

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Christmas Rehearsals

The training band and beginners' group's last rehearsal in December is on Monday 11th December (since the training band has an engagement on the 18th and we are not rehearsing on Christmas Day or New Year's Day!). However, please do not forget all the band jobs! Rehearsals resume in the New Year on Monday 8th January.

The last rehearsal for the senior band this year will be on Wednesday 20th (unless the Fun Committee make us a better offer!). We resume rehearsals for NEMBBA and the area on Wednesday January 3rd.

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, the Elma Ramplin Memorial Shield for the most improved member of our beginner's group and the Kathleen Bonser Memorial Shield to our supporter of the year.

(Great-Grand) Father of the Band

Roy is pleased to announce, after careful interrogation of potential rivals, that he is now the oldest regular playing member of the senior band.

Fred Aram

Fred is now back home after spending six weeks in hospital. He is still not very well, but visitors are welcome. We will be playing carols for him later this month.

Welcome

The training band welcomes back John Brickles, Ruby Walters, and Beckie Hunt, and also Mark Thomas who has joined us on cornet and Bethanie Dennis on Tenor Horn. At our last rehearsal, we had 40 players around the stands!

Farewell

After the Chatsworth Concert, Yeti leaves us after 17 years to join Thoresby Colliery. We wish him all the best for the future.

CD Sales

We have now sold 384 CDs netting us a profit of £994.95. There are now only 591 remaining!

We have further reduced the price to £3 or 2 for £5 (or £200 for 100 for bulk buys). Please inundate your family and friends with CDs for Christmas!

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!

Notes from the Musical Director



We are now well into our Christmas season: thank you for all your hard work so far. Remembrance seems a long time ago, but once again, thank you to everyone who turned out on the Sunday: 45 players on parade, including Rowan (7) leading the percussion section and Kim (not 7), who was our oldest player on parade for the first time. We had 48 of us at the war memorial. With all our new players joining the training band, my target is to get back to over 50 on parade next year! Thank you to Mark for acting as standard bearer and to the British Legion for their invitation to join them in Curzon Club afterwards.

Our concert at the Winding Wheel was also a big success, with an increased audience against recent years. Thank you to Joe Roberts and the Fellowship of the Services for inviting us again.

So far, our two bands together have done 9 Christmas gigs (including 5 in four days last weekend). Thank you to everyone who has turned out to play in the cold: we managed over 30 players at the Ockbrook, Long Eaton and Borrowash Christmas lights despite them being 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. starts. Thank you to Rob Guest & Elaine for getting our music stands to all the gigs.

Last night's concert in St. Laurence's went well, with many of the audience coming up to me afterwards to say how much they had enjoyed it. There were one or two rocky moments, but overall, we played very well considering how little rehearsal time we have had. Thank you to Catherine, Mike, and Macca for helping us out again, to Ben on drums, and to Lizzie and her new sound effects system, mimicking timpani, tubular bells and glockenspiel.

We now look forward to the rest of our Christmas season, especially our concerts at the Duchess Theatre, and the Shaftesbury club (training band) combined with carol playing for various events. After which, we have NEMBBA and the area to prepare for. Everyone should now have a copy of the area test piece: please try to have a look at your part over Christmas :)

Finally, thank you for all your hard work this year, and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful New Year!

Fifteen Years Ago

December 2008

Mark Blackburn

Congratulations to Mark, our notorious training band baritone player and karaoke singer, who has joined our senior band's percussion section. Mark, who has already deputised on percussion at a couple of engagements this year, made his "full" debut at the Friesland concert last Monday.

When Sharon points he hits it.

Twenty Years Ago

December 2003

Chairman, Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Charles Cutting, chair of Derbyshire County Council, and our president, Roland Hosker, attended our rehearsal on 12th November to mark our second place at the National Finals. The band expresses their gratitude to Councillor Cutting for his donation of £50 to our general funds.

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 2nd Dec	10:00am	St Mary's Church Hall Victoria Road Draycott	DE72 3PS
Saturday 9th Dec	11:00am	Carols at Long Eaton Market Place	NG10 1LT
Thursday 14th Dec	7:30pm	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road Sawley, Derbyshire	NG10 3FF
Monday 18th Dec	6:30pm	Long Eaton Scouts Carol Concert All Saints Church Tamworth Road Sawley, Derbyshire	NG10 3AT

2024

Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Saturday 3rd Feb	7:30pm	Joint Concert with Senior Band Soldiers and Sailors 421 Tamworth Road Long Eaton	NG10 3JS

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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

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
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
Sunday 24th Dec	3:30pm	St Laurence Crib Service St Laurence Church	NG10 1LJ

2024

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Saturday 3rd Feb	7:30pm	Joint Concert with Training Band Soldiers and Sailors 421 Tamworth Road Long Eaton	NG10 3JS
Sunday 18th Feb	9:00am	NEMBBA Area Testpiece Contest The Post Mill Centre Market Street, South Normanton Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Sunday 3rd March	6:00am	Area Contest Corby Business Academy Corby, Northants	NN17 5EB
Saturday 19th Oct	7:00pm	Red Cross Charity Concert Mapperley Social Club Plains Road, Mapperley	NG3 5RH
Thursday 12th Dec	11:00	Chaddesden Historical Group Christmas Event Jubilee Club, Chaddesden Derby	DE21 6LJ

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	
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	John Blackburn	Carl Ramplin F.C.C.A.
	Val Custance	Fred Aram
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	Professor Pete Thomas	Fred Aram
	Sylvia Purnell	
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Assistant Musical Director	James Dennis	Ian McCormick
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Vice-Chairman (*)	Emma Ramplin	
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