

The Silver Prize

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Band Room News

Beardy Stu



Congratulations to Beardy Stu on coming second in the Classic up to 250cc August Bank Holiday meeting at Tonfanau: the only one of our racing team of Sarah, Ben and Stu to win a trophy.

Whilst still nursing her injured shoulder from the last meeting, Sarah drove conservatively for the first time ever, letting her rivals have a head start to avoid accidents and then picking off her nearest rivals in the Classic 251-500cc class to take sufficient points to claim the overall championship.

Whilst Ben also did not win any races this time, he took sufficient points in his two classes to secure the Classic 125cc-250cc Single Cylinder and Classic Up to 250cc championships.

Congratulations to Team Measures for a record number of championships.

Christas Band Jobs

Our Christmas band jobs are coming in fast; please update Vento so we know who is available for each of the jobs. Many of our Christmas Lights jobs are early evening and some of you will be still working, but please check with other players in your section to ensure that we have some players on each part. Please note that we have three band jobs on Saturday 29th November (Sawley 3 p.m., Sandiacre 4 p.m. and Draycott 6 p.m.) and we will need to put out two bands simultaneously: please update Vento to indicate which band jobs you can do (remembering that you cannot be in Sawley and Sandiacre at the same time!).

Facebook

Please follow our Facebook pages

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

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

for profiles of our senior and training band players, written by our new social media manager, Kate.

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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 Kate (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.

Notes from the Musical Director



I'm back!

Thank you to James for taking the training and senior band rehearsals during my eight-week tour of Wales and to all of you who took the beginner's classes over the summer. Thank you also to all of you who turned out at short notice for the Ilkeston Heritage & Classic Vehicle Show on the 10th of August and well done to James and Lisa for arranging everything so quickly.

We now have a busy few months ahead of us as we prepare for five autumn concerts before we head into the Christmas season, whilst also working on our test piece for the NEMBBA autumn contest.

Our training band of 58 players (with several more players about to move up from our beginners' classes) are also preparing for NEMBBA autumn contest before they too have a busy Christmas season.

Five Years Ago

Rod Salter



The band are sorry to announce the death of our long serving trombone player, Rod Salter. Rod first joined in the band in 2000 after a long break from playing, although his links with the band went back much further: he played for Carlton Silver in the 1960s under Arthur Marshall, who was also conducting the Long Eaton Silver Prize at the time. Rod disliked contesting and so played assistant principal second trombone for most of his time with us and also top trombone for the training band where he mentored a succession of learners, many of whom went on to play in our senior band. In later years Rod started to spend his summers caravanning in the Torbay area where he played for his old band, Sidmouth, whilst returning home to play for us during the autumn and Christmas seasons. Rod was made a life member of the band in 2017 in recognition of his long service to the band. Rod's funeral was on Tuesday 1st September where some of the band played outside beforehand. Sadly Covid-19 restrictions limited the numbers who could attend and from us playing during the service. The band sends its condolences to his son Paul (who has also played for our band) and the rest of the family.

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Ten Years Ago



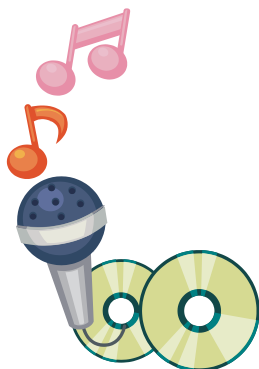
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Racing Team

Our racing team and camping section attended the Curborough Sprints last month. With our team leader, Sarah, having to sit it out due to her injuries from trying to overtake her bike (whilst riding it) earlier this year, it was left to Stu (below) and Ben (above) to uphold the honour of the band.

Urged on by far the largest supporters' group at this meeting of over 70 racers, Stu came an outstanding second in his class, with Ben just behind him in third.

Well done!

Fifteen Years Ago



Band Social

We are having a band social evening on Friday 8th October starting 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and admission is FREE: please bring your friends and families.

Please bring something for a buffet and a raffle prize: we will be running a raffle for band funds.

There will be a disco and karaoke for those who like to dance and sing (there are earmuffs behind the bar for those that don't!).

Please attend as they have been great in the past and it gives us all the chance to socialise together, senior band training band and beginners group.

If anybody has any other ideas for the evening, please let Sharon know.

Twenty Years Ago

Our Band Room

Our band room has now been fully decorated: the ceiling for possibly the first time in seventy years! It has cost the band a great deal of money, so please try and keep it clean and tidy.

Many thanks to our builder and decorator, Dave, for an excellent job, and for working twelve-hour days over the bank holiday to finish the work between band rehearsals.

Many thanks also to the club committee for letting us store our equipment in their committee room during the renovations.

Thanks also to Sharon, Samantha, Alan, Ruth, Janice and Zoe for putting everything back and tidying up.



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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 Nicola to add you.

2025

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	16 th November	Morning	NEMBBA Entertainment Contest The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Friday	21 st November	6:00 p.m.	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (with the Senior Band) Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook Derby	DE72 3SE
Thursday	27 th November	5:30 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the Senior Band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Friday	28 th November	6:00 p.m.	Borrowash Christmas Lights (with the Senior Band) Coop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash	DE72 3HE
Saturday	29 th November	3:00 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights (small band, with the Senior Band) Memorial Hall, Draycott Road, Sawley	NG10 3FR
Saturday	29 th November	4:00 p.m.	Sandiacre Christmas Carols Opposite White Lion Pub, Derby Road, Sandiacre	NG10 5HW
Saturday	29 th November	6:00 p.m.	Draycott Christmas Carols (with the Senior Band) Outside Victoria Pub, Victoria Road, Draycott	DE72 3NA
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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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Saturday	17 th January	11:00 a.m.	Sandiacre Friendship Hub Sandiacre Methodist Church, 7 Bennet Street, Sandiacre	NG10 5RB
Saturday	20 th February	Morning	NEMBBA 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 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 Lisa or Sharon know if you cannot make them so we can arrange dep players.

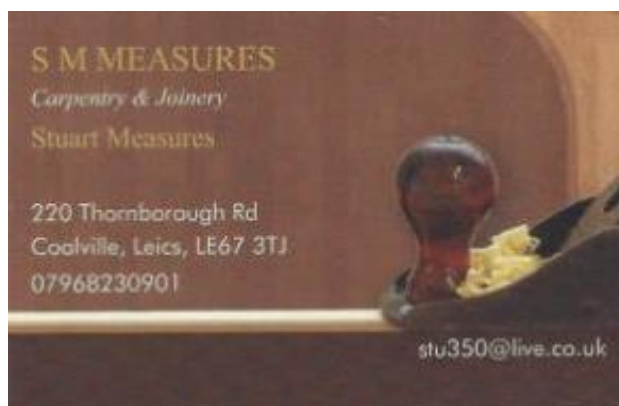
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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	21 st September	3:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Church, Victoria Road, Draycott (small band)	DE72 3PS
Saturday	27 th September	7:30 p.m.	St. Chad's Church, Wilne Rd, Church Wilne	DE72 3QH
Friday	10 th October	8:00 p.m.	Longcliffe 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 The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Friday	21 st November	6:00 p.m.	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (with the Training Band) Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook Derby	DE72 3SE
Thursday	27 th November	5:30 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the Training Band) Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Friday	28 th November	6:00 p.m.	Borrowash Christmas Lights (with the Training Band) Coop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash	DE72 3HE
Saturday	29 th November	3:00 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights (small band, with the Training Band) Memorial Hall, Draycott Road, Sawley	NG10 3FR
Saturday	29 th November	6:00 p.m.	Draycott Christmas Carols (with the Training Band) Outside Victoria Pub, Victoria Road, Draycott	DE72 3NA
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
Sunday	21 st December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas in Brass (Evening) Duchess Theatre, West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Saturday or Sunday	20 th or ^t 21 ^s February	Morning	NEMBBA Area Test-piece Contest The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire	DE55 2EJ
Saturday	7 th March	All Day	Area Contest Bedworth Civic Hall, High Street, Bedworth	CV12 8NF
Friday	29 th May	11:00 a.m.	White Friday marches (provisional) Bus from bandroom	



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Personnel

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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	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 James Dennis Sarah Measures Ian Peberday	Kate Burrows Heather Hoy Kim Larwood
Newsletter Editors	James Mayell	Robert Stansfield
Webmaster	James Mayell	
Social Media	Kate Burrows	
Auditors	Carl Ramplin, F.C.C.A.	Ian Peberday

(*) indicates a committee member

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Training Band Officers

Musical Director	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)
Assistant Musical Director	James Dennis
Events Organiser / Secretary	Nicola Fretwell
Equipment Officers	Robert Stansfield & Elaine Nicolson
Librarian	Cheryl Allen
Stage Manager	Daniel Rigley
Beginners Group Teachers	Lisa Balsom, Stuart Measures, Elaine Nicolson & Robert Stansfield

Band Supporters

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

Peter Dawson	Our landlord, for our rent-free rehearsal facilities
John Irwin	A donation of £200 to band funds
Helen Lane	Donation of instruments, mouthpieces, and mutes
James Mayell	Hosting the band's website for free
Alison Slater	For the donation of the brass band music library of her late father, John Slater