

# The Silver Prize

The Journal of the  
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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# Band Room News

## May Rehearsals

Please note that the training band and beginners' groups will not be meeting on the Monday bank holidays (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>). We do have rehearsals on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

## Band AGM

There were a few changes made to the committee at our recent AGM. Fred Aram was promoted to vice-president and Rob Guest was confirmed as our new chairman with Emma taking over from Rob as our new vice-chair. Tracey Cooper and Elaine Nicholson join our team of novice teachers, George Ramplin was confirmed as our assistant equipment officer (with primary responsibility for percussion) and Daniel Nicholson is the new junior representative. Ian Peberday takes over as the training band's secretary from Sharon and Andrew Beaumont and Elaine Nicholson join the committee.

A full list of band officers and committee members, as elected at the AGM, is to be found at the end of this newsletter.

The AGM also approved the band's new constitution which moves many of the clauses in the old constitution to rules under the control of the committee which gives us more flexibility in how we run the band. Many thanks to Andrew Beaumont for all his legal advice to the "Sub-Committee for Matters Engendering Ennui to the Full Committee". Constitutions may be boring, but they are essential to the efficient running of the band.

## Mrs. L. M. Adkin

The band are most grateful to Mrs L. M. Adkin for the donation of £165.50 from the collection made at her party a couple of weeks ago, in addition to her generous fee for our performance there.

## Charity Concert for the Welsh Air Ambulance

Our charity concert for the Welsh Air Ambulance (who saved Sarah's stepfather after a heart attack in Tywyn last year) has so far raised £546. Thank you to everyone who played or otherwise contributed.

## Sylvia

Sadly, Sylvia has decided to retire from cornet playing due to ill health after 23 years with the band. Sylvia became a life-member of the band in 2021 in recognition of her many years of service and we wish her all the best for the future.

## Donations

The band are very grateful to Derbyshire Country Council, who has awarded us a further £250 towards maintaining our warm space.

We are also most grateful to Vicki Hing who has donated £150 to our fund for attending the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

We also thank Brian Turner for the donation of two trombones and Keith Ottowell for the donation of a soprano cornet, the sale of which has raised £125 towards our fund for attending the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

Finally, we also thank everyone who has donated to our fund either directly or by GoFundMe.

## Paul & Pete

We wish our principal trombone, Paul, a full recovery after his recent emergency operation. Paul hopes to be back with us in time for the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

We also wish our assistant principal cornet in the training band, Pete, a speedy recovery as he goes into hospital this weekend.

## Band Changes

Congratulations to Nikki, Heather, Esther, Leia, and Josie who have moved up from the beginners' class to the training band.

Congratulations also to Henry, who has moved up from the training band to become deputy, deputy, assistant principal third cornet in the senior band and made his concert debut after just one rehearsal on Friday at the Winding Wheel.

We also welcome Dan, who has joined his mother Nikki in our training band, and Ellie who has joined our beginners' classes on trombone.

## Vacancies

All these promotions have left some gaps in our beginners' classes. Please invite any of your friends who wish to learn a brass instruments to come along on a Monday evening.

## Fundraising

The band has set up a funding page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/get-long-eaton-to-the-brass-band-national-finals>. Please share on social media and encourage your friends to support us. So far, we have raised £520 on this platform. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

The committee are also working on a number of fundraising ideas which we will announce in future newsletters.

## PayPal & Card Reader

The band has set up a PayPal account for those of you who wish to contribute voluntary subscriptions and to the tea club. Payments can be sent to [robert@lespb.org.uk](mailto:robert@lespb.org.uk) (the PayPal account is directly linked to our band account). If you do make voluntary subscriptions in this way, please let Rob know so that we include you on our scratch cards.

Rob also has a card reader for those of you who may wish to contribute this way (or pay for CDs). Cash is also still acceptable: it is commission free!

## Scratch Cards

The band runs a scratch card (£1 a go) every Monday (for the training band and beginners' group) and Wednesday (for the senior band). Please see Richard (Mondays) or Kim (Wednesdays) after rehearsal. Whilst this is entirely voluntary; please consider having a go, if not every week, then perhaps once every month.

We do have standing order forms available in the band room if you would rather contribute that way, or you could set up a standing order online if you wish (or pay by credit card or PayPal). Please remember to let Rob know, so that you are still entered on the scratch card every week! And if you do not want to "gamble", please just donate!

Voluntary subscriptions from the senior band are going towards our fundraising for attending the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

## Notes from the Musical Director



Following quickly on from our area success, our senior band had two concerts in March. Despite the limited rehearsal time, I was delighted with how the band played at both concerts. Thank you to the depts at both these concerts, covering for players on holiday or who were ill (Covid struck, fortunately post-area rather than at the area). Well done especially to Rob Guest and Andrew Beaumont who played solo 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trombone together for the first time at the Sportsman.

I was privileged in March to play the last post and reveille at Bill Deacon's funeral. Bill, aka "blue jumper man" was the compère at the Festival of the Services at the Winding Wheel for many years. He last compèred in 2019 (aged 93) and was present at the first post-Covid Festival last year. We will all miss him.

Last Friday, we had our Songs from the Shows concert at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield, organised for us by Joe Roberts B.E.M. The event was a big success with over 200 in the audience and we sold a 25 CDs (our best at a concert). Thank you to Mike and Chris to depping on bass and cornet for us and also Carl and William.

I, and the audience, were delighted with the band's performance: we had an amazing five standing ovations (another band record). Well done to the soloists, especially Holly in her debut vocal solo with the band after only a single run through beforehand.

The training band are also doing well, with our first performance of the year at St. Mary's Hall, Draycott, kindly arranged for us by our chairman Rob Guest. Well done to Nikki, who made her debut performance at this concert. I am delighted with the number of players we have at rehearsals, augmented by all those recently promoted from the beginners' group. Our third cornet section now has more players (8) than many brass bands! We are back playing in Draycott for the open gardens event in June.

## Five Years Ago

May 2018

### Fred Aram & John Brickles

The band were privileged to be invited to our newly re-elected chairman's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Shaftesbury Club, where we played "Happy Birthday" and a selection of his favourite pieces.

Also celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday was his partner in crime on 3<sup>rd</sup> cornet, John Brickles. The band wishes them both a very happy birthday.

### Training Band Examination Success

Congratulations to Isobel (baritone, grade 1 distinction) and Adele (tenor horn grade 4 merit) and Heather (grade 7 baritone).

## Ten Years Ago

May 2013

### Lisa



This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lisa joining our band.

For most of this time, Lisa has played solo tenor horn, or in recent years, 1<sup>st</sup> baritone, and was the inaugural winner (jointly with Fred Pear) of the Musical Director's Progress Shield in 1991. Lisa received Borough of Erewash Mayor's Award for services to banding and nursing in 2005 and was also the inaugural winner of the Centenary Shield in 2006 for the Band's "Bandsman of the Year".

Lisa has served on our committee for most of her years with the band, including serving as treasurer between 1996 and 2000, contest secretary since 1996, and band secretary since 1999. Without Lisa, it is very likely that the band would have finished in 1999.

However, it must be admitted that Lisa is prone to the very occasional lapse of judgement. One example is giving the editor the band's old registration cards, which included her original card from 1986 when she registered with her first band Dunchurch Silver. The photograph on the left was scanned from this. ☺

Lisa has not changed a bit (M.D.)



# Twenty Years Ago

May 2003

## Trustee Shazzie

The Silver Prize Band Club has appointed our beloved musical director, Sharon Stansfield, L.V.C.M. (Hons), to be a trustee. The editor has been elected to the club's committee.

# Training Band Diary

Sharon 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 Vento for these events, please respond to them with your availability to keep everything up to date, and let Sharon know if you can't make them so we can arrange dep players.

## 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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### 2023

Saturday 6th May	7:30pm	King's Coronation Concert Longcliffe Golf Club Loughborough	LE11 3YA
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
Sunday 11th June	2:00pm	West Park Concert West Park	NG10 4HA
Sunday 13th Aug	2:00pm	West Park Concert West Park	NG10 4HA
Saturday 16th Sunday 17th Sept	-	Third Section National Finals Cheltenham Racecourse	GL50 4SH
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
Thursday 23rd Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with training band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday 1st Dec	7:30pm	Advent Spectacular Concert St Laurence Church	NG10 1LJ
Tuesday 12th Dec	8:30pm	Long Eaton Masons 23 Elm Ave	NG10 4LR
Sunday 17th Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 17th 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:

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
Rotary Club of Long Eaton	£300 towards general expenditure
Erewash Borough Council	£200 towards creating a warm space for our bands to rehearse in
Abellio East Midlands	£699 towards a new printer
Mrs L. M. Adkin	£265.50 towards general expenditure
Derbyshire County Council	A further £250 warm spaces grant
Vicki Hing	£150 towards our National Finals fund
Brian Turner	Donation of two trombones
Keith Ottowell	Donation of a soprano cornet

## Personnel

### Contacts

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Deborah Redpath	0115 919 5990	j.redpath2@ntlworld.com
Robert Stansfield	07722 118 127	robert@lespb.org.uk

### 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

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NEMBBA Website: <http://www.nembba.org.uk/>

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	
Vice-Presidents	Fay Blackburn	Roland Hosker
	John Blackburn	Carl Ramplin F.C.C.A.
	Councillor Val Custance	Fred Aram
	Richard Walker PG Cert, DMS, CITP, MBSC, MAPM	
Honorary Life Members	Ted Bradley	Colin Millns
	Professor Pete Thomas	Fred Aram
	Sylvia Purnell	
Musical Director (*)	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Assistant Musical Director	James Dennis	Ian McCormick
Chairman (*)	Rob Guest	
Vice-Chairman (*)	Emma Ramplin	
Secretary (*)	Lisa Balsom	
Contest Secretary	Lisa Balsom	
Training Band Secretary	Ian Peberday	
Junior Rep	Daniel Nicholson	
Treasurer (*)	Robert Stansfield	
Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Assistant Equipment Officers (*)	George Ramplin	
Librarian (*)	Deborah Redpath	
Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
Band Sergeants	James Dennis	Emma Ramplin
	George Ramplin	
Publicity Officers	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	Fay Blackburn
Committee Members (*)	Robert Burrows	Kim Larwood
	James Dennis	James Mayell
	Sarah Measures	Ian Peberday
	Andrew Beaumont	George Ramplin
	Elaine Nicholson	
Newsletter Editor	James Mayell	
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Auditors	Ian Peberday	Carl Ramplin

(\*) Indicates a committee member