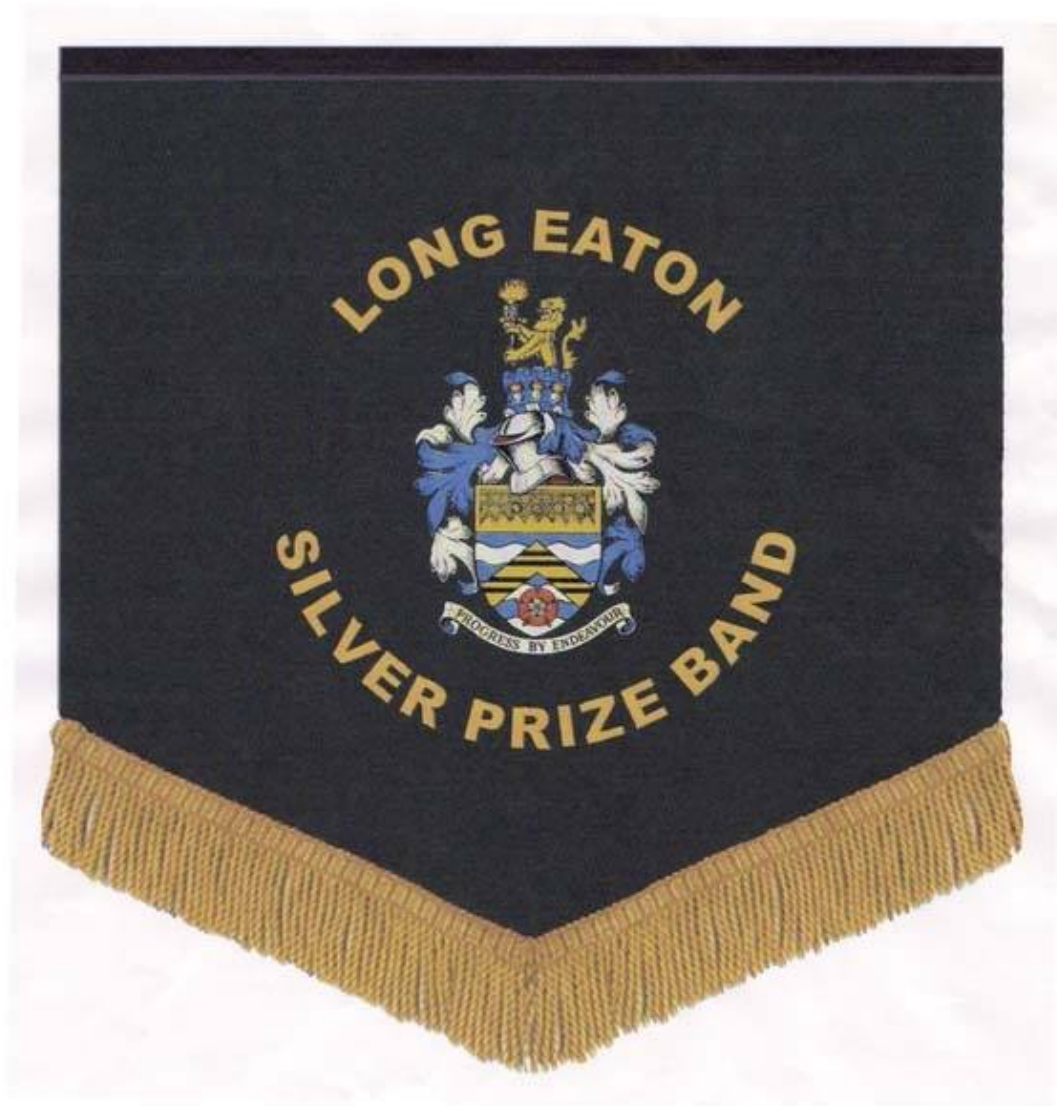


The Silver Prize

The Journal of the
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Erewash Film Society

The Erewash Film Society has decided to close and has donated their residual bank balance of £350 to the band. The band wish to express their thanks again for the generosity of the film club to the band following the closure of the Silver Prize Band Social Club, when 19 members of the society donated some of or their entire share of the residual assets of the club, totalling £5,566.90, to the band, and for their subsequent annual donations to the band.

Covid Restrictions Within Band

We have decided to remain cautious with the lifting of national restrictions and retain our Covid-secure procedures within the band room for as long as possible. This includes sitting people on alternate chairs to maintain distancing, although as more people return, it is inevitable that some people will have to sit next to another again. Please let Rob know if this is a problem and we will try to rearrange the seating accordingly. Many in the band have now received both vaccination jabs.

Rehearsal Attendance

There are still a few people who have not let us know when (or if) they are returning to band. If you have not yet contacted us, please email dr.robert.stansfield@outlook.com with your intentions. We are not trying to force anyone back to band before they are ready, but we do need to know band numbers (particularly in the training band) so that we can allocate parts to players for future concerts (Christmas is coming!).

if you have decided to leave, please will you return all your band equipment (instrument, music, jackets, mutes, etc.) on a Monday or Wednesday evening: we may need it for recruits from our open day!

Derbyshire County Council

The band are most grateful to Derbyshire County Council who have awarded the band a grant of £1,500 for enhancing our outdoor performances. This includes monies for music lyres, percussion, waterproof music covers, new music and transport bags with wheels.

Derbyshire Beacon of Hope

The band are honoured to have been awarded the Derbyshire Beacon of Hope award for the community playing by our members during the pandemic.

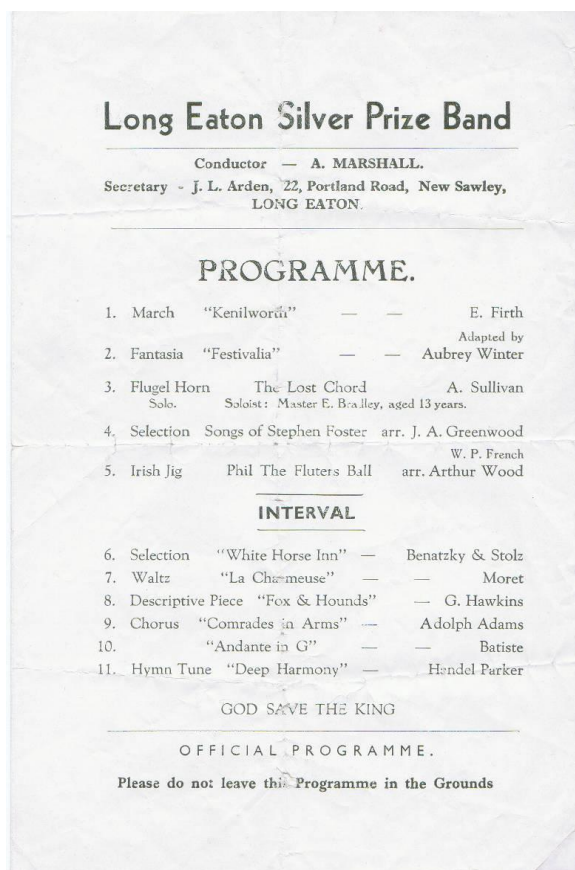
Erewash Borough Council

The band are most grateful to Erewash Borough Council for a grant for £470 for an open day/recruitment day, which we will be holding in September. This includes monies for training band and beginner band music, posters and advertising, refreshments, hand-held percussion, and cleaning materials (so we a COVID secure).

The idea of this day is to give both lapsed and potential new players (adults and children) a chance to come to the band and try out some instruments (we have plenty of spare instruments) or percussion and maybe then join the band. I would also like a few of the training band to play during the day to give them an idea of what the band is like.

Ted Bradley

This year Ted completes 75 years in banding, 47 years of which have been with Long Eaton. It is a long time since this flugel solo:



Sharon Stansfield

This year Sharon completes 50 years in banding, 30 years of which have been with Long Eaton (9 as a player and 21 as the M.D.).

**Have you ever wanted to
play a brass instrument...
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**Long Eaton
Silver Prize Band
RECRUITMENT OPEN DAY**

Sunday 12th September 2pm

Derby Road Trade Centre, Sandiacre, NG10 5HU

**All ages and abilities,
including complete
beginners, welcome**

**Instruments
provided**

**Friends and family
welcome**

Refreshments provided



For more information visit our website, lespb.org.uk, find us on Facebook, or contact our musical director, Sharon Stansfield on 07887 907516 or sharon.stansfield@outlook.com.

Notes from the Musical Director



The band has been fortunate to gain nearly £2,000 in grants from the Erewash and Derbyshire councils for enhancing our outdoor performances and holding an open day. Please let me know if you have any ideas for music (including Christmas music).

Rehearsals in the senior band are going well: we are almost back to full strength and the standard of playing is much higher than I expected after such a long layoff (thank you for all your home practice 😊). We have some way to go before we are back to pre-Covid standards; principally we need to learn how to play together as a band again rather than as individuals. Sadly, our concert at Breadsall was cancelled due to the extension of the Covid restrictions; however, we were delighted to be invited to play in Rob Guest's garden that weekend as part of his 60th birthday celebrations.

Rehearsals in the training band are also going well, although numbers are a little depleted with a few players leaving or delaying their return to band, especially in the lower brass where we were already short of players pre-Covid, and, for the first time in many years, back row cornets. Hopefully, our open day will help recruit some new players! We are delighted to welcome Francesca back to the training band, whilst her son Henry has joined our beginners' group along with Ruben (Lindsay's son) and Dave Brown (a former bugle player). James reports that all three are making quick progress and should be moving up to the training band soon.

Thank you to James for taking rehearsals whilst I was on holiday, although we had to cancel some rehearsals due to people self-isolating. Hopefully we are now over the worst. We have been very fortunate in that so few in the band have caught Covid, and that so far no-one has developed the debilitating effects of Long-Covid.

With the ending of all restrictions, we will hope to gain some more bookings for our autumn season. If not, there is our open day to look forward to, I hope to arrange a memorial concert for those who we have lost during lock down, and we could run our solo, duet and quartet competition again if there is interest.

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

August 2011

Fred Aram

Thank you again to Fred, whose club fundraising barbeque has raised over £340 (so far) for the club. Thank you also to those band members (especially the training band) who provided the entertainment.

Thank you also to Fred for his donation of a set of polo shirts to the training band.

Fifteen Years Ago

August 2006

CD Sales Go Laminated!

We have sold 204 CDs so far and have gone laminated (that's one up on plastic)! However we still have 757 to sell (and we can order more if we need to) so please keep pestering your friends (and strangers!) to buy some: only £8 each, or only £6 to members.

Christmas is coming soon and if any member of your family doesn't have one our CDs by December 25th, it means that you don't love them!

Twenty Years Ago

August 2001

James & Matthew Dennis, George Bayliffe, and David Pearce

Our thoughts are with Jamesie-pops, Matthew, George, and David as they wait with eager ~~apprehension~~ anticipation for their GSCE and "A" Level results, all due later this month.

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.*

2021

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 14th Nov	10:15	Remembrance Parade, Long Eaton (with the Senior Band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park	NG10 7HJ
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.

2021

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Saturday 30th Oct	TBC	British Legion Concert St Laurence's Church, Market Pl, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Sunday 14th Nov	10:15am	Remembrance Parade, Long Eaton (with the Training Band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park	NG10 7HJ
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

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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)	
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	
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	Professor Pete Thomas	Fred Aram
	Sylvia Purnell	
Musical Director (*)	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
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	
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Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
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