

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Examination Results

Congratulations to Heather on gaining a distinction in her grade 2 cornet examination.

Congratulations also to Henry (grade 4 cornet) and Edward (grade 1 baritone) on passing their examinations – they are still waiting for their marks sheet to learn whether they also gained distinctions.

Raffle Prizes

Our bands are giving a joint concert at the Soldiers and Sailors club on Saturday 3rd February in support of the newly promoted Corporal Melissa Ramplin of the Welsh Guards, who is running the London Marathon to raise funds for the British Legion.

The concert will be free, but we will be taking a collection and holding a raffle: all raffle prizes will be gratefully received!

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!

Awards

Congratulations to all the winners of our annual awards (which were presented at our Christmas concerts at the Chatsworth Centre).

Title	Award	Winner
Centenary Shield	Bandsman of the Year	Lisa Balsom
Proactif Shield	Most Improved Player	Francesca Siviter
Progress Shield	Most Improved Training Band Player	Henry Siviter
Elma Ramplin Memorial Shield	Most Improved Beginner's Group Player	Bethanie Dennis
Kathleen Bonser Memorial Shield	Band Supporter of the Year	Glynn & Anita Ashley
Special Award	25 years as Band Secretary	Lisa Balsom

Notes from the Musical Director



Happy New Year to you all: my twenty-fifth with the band as your conductor!!! By the end of this year (unless you vote me out in April's AGM ;)), I will have become the band's longest serving resident conductor – thank you for putting up with me for so long!

Thank you for all your efforts during the Christmas season; 19 band jobs, starting with Ockbrook Christmas Lights and finishing on Christmas Eve at St. Laurence Church's Crib Service. I have had tremendous feedback from our concerts in St. Laurence and the Duchess Theatre where the tickets for next year are already selling quickly. Well

done too to our award winners: Lisa, Francesca, Henry, Bethanie and Glyn & Anita, and to Lisa on her special award for 25 years as band secretary.

Over the next few weeks, both our bands look forward to the NEMBBA contest and then the senior band to the area. For the training band, as an entertainment contest, this is an opportunity to start preparing our concert programme for the next few months. For the senior band, we have another Christopher Bond work, Corineus, to work on as we look forward to trying to qualify for the national finals again and possibly promotion to the second section (although there will be quite a few other bands at the area contest with the same ambition).

For both bands, this is our opportunity to focus on our playing technique (the usual intonation, balance, starting and ending the correct notes together, dynamics and especially watching me for tempo changes), and being the very best that we can be.

Five Years Ago

January 2019

Lewis

After spending most of Christmas in hospital (apart from a few hours for the band Christmas curry and on Christmas Day and Boxing Day), Lewis has now been moved to Papworth Hospital to await a heart transplant.

We wish Lewis and all his family our best wishes over what will be a difficult next few months and beyond.

Fifteen Years Ago

January 2009

Roland Hosker and Bill Camm

A big thank you again to our president Roland Hosker and our former president Bill Camm who presented both us and the Long Eaton Militaires with cheques for £2,000 at our Christmas concert.

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.

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
Saturday 17th Feb	9:30am	NEMBBA Training Band Entertainment Contest The Post Mill Centre Market Street, South Normanton Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ

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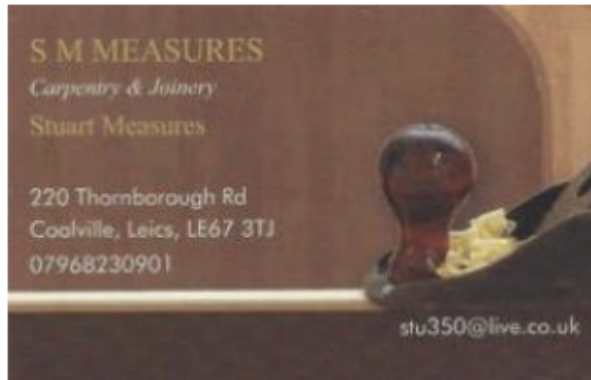
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Saturday 3rd Feb	7:30pm	Joint Concert with Training Band Soldiers and Sailors 421 Tamworth Road Long Eaton	NG10 3JS
Sunday 18th Feb	9:00am	NEMBBA Area Test piece Contest The Post Mill Centre Market Street, South Normanton Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Sunday 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	11:00am	Chaddesden Historical Group Christmas Event Jubilee Club, Chaddesden Derby	DE21 6LJ
Sunday 15th Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Matinee) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 15th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Evening) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

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Sunday 21st Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Evening) Duchess Theatre, 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
	George Ramplin	
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(*) Indicates a committee member