to be awarded an Excellence in the Community Award 2010 from Derbyshire County Council for her work with our training band. She will be collecting the award in Buxton next Tuesday.

Thank you to Hazel who nominated her.

Fifteen Years Ago

October 2005

Notes from the Musical Director

I am delighted to announce that the training band has now reached 27 players, the size of a full brass band! All we need now are volunteers for soprano, flugel horn, bass trombone and three volunteers for bass (and the basses for them to play on!) and we can cover all the parts. The training band had only one member when I took it over in 2001: a fifth of the senior band (Melissa, Stuart, Zoe, Emma, George, Jacob and Joe) have now been promoted from the training band – and there are others on their way! The training band's signature march "Look to the Future" says it all.



Centenary

We have ordered 500 badges to celebrate our centenary, and are currently examining our options for purchasing new banners.

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
Saturday 5th Dec	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

2021

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Thursday 25th Nov	TBC	Long Eaton Christmas Lights Market Square, Long Eaton (With the Senior Band)	NG10 1LT

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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
Saturday 24th Oct CANCELLED	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	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 20th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

2021

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Thursday 25th Nov	TBC	Long Eaton Christmas Lights Market Square, Long Eaton (With the Training Band)	NG10 1LT
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

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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
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