

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Sarah McLaughlin

Congratulations to our horn player, Sarah, on the birth of Bernard Peter McLaughlin at 2.25 am on Tuesday 11th July 2023. We send our good wishes and look forward to Bernard joining our percussion section as soon as he can hold a rattle.

Radio Gaga

Sharon was on radio twice last week promoting the band (including our training band and beginners' groups). Please note that it is now official (as admitted on radio) that trombones are hardest instruments to play and that Rob is the most persecuted player in the band.

A recording of her interview on Erewash Sound is at

<https://soundcloud.com/erewashsound/sharon-stansfield-long-eaton-silver-prize-band>.

A recording of her interview on Radio Derby is at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0q5nsh0> (1 hour 13 minutes in).

Partnership with The Long Eaton School

The band has agreed to loan Long Eaton School eight instruments for pupils to learn on; they will be receiving free lessons at school and in our beginner's group (and later on in our training band).

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. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

New Band Record

On Sunday 17th, Sharon will become the first musical director of the band to conduct us at a fifth national finals (2002, 2003, 2006, 2012, 2023); previously she held the record jointly with the late Arthur Marshall (1951, 1963, 1965, 1966). Lisa, Roy, James, Kim, and Rob have also played at all these contests.

Tonfanau

Congratulations to Sarah (Measures) who set a new personal best lap time on her 197cc Greaves road-bike at the recent August Tonfanau meeting, coming second overall in her class of up to 250cc single cylinder class machines, beating all but one of the bespoke racing bikes. Sarah finished third in the overall 2023 championship (12 races over 4 meetings) on a tie-break, level on points with 2nd place and ahead of Ben in fourth place with Beardy Stu also having a good meeting.



Tonfanau Brass

A group of us attended Tonfanau to support Team Measures and joined up to give a short concert to two of Sarah's friends on the Saturday evening, whose birthday it was. Most of the paddock came to listen (including one from a rival band at the nationals) and we asked to give a second performance on Sunday evening. We collected £30 towards our national finals fund.



Vacancies

Please invite any of your friends who wish to learn 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.

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



It is now less than two weeks before we go to Cheltenham to play in the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. It is a privilege to play at the national finals, and we should feel proud of what we have achieved. Sixteen of us (including myself) started playing within our training band and it is unlikely that any band in any section can rival that. The band is playing very well, although we still have a few things to work on, and I am hopeful that we will do very well. If we win, we are promoted to the second section, otherwise we need one more good result at next year's area contest for promotion.

Thank you to Macca for taking rehearsals whilst I was on holiday.

The training band too is playing well, and we have decided on our programme for our next contest on the 5th November at The Whitworth. Thank you also to James for taking training band rehearsals whilst I was on holiday.

One of our great strengths is our low turnover of players: occasionally we have some players who need to move away for work or who retire from playing, but we rarely have players who transfer to other local bands (and most of them come back). This allows us to always have a full band, with gaps usually filled by a steady progression of players from our training band. Amazingly, from our winning band in 2006, ten of us will be contesting for the band at Cheltenham again this year. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work over the last few months (and years) and I am looking forward to our performance at Cheltenham.

Five Years Ago

September 2018

Len

We are sad to announce the death of our vice-president, Len Cowley, after a long illness. Len was one of our most enthusiastic supporters, rarely missing a rehearsal or concert by either of our bands, and during his illness spending much of his time listening to our CD and old video recordings. Len was elected vice-president in 2010, but his close association with the band goes back to 2005 when we were asked to resume leading the Remembrance parade in Long Eaton.

Len donated a new arrangement of the British Legion march to the band for us to play on the parade (the first of many generous donations) and returned with the band to our old club afterwards for refreshments. We gave him one of our centenary badges which had just arrived in time for our celebrations in 2006 and from then onwards he was a member of the band.

Len's funeral is on Tuesday 11th September at 1:15 p.m. at Bramcote Crematorium, where the band will be playing, including one of Len's favourite marches, 1914, which we played at his 90th birthday party.

Ten Years Ago

September 2013

Mike Richardson

We are sad to announce the death of our former player, Mike Richardson, who first played for the band in the 1960s and then briefly again for our training band a few years ago before ill health forced his final retirement from playing.

Fifteen Years Ago

September 2008

Len Cowley

Thank you to Len Cowley of the Royal British Legion for donating a set of Trumpets Wild to the band. We will be performing this at the Remembrance concert in October.

Twenty Years Ago

September 2003

Notes from the Musical Director

Well, we have had a busy summer and we have done well in raising money for Dundee. Now is the fun part! (I mean the hard part!). We all need to push hard in these last few rehearsals to be the best that we can be! Also, home practice is so important! Please be organised and don't forget instruments, mouthpieces, mutes, music I would like to do better than last year, so please concentrate and learn off our guest conductors (as I do!). Above all, we need to enjoy the experience of going to the finals; we have lots of supporters who I know will cheer like mad (see last year's comments on 4 Bars Rest!). I am planning an open rehearsal for Thursday 18th September in the clubroom.

Thank you to all of you for being patient and understanding. I know I can get a little irritated sometimes (never, you are sweetness personified, Ed.). Well done to Alex who continues to "take it on the chin" and refuses to give up! What an improved player he is! (And who else in the band would do home practice after two band jobs on a Sunday?) Let's go to Dundee in a positive frame of mind knowing that we will do better than last year (and we did play well last year, despite the result). I want a place worthy of the 3rd section! Then we can really party!!!!!!!
Thank you and good luck everyone.

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
Sunday 12th Nov	9:45am	Remembrance Parade Beaconsfield Road Car Park Long Eaton	NG10 7HJ
Friday 17th Nov	6:00pm	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (with senior band) Royal Oak 55 Green Lane Ockbrook, Derbyshire	DE72 3SE
Thursday 23rd Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with senior band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday 24th Nov	6:00pm	Borrowash Christmas Lights (with senior band) Borrowash Co-op Victoria Avenue	DE72 3HE
Sunday 26th Nov	2:00pm	Wonky Teapot Christmas Fair Long Eaton Baptist Church Station Road, Long Eaton	NG10 1GJ
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 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
Sunday 12th Nov	9:45am	Remembrance Parade Beaconsfield Road Car Park Long Eaton	NG10 7HJ
Thursday 9th Nov	7:30pm	Festival of Remembrance Winding Wheel Theatre 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Friday 17th Nov	6:00pm	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (with training band) Royal Oak 55 Green Lane Ockbrook, Derbyshire	DE72 3SE
Thursday 23rd Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with training band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday 24th Nov	6:00pm	Borrowash Christmas Lights (with training band) Borrowash Co-op Victoria Avenue	DE72 3HE
Friday 1st Dec	7:30pm	Advent Spectacular Concert St Laurence Church	NG10 1LJ
Friday 8th Dec	6:30pm	Draycott Christmas Bazaar St Mary's Church Hall Victoria Road Draycott	DE72 3PS
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

2023

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
Friday 15th Dec	8:00pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan	LE11 3YA

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

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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

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