

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Condolences

The band sends its condolences to Gloria and the family following the death of our training band front-row cornet player, Peter Roebuck, after a long illness. Peter only took up valves in 2019 after many years playing the bugle and quickly progressed from our beginner's group to the training band, where we won the Progress Shield for the most improved player in 2021. Members of the band will be playing at his funeral in St. Laurence's Church at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday 8th June.

The band also sends its condolences to Kim and her family following the death of her father.

Finally, the band sends its condolences to the family of Loretta Adkin, one of our most enthusiastic supporters. The band were privileged to play at her living funeral (party) in March.

Donations

The band is most grateful to Derbyshire County Councillor, Keith Athwal, who has donated £1,000 to our national finals fund. Councillor Athwal also asked Councillor Major and Councillor Hickton if they would also assist, and they have both also donated £1,000 to the band, giving us a total of £3,000!

Charity Concert for the Welsh Air Ambulance

The final total raised by the charity concert for the Welsh Air Ambulance (who saved Sarah's stepfather after a heart attack in Tywyn last year) was £2,000. Thank you to everyone who played or otherwise contributed.

Vacancies

Please invite any of your friends who wish to learn a brass instruments to come along on a Monday evening. We have spare instruments ranging from soprano cornet to Bb Bass! Lower brass players will be especially welcomed.

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.

PayPal and 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 (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 Ian (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



We have had a busy May with three concerts at Longcliffe Golf Club, St. Chads, and the Canal Basin at Langley Mill. Our coronation concert at the golf club was especially well received with many of the audience congratulating us on our performance afterwards. I think it also the first time we have had four standing ovations during a concert. We have already been asked back for September (in addition to our annual Christmas carols in December). Our concert for the Friends of St. Chads also went very well, with many of the audience saying it was the best concert they had ever had there.

Thank you to Carl and Macca for conducting the boat trip and concert at the Canal Basin whilst I was on holiday. I hear that it went very well, and that nobody fell in. Thank you also to the deps who filled the gaps due to some of us being on holiday, and to Emma for taking last Wednesday's lower-end sectional after I was delayed in Wales for 11 hours whilst the AA fixed a horseshoe brake on my campervan.

The training band begins its concert season this month with a free concert in support of the 1st Sawley Scout Group this coming Friday, followed by playing at the Tennis Table centre as part of Draycott Open Gardens the following day. Our senior band completes a very busy weekend for us by playing at West Park on Sunday.

We have already started extra rehearsals for the nationals, and I am very pleased with our progress with *The Lost Village of Imber* so far. My aim is to have the test piece almost ready before the summer holidays, leaving us two weeks in September when most of the band will be back at rehearsals for making our final adjustments to our performance. We will of course continue to work on it during August with those who are available.

Five Years Ago

June 2018

CD Recording

We are planning to record a new CD on the weekend of the 13th and 14th October. This will include a track from the training band and some joint items. Let Sharon know if you have any suggestions for CD tracks, or for the Bolsover contest.

Notes From Tonfanau



Congratulations to Sarah (and her mechanics Beardy Stu and Ben) for coming second in her class on her Tingle and third in her class on her Greaves motorbike at the bank holiday Tonfanau race meeting.

Fifteen Years Ago

June 2008

Adele and Alex

Congratulations to Adele and Alex who have moved up from our beginners' section to the training band.

Twenty Years Ago

June 2003

NEMBBA 25 Year Long Service Awards

Sharon Stansfield
Carl Ramplin

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
Friday 9th June	7:30pm	Fundraiser for 1st Salwey Scouts Group The Sportsman 1 Granville Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4HA
Saturday 10th June	1:00pm	Draycott Open Gardens Draycott Table Tennis Centre	DE72 3LZ
Saturday 8th July	12:30pm	Sawley Park Fun Day Sawley Memorial Hall Grounds	NG10 3FR
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
Saturday 2nd Dec	10:00am	St Mary's Church Hall Victoria Road Draycott	DE72 3PS

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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 Vento 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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Sunday 13th Aug	2:00pm	West Park Concert West Park	NG10 4HA
Sunday 17th Sept	All Day	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
Councillor Athwal Councillor Major Councillor Hickton	Donations of £1000 each, to a total of £3000 towards the National Finals fund

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 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	
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(*) Indicates a committee member