

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's last rehearsal before Christmas is on Monday 12th December (since the training band has an engagement on the 19th and we are not rehearsing on Boxing Day or the New Year bank holiday). However, please do not forget all the band jobs! Rehearsals resume in the New Year on Monday 9th January.

The last rehearsal (but not the last band job!) for the senior band this year will be on Wednesday 14th December. We resume rehearsals for NEMBBA and the area on Wednesday 4th January.

Centenary Shield

Please send your votes for the Bandsman of the Year award (donated by our former president and now vice-president president Roland Hosker) to Sharon on paper or by email (sharon@lespb.org.uk).

The Bandsman of the Year award will be presented to the winner at our Christmas concert at the Chatsworth Centre, where Sharon will also be awarding the ProActif Shield for the band's most improved player of the year, 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 and the Elma Ramplin Memorial Shield for the most improved member of our beginner's group.

Val Custance

A big thank you to our vice-president Councillor Val Custance for her donation of £250 to the band. We have already invested some of this in new Christmas music for our St. Laurence and Chatsworth Centre concerts.

Rotary Club Long Eaton

A big thank you also to the Rotary Club of Long Eaton for their donation of £300 to the band.

Emma and Macca

Congratulations to Emma and Macca, who announced their engagement whilst on holiday in Mexico. Rumours that Emma accepted Macca's proposal by saying "about time" are entirely untrue, but she did cancel Macca's surprise cliff diving experience at Acapulco, which she had booked him for the last day of their holiday (look on YouTube, but essentially you jump when the rocks are showing and the sea water has surged into the gulf by the time you reach the bottom – if you have timed it correctly!).

St Laurence's Concert

The concert by the band at St. Laurence's Church in September raised £600 towards the church's fabric fund.

Sarah Measures

Commiserations to Sarah, who sustained a dislocated collar bone after being taken out by a novice rider at Darley Moor and so was unable to race at the final Tonfanau meeting. Sarah leant her Greeves to Ben, who went on to win this year's championship in her place: Sarah ending up third, despite having to miss the meeting. Fortunately, Sarah is now back at band and has almost recovered!

The band also sends its best wishes to Sarah's stepfather Pete who is recovering from a heart attack (not caused by watching Sarah racing). Pete carried our flag for us at the Remembrance parade a few years ago.

Training Band Promotions

Congratulations to Daniel, Henry, Jasmyn, Ruben, and Isla who have all moved up from our beginners' group to our training band.

Notes from the Whitworth (NEMBBA Own Choice)

Result: Training Band Section

- 1) **Burton Joyce Community Brass Geoff Hawley**
- 2) **Long Eaton Silver Prize Training Band Sharon Stansfield**

Adjudicator's Comments
John Roberts

Word War II Medley - Good tempo - confident start – moves well, good percussion noted. Could do with a bit more middles of the band for balance. Just speeds up a little bit in Great Escape.

More Hits

Super Trouper – Again v. good. Percussion noted. Good tempo and style.

Tragedy - Good start and rhythmic drive. Builds well to the big tune. Sop is heard! Well done.

Such Love - Confident start from cornet soloist – well done – keep the air flowing though (band needs to try to play quietly to accompany soloist). Nice band sounds at E.

Stage Favourites

Starts well. Kit drummer helps very well here – good effort at dynamics to close.

Minnie – Good, confident to open + singing! (great 3 rd cornet contribution)

12 th – very enjoyable.

Thank you

Result: Third Section

- 1) **Amington Band Alan Gifford**
- 2) **Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Ian McCormick**
- 3) **Maltby Miners Welfare Band Terry Clifford**

Adjudicator's Comments (Dark Side of the Moon)
John Roberts

Opening is atmospheric + rhythmically accurate in the quaver crotchet figures. **B** good start, the troms not in tune bar 4. Better to **D** – good balance – only slight tuning issues in horns.

E - Good ct. figures are heard + euphs works well together. **K** - a little hesitant here.

L - Glock is prominent as others leave – good effects here, **M** - good control s. ct. **N** is a little flat on Ds in particular.

O good bass sounds are heard against persistent cornet figure. **P** a little sticky here **Q** works well

R Good broad style **S** keeps moving well with good euph contribution noted.

T not as well in tune as earlier to begin this section.

U builds well to **V** good rhythmic pulse **CC** good change of gear

A strong close to a good performance

Thank you

Notes from the Musical Director



Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to the training band for their excellent performance at the Whitworth, especially to Dan on percussion and our young third cornet section! For many of you, it was your first contest: it was a great day and I certainly hope that we enter again next year!

Well played also to the senior band in the third section. John Roberts said afterwards it was a very close result between us and Amington; we had good remarks (with some room for improvement for next year) and Macca was happy with the way you played. I was sorry to miss

the senior band's performance, but with a full thyroidectomy due the next day, my medical advice (strongly emphasised by Lisa) was to isolate as much as possible.

Thank you to everyone who played at St. Laurence in September. The concert went very well, and as is now usual, I received lots of good feedback from the audience. Thank you to our deps Steve, Catherine, and Charlotte, and to Fred who sold another 12 CDs. Overall, we played very well; with just a few lapses in intonation and one or two numbers which tended to slow down: we needed to get back into the full swing of things after all our summer holidays. Thank you to Macca, James, and Carl for taking rehearsals during my summer holidays.

Our charity band concert for the Red Cross also went very well; we have already been asked to do another concert next year (we just need to fit it in between Emma's multiple hen parties!). Our annual remembrance concert at the Winding Wheel was another success. Thank you to Carl for conducting and to Teresa and Mike for depping for us. Joe Roberts (one of the organisers of this concert) is looking forward to our Songs from Shows concert at the Winding Wheel (Friday 28th April next year), which he is kindly organising for us.

The Remembrance parade also went well, with a good number of us on parade even if we did dip below 50 this time! Thank you to James for running the parade and to Carl for conducting at the war memorial.

Thank you to everyone from both our bands who has turned out for all our Christmas Lights band jobs. The timings are not always very compatible with school and work, but between both bands we have always managed a good turnout. Thank you to Rob Guest for getting our music stands to all the gigs.

We now look forward to the rest of our Christmas season with concerts at St. Laurence, the Duchess Theatre, and the Shaftesbury club (training band) combined with carol playing for various events. Senior band players, please remember to complete Nudje please note that we have just taken a couple of additional carolling jobs) and for our training band players, please let me know if you cannot make any of the jobs.

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful New Year!

Fifteen Years Ago

July 2007

Race For Life - Cancer Research UK

Melissa & Emma Ramplin, Sharon Stansfield, Samantha Turner and Deborah and Amy Redpath have raised over £1000 by running in the Race of Life in memory of Elma.

Twenty Years Ago

July 2002

Extract from the Adjudicators' Remarks At Crich

Slides in Swingtime	Good start. Excellent trombones. A the tuning in the accompaniment went a little strange, also bar before D. A special mention of the bass trombone who really explored the depths! An enjoyable number.
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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.*

2022

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Saturday 3rd Dec	10:00am	St. Mary's Parish Church Victoria Rd, Draycott	DE72 3PS
Friday 9th Dec	7:00pm	Breaston Carol Service (with senior band) Duffield Close, Derby Blind Lane, Breaston	DE72 3DU
Saturday 10th Dec	11:00am	Long Eaton Carol Singing (with senior band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Sunday 11th Dec	11:00am	Wonky Teapot 5 Station Street, Long Eaton	NG10 1GJ
Monday 19th Dec	6:30pm	All Saints Church Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3AT
Tuesday 20th Dec	7:30pm	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3FF

2023

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 5th Nov	9:00am	NEMBBA Contest (provisional) The Whitworth, Darley Dale	DE4 2FT
Thursday 23rd Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with senior band) Market Place, Long Eaton	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.

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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Friday 2nd Dec	7:30pm	St. Laurence's Church, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday 9th Dec	7:00pm	Breaston Carol Service (with training band) Duffield Close, Derby Blind Lane, Breaston	DE72 3DU
Saturday 10th Dec	11:00am	Long Eaton Carol Singing (with senior band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Tuesday 13th Dec	8:30pm	Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4LR
Thursday 15th Dec	8:30pm	Mansfield Masonic Lodge Oakham Suite, Mansfield	NG18 4AE
Friday 16th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Snell's Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
Saturday 17th Dec	2:00pm	Long Eaton United FC Grange Park, Long Eaton	NG10 2EF
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
Friday 24th Dec	3:30pm	Crib Service St. Laurence's Church, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT

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Sunday 12th Feb	10:00am	NEMBBA Contest	TBC
Sunday 26th Feb	10:00am	Area Contest The Cube, Corby	NN17 9SB
Friday 28th April	7:30pm	Songs from the Shows Winding Wheel, 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Saturday 20th May	7:30pm	St Chad's Church Wilne Road, Church Wilne	DE72 3QH
Saturday 27th May	12:00pm	ECP&DA Rally A Barge, Langley Mill Canal	NG16 4AD
Saturday 23rd Sept	7:30pm	Red Cross Charity Concert Venue TBC	TBC
Sunday 5th Nov	9:00am	NEMBBA Contest (provisional) The Whitworth, Darley Dale	DE4 2FT
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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

NEMBBA: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nembba>

NEMBBA Youth Band: <https://www.facebook.com/NEMBBAYB>

Training Band Officers

Musical Director	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Assistant Musical Directors	James Dennis	
Events Organiser / Secretary	Ian Peberday	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)
Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Librarians	Deborah Redpath	Cheryl Allen
Beginners Group Teachers	James Dennis	Keith Ottowell
	Tracey Cooper	Robert Stansfield
	Stuart Measures	

Band Officers and Committee

President	Councillor Kevin Miller	
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	John Blackburn	Carl Ramplin F.C.C.A.
	Councillor Val Custance	
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Assistant Musical Director	James Dennis	Ian McCormick
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Assistant Equipment Officers (*)	Matt Wright	
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