

The Silver Prize

The Journal of the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Bank Holidays

Please note that the training band and beginners' groups will not be rehearsing on either of this month's bank holidays (5th and 26th May).

Soldiers & Sailors St. George's Day Concert

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the joint concert between our senior and training bands at the Soldiers and Sailors Club. The donations (£396.45) and raffle takings (£298) together raised £694.45 for band funds. Thank you especially to our audience for their many generous donations.

Carnival

Nicola is organising a group of us to decorate our float for the carnival this year. All volunteers are welcome. The carnival theme is board games, and our theme is going to be Scrabble. Please will all training band members ensure that you have updated Vento to record whether you are able to attend (we need to ensure we have sufficient seats on the lorry unless you want to walk!).

Alison Slater

The band is most grateful to Alison for her donation to the band of the music library of her late father, John Slater.

Welcomes

We welcome Keith, Paul and Neil who have joined our training band, taking its total membership to 58 players, and Liz who has joined our beginners' group. Our overall organisation membership is now 95.

Beginners' Group Promotions

Congratulations to Charlotte and William on their promotion to the training band, which was quickly followed by their first concert at the Soldiers and Sailors Club. They have since been joined by Matt and Edward, as our beginners' groups continue to swell the membership of our training band.

Farewells & Training Band Promotions

Sarah has decided to step down as the training band's principal cornet due to increasing work commitments after many years' service (Sarah is of course remaining with us in the senior band and will help the training band out when required). We thank Sarah for all her hard work leading the cornet section in the training band over the years.

Congratulations to Henry, aged 12, who moves up the line to become our new principal cornet.

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 to everyone who contributed in any way to our St. George's Day concert at the Soldiers and Sailors, which raised a massive sum of money in support of the band funds. I was especially proud of the performances by our training band of 38 players (18 could not get) and our massed band of 56 players for the joint performances was especially impressive. Sadly, this was Sarah's last gig as principal cornet of the training band and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for all her hard work and encouragement over the years to me personally and to all the members of the band. She will remain a much-valued member of the senior band! Thank you also to Henry for agreeing to become the band's new principal cornet.

The senior band too played well, both at the Soldiers and Sailors and at Longcliffe Golf Club the next day. Thank you to our deps, James (both gigs), and to Dave and Catherine at the golf club. A special mention too to Elaine, who moved from 2nd cornet to do an excellent job covering on flugel for us at the Golf Club and of course to Roy, for his virtuoso trumpet playing in Just A Closer Walk.

Our training band is now looking forward to the carnival, where our decorating team, led by our new training band secretary, Nicky, is going for first prize! Please record your availability in Vento; at present it looks as if we may have a few gaps to fill.

In the senior band, we will be looking at new music for the next few weeks as we prepare for our annual summer concerts at St. Laurence and West Park next month.

After this, both our bands have an easy summer which leaves us plenty of time to work on new pieces for our autumn concerts and the NEMBBA contest!

Five Years Ago

Zoom

While the band is unable to get together in person, we're having a weekly virtual chat on Wednesdays at 7:30pm using the Zoom app. It's easy to use, all you need is a device with a camera and microphone (Phone, Tablet, Laptop, Computer). We have been getting about 14 people involved, and it's been a nice opportunity to catch up and stay in touch. Everyone is welcome to join us, if you haven't been getting the emails and would like to get involved, please contact *****@gmail.com.

Ten Years Ago

Erewash Film Society

This month's film is being shown on Monday 18th May at 8 p.m. (after the training band rehearsal).

All members of the band are welcome. Free admission.

Thank you again to all those members of the film society who are donating their share of the club's assets to the band.



Fifteen Years Ago



New Television

The band has purchased a widescreen T.V. for use by the club in the lounge. James will be recruiting for World Cup (football) sessions in a few months.

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Twenty Years Ago

Melissa and Zoe



Raised £15 for the band with their Name the Teddy competition at our concert at Newstead Welfare. Well done girls and keep it up!

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
Alison Slater	For the donation of the brass band music library of her late father, John Slater

Training Band Diary

Nicola will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once we have confirmed them. 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.

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Saturday	21 st June	10:00 a.m.	Meet in the rugby field behind the swimming pool where the lorries will be. Park across the road from Tesco Express in event field	
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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Band Diary

Lisa will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once we have confirmed them. New additions are marked in green. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
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, Long Eaton (Enter west park from the end of Lime Grove)	NG10 4LD
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
Friday	10 th October	8:00 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club, Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
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
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(*) 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

