

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Donations

The band is most grateful to Raymond & Carole Blackwell, the grandparents of Heather in our training band, who have donated £50 to our national finals fund.

Charity Concert for the 1st Sawley Scouts

The concert by our training band for the 1st Sawley Scouts raised £362. Thank you to everyone who played or otherwise contributed.

Charity Concert for St. Laurence's Church

The concert by our training band for the St. Laurence's church decoration fund raised £475. Thank you to everyone who played or otherwise contributed, especially including our deps – Chris, David and Karen.

Training Band Summer Rehearsals

The training band will continue to rehearse on Mondays during the summer holidays (apart from on the late August bank holiday). We do realise that you most of you will be on holiday for some of the time, but please try to make rehearsals when you can!

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 another busy month in June with our senior band playing in West Park and at St. Laurence, whilst our training band gave a concert for the 1st Sawley Scout Group and then played for the Draycott Open Gardens event. Thank you to everyone who played at these concerts, especially our deps who covered for players on holiday or who were ill. Thank you especially to everyone who played in West Park in soaring temperatures: we had an audience of around 300; most of whom were sheltering from the sun under the trees – I wish we could have joined them! All our concerts in June have gone really well, with good audience

feedback and some good playing by both our bands. It augurs well both for the national finals and for the future of the band when some of our juniors are ready to move up.

Thank you to everyone who played at Peter Roebuck's funeral: there were nineteen of us in church (with players from both our bands), whilst I played the Last Post and Reveille at the graveside. I am sure Peter would have been delighted with how many of us were able to be there for him, and how well we played the music he had chosen.

As we approach summer and holidays, we will be taking a break from concerts (the training band has one concert in July and the senior band has a break until our August concert in West Park). For the senior band, our focus will move exclusively towards our preparations for the national finals, whilst in the training band we will be updating our concert programme by focusing on some of our newer music.

Five Years Ago

July 2018

Ben Allen

Ben will be leaving the band in September to start a medical degree at Bradford and then Leeds. We wish him well for the future, and expect to see him back in 10 years when he has qualified to be a G.P.

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.

We will be having a couple of extra rehearsals for it.

Let Sharon know if you have any suggestions for CD tracks, or for the Bolsover contest. Also, any ideas for the CD title and artwork are welcome.

Ten Years Ago

July 2013

John & Fay Blackburn

The open garden hosted by Fay and John Blackburn (assisted by Adele and Andy) has raised over £400 (with more money yet to come) for the club and the band.

Thank you to Fay and John for their hard work, and to all those in the band who helped provide the entertainment.

Fifteen Years Ago

July 2008

New Walking Out Uniforms

Our new walking out jackets have taken a little longer than expected, but we expect them to be delivered this week.

Twenty Years Ago

July 2003

Polo Shirts

The new polo shirts for the training band have arrived and will be worn by them at their inaugural concert at St. Laurence school fête on 12th July. We have also purchased some additional polo shirts for the senior band.

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
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.

2023

Sunday 13th Aug	2:00pm	West Park Concert West Park	NG10 4HA
Sunday 17th Sept	6:00am	Third Section National Finals Cheltenham Racecourse Bus from bandroom at 6am	GL50 4SH
Saturday 23rd Sept	7:30pm	Red Cross Charity Concert Venue TBC	TBC
Tuesday 29th Sept	7:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan	LE11 3YA
Sunday 5th Nov	9:00am	NEMBBA Contest (provisional) The Whitworth, Darley Dale	DE4 2FT
Thursday 9th Nov	7:30pm	Festival of Remembrance Winding Wheel Theatre 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
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
Friday 15th Dec	8:00pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan	LE11 3YA
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
Raymond & Carole Blackwell	£50 for the Finals Fund
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.
	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
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