

The Silver Prize

The Journal of the
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Fundraising Concert

Our fundraising concert for Melissa and the British Legion raised £823.77: Melissa now has sufficient fundraising to be able to run the London Marathon (on behalf of the British Legion) on Sunday 21st April!

Ben Measures

A big thank you to Ben Measures who sourced and fetched our new set of Premier tubular bells, and also secured the sale of our old set of bells. Thank you also to everyone who helped Ben to get them upstairs and into our bandroom.

Karen Pitts

The band is delighted to welcome back Karen Pitts on solo horn.

John & Anne

Congratulations to John and Anne, who are the latest players to move up from our beginners' section to the training band.

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



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fundraising concert, which raised over £800 for the British Legion (and ensures that Melissa has to run the London Marathon). I have received lots of good feedback; particularly about how good the training band and its soloists were: well done Henry & Edward! As we approach our first contests of the year, I am delighted with how both our bands are progressing. The training band starts our contesting season at the NEMBBA contest a week on Saturday, whilst our senior band defend our third section title on the Sunday, with the area contest two weeks later.

Our training band is playing well, and our five chosen pieces will be part of our concert repertoire for our spring and summer concerts. The main point of our training band entering is not about winning (although that would be nice), so just go out and enjoy yourselves: this is a chance to show the banding world what you can do, and to give ourselves some experience of playing in a contest, in preparation for when some move up to the senior band.

Our beginner's groups, under the tutelage of James and Tracey, are also doing well, with John and Anne being the latest players to move up to the training band (John made his debut with the band at the concert last Saturday). We have had a few new starters recently, but there is always room for more, on any instrument, but particularly on trombone and bass: if you have a friend or more who would like to learn (or already plays), please bring them along on a Monday.

Finally, our senior band too are playing well. Playing the Lost Village of Imber at the nationals has been good practice for Corineus, since we have already had experience of how to approach Christopher Bond's music. We still have a long way to go, but we have a week until NEMBBA and then another two weeks before the area. Sadly, this is now the time of year when I must ask our "extra" players to stand down so that we practise with just 25 brass players until after the area. One of the main musical tests of Corineus is the balance within and between sections, and much as I would like to give everyone a chance to play at NEMBBA, we would then have to adjust the balance again afterwards for the remaining 25 players playing at the area. Thank you for all your hard work so far, and if anyone does fall ill before the area, it is good to know that I have reserves familiar with the piece who are ready to step in.

Five Years Ago

February 2019

Lewis

Lewis had his heart transplant on the 24th January and was sitting up in a chair phoning his father Mark the next morning asking for him to bring him some smoothies. He is likely to be moved out of intensive care soon but is likely to remain in hospital for some time yet: we don't know when he will be allowed back on euphonium. The band send him our best wishes for a continued good recovery.

Ten Years Ago

February 2014

Postcard from Skegness

The band had another successful outing to Butlins, where we were once again probably the best represented band which was not actually competing (and probably had more people staying on site than many of the bands who were).

We can report that the weather was better than last year; it rained rather than snowed and was about 10°C warmer.

The weekend proved rather expensive for the band: we purchased a new Trevada Eb Brass and mouthpiece for Big Ben as well as some music and cornet lyres.

As usual, a number of us were helping out other bands. Well done to Sharon, Little Rob & Carl, who achieved fifth place in the first section with Leicester Co-op. Melissa, Emma and Rob (none of whom were playing their usual instruments) were sadly less successful with Ibstock Brick Bass in the second section.

Well done also to Little Rob and Little Ben, who made their debuts as roving reporters for All4Brass. We understand that they have so far avoided legal action for their comments.

Fifteen Years Ago

February 2004

100th Edition

After eight years and three months, this newsletter has finally reached its 100th issue.

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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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.

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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
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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	

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