

The Silver Prize

The Journal of the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Committee Changes from the A.G.M.

Your new committee, as elected at this month's A.G.M., is listed on page 7 of this newsletter.

The officers and committee are largely unchanged: Carl is our new vice-chairman, and Nicola takes over as our training band secretary and committee representative. Rob returns as our novice teacher assisted by Elaine, Lisa and Stu as needed, and we welcome Kate and Heather to the committee.

New Life Members

The band is delighted to announce that our long-serving players, Lisa Balsom (37 years) and Roy Varney (25 years) have been elected as honorary life-members of the band (not that that gives them permission to put down their instruments any time soon!).

Roy Varney



Thank you to Sarah for the above photograph which she has entitled "Roy and his Harem".....

Heather

Congratulations to Heather, who becomes the latest member of the training band to move up to our senior band.

Examination Success

Congratulations to Heather (grade 4 cornet) and Edward (grade 3 baritone) on gaining merits in their recent examinations.

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 Rob (Mondays) or Kim (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 by PayPal to robert@lespb.org.uk). Some band members also pay for their after-band drinks by standing order. 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!

The money we raise goes towards paying for the service charge and electricity bills for our rehearsal room.

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Notes from the Musical Director



Thank you for all your hard work over the last couple of months as we prepared for the area contest. Despite the disappointing result, we did play well. Some experienced players in the hall (not associated with our band) even thought we might have won, although this was a little optimistic! This is contesting: at NEMBBA and the area preview we had adjudicators who liked our musical shaping of the piece; whilst at the area we had two adjudicators who really disliked it. Well done especially to Carl who recovered from injuring himself and his trombone whilst going on stage to still play really well, and a big thank you to Daventry Brass, who loaned us a trombone for the contest.

We move on, and now start preparing for our St. George's Day concert at Soldiers & Sailors and then our Big Band/Proms concert the following day at the golf club, after which we have Long Eaton's V.E. Day celebrations followed by our annual concerts at St. Laurence's Church and West Park to look forward too. Welcome to Heather who has moved up from the training band to join our back row. I hope some more from the training band will be joining her soon.

Our training band too continues to grow, with a number of players in our beginners' groups nearly ready to join our ranks. The training band is joining with the senior band for our St. George's Day concert and hopefully we will have one or two more band jobs in the coming months.

Five Years Ago

Band Rehearsals

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, all band rehearsals are cancelled until further notice. Please see the band diaries within the newsletter for a list of cancelled band jobs.

Ten Years Ago

Vice President

The band thanks Councillor Kevin Miller, who has kindly agreed to become a vice-president of the band.

**Thank
You**

Lisa, Emmarrrrgggghhh and Melissa

Lisa and Emmarrrrgggghhh are both taking part in the Great North Run (a half-marathon) with the Huddersfield Marching Band to raise more money for Sense (The National Deafblind and Rubella Association).

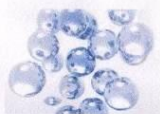
Lance-Corporal Melissa of the Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers is running the Robin Hood half-marathon in aid of Help for Heroes.



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Fifteen Years Ago

Ben Allen & Rob Burrows



Saturday 27th March 2010

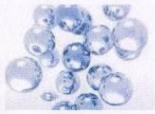
Robert Burrows and Benjamin Allen

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For The Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



Twenty Years Ago

Lisa Balsom

The band is delighted to announce that Lisa is receiving one of this year's Mayor's awards in recognition of her long and dedicated services to the band (in particular, Lisa kept the band going during some tough times) and nursing. In the adjacent photograph, we depict Lisa combining both her talents: nursing two of the senior members of the band.



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Band Supporters

The band is most grateful to the following for their recent support of the band:

Helen Lane	Donation of instruments, mouthpieces and mutes.
James Mayell	Hosting the band's website for free
Peter Dawson	Our landlord, for our rent-free rehearsal facilities

Training Band Diary

Nicola 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 Nicola or Sharon know if you cannot make them so we can arrange dep players. If you are not on Vento, please ask Robert to add you.

2025

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Friday	25 th April	7:30 p.m.	St. George's Day Proms Concert Soldiers & Sailors, 421 Tamworth Road, Long Eaton	NG10 3JS
Sunday	16 th November	Morning	NEMBBA Entertainment Contest (provisional) The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Sunday	6 th December	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning St Mary's Church Hall, Victoria Road, Draycott	DE72 3PS

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Friday	25 th April	7:30 p.m.	St. George's Day Proms Concert Soldiers & Sailors, 421 Tamworth Road, Long Eaton	NG10 3JS
Saturday	26 th April	7:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club, Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
Wednesday	7 th May	1:00 p.m.	Brass Demonstration & Talk (small band) Round Hill Primary School, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham	NG9 1AE
Thursday	8 th May	8:00 p.m.	Long Eaton VE Day Celebrations Long Eaton Town Hall, Derby Road, Long Eaton	NG10 1HU
Saturday	7 th June	7:30 p.m.	St. Laurence's Church, Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Sunday	8 th June	2:00 p.m.	West Park	
Sunday	22 nd June	All Day	NEMBBA Entertainment Contest (provisional) The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Saturday	27 th September	7:30 p.m.	St. Chad's Church, Wilne Rd, Church Wilne	DE72 3QH
Saturday	18 th October	7:00 p.m.	Charity Concert for the Red Cross Mapperley Social Club, Plains Road, Nottingham	NG3 5RH
Saturday	25 th October	7:30 p.m.	Royal British Legion Concert St. Laurence's Church, Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Thursday	6 th November	7:30 p.m.	Festival of Remembrance Winding Wheel Theatre, 13 Holywell St., Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Sunday	16 th November	All Day	NEMBBA Own-Choice Test Piece Contest (provisional) The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Saturday	6 th December	7:30 p.m.	St. Laurence Church Christmas Concert St. Laurence's Church, Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Thursday	11 th December	9:30 p.m.	41 Club Annual Dinner, Donington Manor Hotel, 1 High Street, Castle Donington (small band)	DE74 2PP
Friday	12 th December	8:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club, Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
Sunday	21 st December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas in Brass (Matinee) Duchess Theatre, West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
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Website & Social Media

Our Website: <https://www.lespb.org.uk>.

Our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/lespb> (senior band)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lesptb> (training band)

NEMBBA Website: <https://www.nembba.org.uk>

NEMBBA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nembba>

Midlands Area Website: <https://mabbc.org>

Midlands Area Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/midlandsareabbc>

Band Officers and Committee

President	Councillor Kevin Miller	
Vice-Presidents	Fay Blackburn John Blackburn Val Custance	Roland Hosker Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A. Richard Walker PG Cert, DMS, CITP, MBSC, MAPM
Honorary Life Members	Lisa Balsom Sylvia Purnell Professor Pete Thomas	Ted Bradley Colin Millns Roy Varney
Musical Director (*)	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Assistant Musical Directors	James Dennis	Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A.
Chairman (*)	Rob Guest	
Vice-Chairman (*)	Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A.	
Secretary (*)	Lisa Balsom	
Contest Secretary	Lisa Balsom	
Treasurer (*)	Robert Stansfield	
Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Assistant Equipment Officer (*)	Elaine Nicolson	
Librarian (*)	Deborah Redpath	
Assistant Librarians	Cheryl Allen	Amy Redpath
Band Sergeants	James Dennis	Sarah Measures
Publicity Officer	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Training Band Rep (*)	Nicola Fretwell	
Junior Rep (*)	Daniel Nicolson	
Committee Members (*)	Andrew Beaumont Heather Hoy Sarah Measures Ian Peberday	James Dennis Kim Larwood Kate Nelson Amy Redpath
Newsletter Editors	James Mayell	Robert Stansfield
Webmaster	James Mayell	
Auditors	Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A.	Ian Peberday

(*) indicates a committee member

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Training Band Officers

Musical Director
Assistant Musical Director
Events Organiser / Secretary
Equipment Officers
Librarian
Stage Manager
Beginners Group Teachers

Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)
James Dennis
Nicola Fretwell
Robert Stansfield & Elaine Nicolson
Cheryl Allen
Daniel Rigley
Lisa Balsom, Elaine Nicolson, Robert Stansfield & Stuart Measures

