
BRASS 'Rubbings'

Brackley Band Supporters Club Newsletter

Autumn 2011

Welcome back to *BRASS 'Rubbings'*

Does this look familiar? It will do if you were around and about in Brackley between 1995 and 1997.

As an experimental quarterly newsletter *BRASS 'Rubbings'* was published to keep band members, club members and supporters informed of what was going on when, where and sometimes why.

Small Group Arrangements

Since its formation in 1973 the senior band has provided background music to the annual Mayor Making Ceremony (it's difficult to imagine but, before 1992, this was a full band job—can you imagine a delicate pianissimo

Why has it been resurrected?

Because, despite the great advances in communication technology, we find that more and more of our band members, club members and supporters know less and less about what is going on within their own organisation. We hope this helps to keep you more informed.

performed by a band of 25 plus percussion in the Town Hall. No).

Hence the need for the development of small group arrangements. These arrangements are now available to anyone who wishes to make use of them.

New MD for Senior Band

We are pleased to announce that John Durrant has agreed to take up the vacant post of Musical Director with the senior band.

A series of applicants were considered before the summer break but John became preferred candidate after demonstrating a keen sense of musicality when taking the band through a number of pieces.

John is already rehearsing the band in preparation for the forthcoming free Proms Concert at the Town Hall on 9th October and his choice of music is both varied and challenging.

The band was extremely pleased with the calibre of those who applied so thank them all for their interest and wish them every success for the future.

New players welcomed

Welcome to Nicola Morrell and Peter Yates on front row cornet, Ellie Shardlow on back row and the combined might of James King and Shaun Humphries on Eb Bass.

Opportunities still exist for Trombone, Bb Bass, tuned and non-tuned percussion players. Interested parties please call Rhys Owen on 07817 986177.

These additions strengthen an already formidable line up ready for the senior band free concert on the 9th October and contest on 27th November at Leicester.

Dark days

Brackley Band Supporters Club "does what it says on the tin". It provides support for the senior and junior bands by providing a home and, when possible, direct financial support.

Sadly these are dark days. The current recession has reduced income to such an extent that it can barely cover its own running costs let alone provide the level of financial support that the bands would wish and require.

To help us through this recession we therefore ask *you* for your help.

If you are already a club member, use our facilities a little more, bring in a guest, book our function room for a family party and buy an extra number in the 200 Club.

If you're not a member, join us. It is only £4 a year and allows you to enjoy the facilities that the club offers while indirectly supporting our two bands.

Should you wish to provide more direct support please contact Rhys Owen (seniors) or Sue Bennett (juniors). They will be pleased to advise you of what they do and how best you could be of assistance to them.

200 Club

The 200 Club is open to band and club members, supporters, family and friends. It provides monthly draws with enhanced prizes every quarter. To secure a number at £5 a month see Floss Tustain (club), Matt Cotton (seniors) or Helen Tarratt (juniors).

Application Forms

Application forms for Club Membership or 200 Club can be obtained from Floss at the club or downloaded from the band website (Brackleyband.org.uk)

Brackley Town Hall

**Sunday 9th October
@ 6pm**

**Proms Concert with
Brackley & District band
(MD John Durrant)**

Free Admission

British Open

A close fought contest between Britain's top bands at Birmingham Symphony Hall saw the British Open title return to Wales with the Cory band. Conducted by Dr Robert Childs the band narrowly beat English favourites, the Black Dyke band, with their outstanding performance of Philp Wilby's *The Red Priest*. Local 'top band' Virtuosi GUS gained a creditable 8th place playing off the dreaded no.1 draw.

British Open Championship 2011

- 1.....Cory
- 2.....Black Dyke
- 3.....Carlton Main
- 4.....Fodens
- 5.....Brighouse & Rastrick
- 6.....Tredegar

Senior Band

Although not in the same league as those competing at the British Open, the senior band is a nationally graded contesting band. To retain its First Section status it must therefore compete in the Midlands Area contest each year at Bedworth. For more information on contesting and our part in it, see the next edition of BRASS 'Rubbings'.

Junior Band

Junior band starts again on Wednesday 14th September and will run on concurrent Wednesdays until 19th October (there will be no rehearsal during half term week).

WHAT'S ON

BRACKLEY: Club Upstairs *Sat 24th Sept at 8pm. Elv-Is-Bob* (Elvis Tribute) Tickets £3 or £5 for 2 on door.

BRACKLEY: Town Hall *Sun 9th Oct at 6pm. Proms Concert* senior band. Admission Free.

BRACKLEY: Club Upstairs *Sun 23rd Oct 2pm-6pm. Aunt Sally* "try your hand". All welcome. Free entry.

BRACKLEY: Club Bar & Lounge *Sat 29th Oct. Halloween Fancy Dress* adults and children. Free entry.

BRACKLEY: Town Hall *Fri 11th Nov at 9pm (TBC). Charity Fundraiser* Budgie 7. Private function.

BRACKLEY: Plaza *Sun 13th Nov at 2.45pm. Remembrance Day Service* senior band. All welcome.

LOUGHBOROUGH: Burleigh Community College *Sun 27th Nov. Leicester Contest* senior band. Supporters welcome.

BRACKLEY: Courtyard *Sat 17th Dec (TBC). Carols* junior band.

BRACKLEY: Outside Town Hall *Sun 18th Dec at 7.30pm (TBC). Carol service* with senior and junior bands.

BRACKLEY: St Peters Church *Mon 19th Dec at 7.30pm (TBC). Christmas Concert* with senior and junior bands.

BEDWORTH: Civic Hall *Sat 10th Mar 2012. Midlands Area Contest* senior band. Supporters welcome.

Our History: Part 1

A Local Education Authority initiative to introduce brass instrument tuition into schools in 1963 included Brackley Secondary School in Waynflete Avenue. Starting with just eleven players and five instruments the school made sufficient progress to ensure that the initiative would both continue and expand throughout the county.

Within ten years Brackley Secondary School band could not only boast 32 players but be proud that it's members were well

represented within the ranks of the county youth band.

Influential individuals from that era include Malcolm Tyler (county music advisor), Clive Waind (music teacher) and Pat Carthew (peripatetic teacher).

Despite the great work undertaken by the education authority, without a local band to join, many found little or no opportunity to continue their chosen hobby upon leaving school. See Our History: Part 2 in the Winter edition of BRASS 'Rubbings' for what happened next.

Aunt Sally
"try your hand"

Sunday 23rd October
2pm to 6pm

All welcome

Halloween
Fancy Dress

Saturday 29th October
Adults and Children

MANAGEMENT

Brackley and District Band
Founded 1973

Brackley Band Supporters Club
Opened Dec 1979

Brackley Junior Band
Founded 1980

Club Manager: Floss Tustain
Club Committee: Helen Tarratt (Ch), Rebecca Teal (Sec), Des Stimpson (Tr), Floss Tustain, David Piper, Steve Hack
Senior Band: Rhys Owen (Ch), Liz Slack (Sec), Floss Tustain (Contest), Matt Cotton (Tr), Nellie Church (BM), Tim Cornelius
Junior Band: Sue Bennett
Music Librarian: David Piper

EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following on their recent examination success:

Grade 1: Elliott Lloyd **Grade 2:** Alex Large, Eleanor Howe, Georgia Butler, Lauren Haynes, Hannah Stott, Jamie Sheppeck **Grade 5:** Lawrence Brody, Alex Burroughs, Daisy Eatwell, Michaias Berlouis **Grade 6:** Daisy Whitwood & Lachlan Fitzroy-Ezzy.

Congratulations also to the following pupils of Mrs Bennett who have gained places in County Groups: Daniel Blake, Mollie & Charlie Harris, Alex Burroughs, Finlay Sutherland, Ryan Tarratt, Josie Pamment, Daisy Eatwell and Michaias Berlouis. *Note: If you're not listed above but have news of an exam success please let us know.*

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