

# The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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# Band Room News

## AGM Changes

There were a few changes made to the committee at our recent AGM. Ian Peberday is now our new vice-chair, Sarah joins our team of band rottweilers, and Elaine is our new assistant equipment officer.

A full list of band officers and committee members, as elected at the AGM, is to be found at the end of this newsletter.

## Fred Aram

Our vice-president and life member Fred Aram has not been very well recently. The band sends him all our best wishes.

## Bring a Friend to Band

Next Monday is our inaugural "bring a friend to band" evening (please note the extended rehearsal time). Guests will have the opportunity to try different instruments with their friends. Thank you to Dan Nicolson for this brilliant idea and to Ian who has already brought several friends to join our beginners' group.

## Melissa

Congratulations to Corporal Melissa Ramplin of the Welsh Guards on completing the London Marathon in 5 hours 38 minutes and 45 seconds and raising (so far) £2,797 for the British Legion.

## Olivia Sheppard

The band sends its sympathy to the family of Oliver, an ardent supporter of the band, who died in April at the age of 26. Sharon and Rob attended the funeral on behalf of the band.

## Paul Salter

Members of the band were privileged to play at the funeral of Paul Salter, the son of our former trombone player Rod. The band extends its sympathy to his family and thank them for their donation of £100.

## Colin Millns

Colin has decided to retire, at the tender age of 89, from playing after over 30 years with us. Colin joined our band on second tenor horn in 1991 when his former band, Stanley Common and District Silver Band, disbanded and won our Musical Director's Progress Award in 1993 for his performances in concerts deputising on first and solo horn. Colin remains a life member of the band, and we all wish the best in his retirement and hope to see him at some of our concerts.

## Carnival

Thank you to everyone who played on the carnival float – we won fourth prize (thank you to our president Councillor Kevin Miller for the photograph). Thank especially to Kathryn & Anita for following the float around Long Eaton (whist we rode in comfort), distributing 290 CDs and our entire remaining stock of leaflets



## Speech, Sign and Song Club

Our concert by the training band in Toton Methodist Church raised £490 for the Speech, Sign and Song Club, local charity which runs music sessions for children who could use a bit of extra support with communication.

## Music Stands

The band has been donated a set of concert music stands by an anonymous benefactor, to whom we are very grateful (as are NEMBBA, who borrow our stands for their contests).

## Instrument Repairs

Thank you to Elaine, who took a number of our instruments for repairs and servicing last month.

## Sarah

Congratulations to Sarah for winning her class at the Tonfanau Road Races last weekend. Well done also to Elaine, who paraded on a motorcycle around a racing track for the first time.



## Vacancies

The training band continues to welcome all players, but especially trombone and bass players, if you have any friends who would like to join us. We offer a free loan of an instrument and music, and for those who have not played before, free tuition in our beginners' groups.

## 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](mailto: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



For the first time in many years, neither of our bands had a concert in April or May, which gave us more time to work on our summer concert programmes. Last month we gave our annual concerts on West Park and in St. Laurence Church (in support of their fabric fund). Both concerts went very well, with over a hundred listening to us on a rather cold and blustery Sunday afternoon on West Park, whilst St. Laurence raised another significant sum towards repairing the church roof. Overall, I was very pleased at how well we played. Thank you to Sheila for covering our solo euphonium vacancy for these concerts, and to Steve, Kirk and Catherine for covering for players on

holiday. Well done also to Lisa and Rebecca for responding so quickly to a medical emergency in the audience whilst we were playing at West Park.

Our training band has also had a good month. Our performance on the Long Eaton carnival float was a big success (especially Dan's drum riffs between pieces) and we even ended up with the fourth best float. We are already looking forward to next year (when Nicki has big plans for us to be the best float)! Our concert for the Draycott Open Gardens had to be relocated to the local scout hut due to the rain, but we still had a good audience and we played well.

The highlight of the month though was our charity concert in support of the Speech, Sign and Song Club at Toton Methodist Hall. We had two standing ovations and raised £490! Thank you to those in the senior band who supported the training band at these concerts, filling in for players who were on holiday.

We only have one more summer concert: West Park on August 11<sup>th</sup>, so I am now starting to think about pieces for both bands for the November NEMBBA contests, as well as our autumn concert programme. I am also away on holiday soon: thank you to James and Carl who will be taking rehearsals for me.

# 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
Sunday 3rd Nov	10:00am	NEMBBA November Contest The Whitworth Station Road, Darley Dale	DE4 2EQ
Thursday 28th Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (With the Senior Band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Friday 29th Nov	6:00pm	Draycott Christmas Bazaar St Mary's Church Hall 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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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 11th Aug	2:00pm	West Park Concert West Park, Long Eaton	NG10 4AA
Saturday 21st Sept	7:30pm	Concert for Ted East Leake Village Hall East Leake, Leicestershire	LE12 6PF
Saturday 12th Oct	8:30pm	Proms Concert Longcliffe Golf Club Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
Saturday 19th Oct	7:00pm	Red Cross Charity Concert Mapperley Social Club Plains Road, Mapperley	NG3 5RH
Saturday 26th Oct	7:30pm	British Legion Concert St Laurence's Church Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Sunday 3rd Nov	10:00am	NEMBBA November Contest The Whitworth Station Road, Darley Dale	DE4 2EQ
Thursday 7th Nov	7:30pm	Festival of Remembrance Winding Wheel Theatre 13 Holywell Street,, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Saturday 16th Nov	7:30pm	Church of St Michael and All Angels 43 Church Street, Bramcote	NG9 3HD
Thursday 28th Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (With the Training Band) - Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Saturday 7th Dec	7:30pm	St Laurence's Church Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Thursday 12th Dec	11:00am	Chaddesden Historical Group Christmas Event Jubilee Club, Chaddesden Derby	DE21 6LJ
Friday 13th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
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



# 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 X (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	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Librarians	Deborah Redpath	Cheryl Allen
Beginners Group Teachers	James Dennis	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	
Chairman (*)	Rob Guest	
Vice-Chairman (*)	Ian Peberday	
Secretary (*)	Lisa Balsom	
Contest Secretary	Lisa Balsom	
Training Band Secretary	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Junior Rep	Daniel Nicholson	
Treasurer (*)	Robert Stansfield	
Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Assistant Equipment Officers (*)	Elaine Nicolson	
Librarian (*)	Deborah Redpath	
Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
Band Sergeants	James Dennis	Emma Ramplin
Publicity Officers	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Committee Members (*)	Robert Burrows	Kim Larwood
	James Dennis	Sarah Measures
	Andrew Beaumont	
Newsletter Editor	James Mayell	
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Auditors	Ian Peberday	Carl Ramplin

(\*) Indicates a committee member