

The Silver Prize

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Band Room News

Lisa

The band extends our deepest sympathy and support to Lisa following the sudden death of her partner last month.

Sarah

Sarah's latest knee operation has been successful, and she hopes to be back at band soon. However, please remember it is going to take several months to fully heal (it will be just in time for next year's motorcycle racing season), so don't let her so anything energetic... she will be fine just practicing 😊



Au Revoir from Ben



I just wanted to say a big thank you to you all for a brilliant day yesterday and for the gifts and card - I had the first Pot Noodle today!!

I have had such a brilliant time in my 12 years with LESPB & 7 years with the Senior Band and had so many fantastic experiences - it has been such a major part of my life! I'm sad to be leaving the Band as a full-time member and will miss you all, but I will be back in the holidays etc!

Thanks for everything!! Hopefully see you soon,
Best wishes, Ben :)

Thank You

The band thanks Jenny Fredou (a friend of Sarah and Beardy Stu) for donating the money to pay for a new wireless microphone system for the band.



CD Recording

The CD recording will now be just after Christmas, next March (after the area) or April.

Beginners' Group and Training Band Vacancies

Due to promotions to our training band, we have vacancies for new players in our beginners' group. We provide a free loan of an instrument and free tuition. Please ask your friends and family if they are interested.

Our training band is still in need of another Eb bass player to complete the bass section. An instrument is available (or you could learn to play bass in the beginner's group).

All other players are always welcome of all ages and abilities.



Ereshash Film Society

This month's film is being shown on Monday 19th November at 7:30 p.m. Details of the film are posted in the band room (the license prevents us from advertising which films are being shown other than on the band's premises).

All members of the band are welcome. Free admission!

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Notes from the Musical Director



Our concert at Long Clawson last month went very well. Apart from raising £815 to help send two scouts to the next year's World Jamboree, we made a lot of new friends, and I am sure that we will be asked back again next year. It was certainly good to play at a new venue and to a new audience (it was good cake too)

Our Trafalgar Day parade and service was also very successful with 35 on parade and few more in church, despite a number of you being on holiday. Remember I am looking for a minimum of 50 again for this year's Remembrance parade (the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice)!

Final, our annual concert for the launch of the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal in Long Eaton was its usual success with an even larger audience than last year. Thank you again to Leesa for her singing of some war-time songs in each half. The concert raised £501.

The band is playing very well at present for most of the time; however, we are still prone to lapses of concentration which can spoil the odd piece. We have now run Gustav Holst's First Suite in E-flat in rehearsal and we made it right through the piece with out too much trouble. As was the case last year, it is not a technically demanding piece and all the bands in the section will be able to play it. So again, the key to success at the area will be on how well we play as an ensemble: intonation, vibrato, phasing, dynamics, balance, clean entries, precise playing together, with no lapses to spoil the performance. There are some long phrases at the louder dynamics, so we will need to work on stamina and, especially for the larger instruments, team work (i.e. not all breathing at the same time except at the end of phrases). Keep working on your home practice as well, especially your lip slurs!

One of the reasons we warm up on hymns to is practice these disciplines, which we then look to carry forward into our playing of our concert and contest music. From mid-November we will be playing a lot of Christmas carols, which are just a type of hymn. This year especially, in our carolling jobs, please play each one as if a hymn at the start of a rehearsal; come January, each one of you will then be ready to work together to create a really good CD and contest performances at NEMBBA and the area!

Brass Tuition

For private lessons, contact

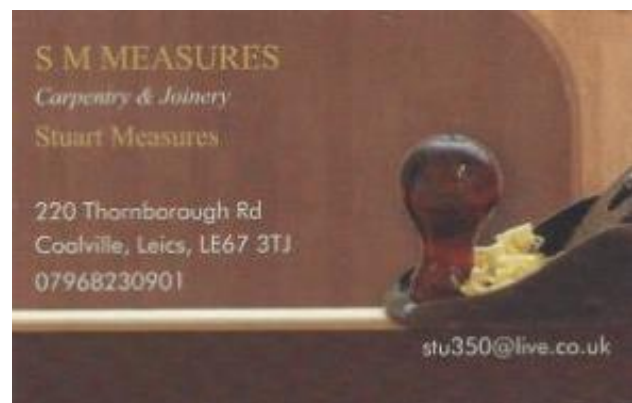
Sharon (07887 907516) or
James (0115 9735776)

KPHMS Examinations

Unlike any other examination board and in the interests of flexibility the music played in KPHMS examinations can be from the ABRSM, Trinity Guildhall or KPHMS syllabuses. The only stipulation is that it must be on the syllabus for the chosen instrument, at the chosen grade. An accompanist is also provided. For further details, please see Sharon or visit

<http://www.kphms.com/Examinations.php>

The next examination is mid-November.



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Five Years Ago

Derbyshire Community Foundation

We are grateful to the Derbyshire Community Foundation for a grant to support a music festival, including our Solo, Duet & Quartet competition.



Ten Years Ago

Solo, Duet and Quartet Competition Results

(in possibly the biggest upset in the band's history since we beat Foden's quartet over a hundred years ago)

Training Band Class 1 Solo

1. **Mark Blackburn (baritone)**
2. **Ben Allen (tenor horn)**
3. Pete Thomas (flugel horn)

Editor's note: Following Ben's departure, Mark has promised to be on standby to play solo euphonium should we need him, but for now he is content just to give Lewis a few playing tips as required!

Roland Hosker



A big thank you to our president Roland Hosker who has secured a big grant for us, which he will be presenting at our Christmas concert. This will help us purchase a new baritone and euphonium for the band.

More details in the next newsletter.

Fifteen Years Ago

Notes from the Musical Director

As usual, our run-up to Christmas is going to be a busy one. We have lots of new music to rehearse, some of which I want to play at the Friesland concert, and we have Tintagel to prepare for Wigston. This will require home-practice as well as good rehearsals if we are to manage both.

We have had a good year: third at NEMBBA, sixth at Crich, and second at both the area and national finals. We have also had consistently good concert performances, showing that the work we put into contesting is benefiting our all-round playing.

Wigston is a joint third/fourth section contest: this gives us the opportunity to leave the fourth section on a high AND make a good start in the third. But remember, the only difference between winning and losing is whether the cup we drink out of is plated or glass: the volume of beer is the same either way!

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Training Band Diary

Adele will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

2018

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	11 th November	10:15 a.m.	Remembrance Parade, Long Eaton (with the senior band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park	NG10 7HJ
Friday	16 th November	6:00 p.m.	Ockbrook Christmas Lights Outside the Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook (with the senior band; bring your own chair)	DE72 3SE
Saturday	17 th November	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Carols, Lacemaker Court, 34 Tamworth Road, Long Eaton	NG10 1BE
Friday	23 rd November	6:45 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights Lakeside Park, Sawley	
Thursday	29 th November	5:45 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the senior band) Market Square, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday	30 th November	6:00 p.m.	Borrowash Christmas Lights Outside the Co-operative Shop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash (with the senior band; bring your own chair)	DE72 3HE
Saturday	15 th December	11:00 a.m.	Carols with the Long Eaton Churches Fellowship choir Market Square, Long Eaton (with the senior band)	NG10 1LT
Monday	17 th December	6:30 p.m.	Scouts & Guides Carol Service All Saints Church, Sawley	NG10 3AT
Thursday	20 th December	7:30 p.m.	Shaftesbury Club 278 Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3FF

2019

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Saturday	11 th May	2:00 p.m.	Spring and Plant Fair St. Giles' Church Hall, Church Drive, Sandiacre	NG10 5EE
Saturday	6 th July	TBA	United Reform Church (provisional) Nottingham Road, Long Eaton	NG10 1HQ
Saturday	13 th July	9:30 a.m.	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (with the senior band) (park in the High Street, Staveley)	S43 3UU
Saturday	7 th September	12:15 p.m.	The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston	DE7 5GR
Saturday	7 th December	11:15 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.	The Larches Care Home 16 Queens Drive, Ilkeston	DE7 5GR

If you need to miss any of these jobs, please let Adele know **in writing or by email** A.S.A.P., as we may then need to organise dep. players.

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Forthcoming Contests

North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest

We will be entering the NEMBBA contest as usual: next year it is on Sunday 24th February at the Postmill Centre, South Normanton.



Area Contest



We will be entering the area contest as usual: next year it is on Saturday 9th March in the Upper Hall of the Kenilworth School (note the change of venue).

Bolsover Entertainment Contest



We will probably enter the Bolsover Entertainment Contest: next year it is on Sunday 6th October.

Band Diary

Lisa will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

2018

	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Thursday	8 th November	7:30 p.m.	Festival of Remembrance The Winding Wheel 13 Holywell Street, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Sunday	11 th November	10:15 a.m.	Remembrance Parade, Long Eaton (with the training band) Meet Beaconsfield Street Car Park	NG10 7HJ
Sunday	11 th November	6:30 p.m.	Lighting of a Beacon for the 100 th Anniversary of the Armistice Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday	16 th November	6:00 p.m.	Ockbrook Christmas Lights Outside the Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook (with the training band; bring your own chair)	DE72 3SE
Saturday	17 th November	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Church, Rectory Lane, Bottesford	NG13 0DA
Friday	23 rd November	6:45 p.m.	Sawley Christmas Lights Lakeside Park, Sawley (with the training band)	
Thursday	29 th November	5:45 p.m.	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (with the training band) Market Square, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT
Friday	30 th November	6:00 p.m.	Borrowash Christmas Lights Outside the Co-operative Shop, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash (with the training band; bring your own chair)	DE72 3HE
Saturday	1 st December	7:30 p.m.	Greenwood Court, Cator Lane, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire,	NG9 4BW
Friday	7 th December	7:30 p.m.	St. Laurence Church Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LT

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Tuesday	11 th December	8:30 p.m.	Masonic Lodge (small band) Cleve Lodge, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton	NG10 4LR
Wednesday	12 th December	7:15 p.m.	Main Hall, Friesland Sports Centre Nursery Avenue, Sandiacre	NG10 5AF
Thursday	13 th December	Evening	41 Club Christmas Party, Thrumpton Hall, Church Lane, Thrumpton	NG11 0AX
Friday	14th December	8:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band)	LE11 3YA
Saturday	15 th December	11:00 a.m.	Carols with the Long Eaton Churches Fellowship choir Market Square, Long Eaton (with the training band)	NG10 1LT
Saturday	15 th December	7:30 p.m.	Wigston College, Station Road, Wigston	LE18 2DS
Sunday	16 th December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday	16 th December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Tuesday	18th December	8:30 p.m.	Longcliffe Golf Club (small band)	LE11 3YA

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	Date	Start	Event	Post Code
Sunday	24 th February	All Day	North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest	DE55 2EJ
Saturday	9 th March	All Day	Midlands Area Contest Upper Hall, Kenilworth School, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth	CV8 2DA
Saturday	13 th July	9:30 a.m.	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (with the training band) (park in the High Street, Staveley)	S43 3UU
Sunday	14 th July	9:30 a.m.	Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association Armed Forces Day (park at Poolsbrook Country Park)	S43 3WL
Saturday	7 th September	TBA	Stapleford Carnival, Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, 2 Washington Dr, Stapleford	NG9 8PY
Sunday	6 th October	All Day	Bolsover Entertainment Contest (provisional) Heritage High School, Boughton Lane, Clowne	S43 4QG
Sunday	22 nd December	2:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday	22 nd December	7:30 p.m.	Christmas In Brass at the Duchess Theatre West Gate, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

If you need to miss any of these jobs, please let Lisa or Sharon (preferably both) know **in writing or by email A.S.A.P.**, as we will then need to organise dep. players.

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Band Supporters

The band is also most grateful to the following individuals, organisation and businesses for their recent support of the band:

Roland Hosker & Bill Camm	Over the last ten years, our former presidents Councillor Roland Hosker and the late Councillor Bill Camm have individually and together secured grants for the band in excess of £5,750, which has made a major contribution in purchasing suitable instruments and music for both our bands, and in particular the training 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 80 th birthday party.
Val Custance	£250 for new music
Erewash Film Society	The Erewash Film Society kindly make an annual donation to the band to contribute to the running expenses of the band room.
Des Fry	A tenor trombone
John Hill	Music, music and trombone stands and a trombone gig bag
Helen Lane	Repairing novice instruments
James "Yeti" Mayell	Hosting the band's website for free
Len Cowley	£200 towards the nationals and new music for the band and £1,740 to general band funds and a set of the British Legion march.
Peter Dawson	Our landlord, for our rent-free rehearsal facilities
The Family of Fred Pear	£300 and various band memorabilia
Professor Pete Thomas	New ties, badges and banners, a cornet for the training band and advertising leaflets for the band
Rod Salter	For repairing many of our stands
Arthur Smith	His father's cornet
Rebecca Weller	Some cornet mutes
Alan Askey	A bass stand, some music stands and music
Jenny Fredou	A wireless microphone system



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Our web site address is <http://www.lespb.org.uk>.

Our Facebook sites are <https://www.facebook.com/lespb> (senior band) and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270405743010461/> (training band)

Our Twitter account is @LESPB1906

Band Officers and Committee

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Musical Director (*)	Professor Pete Thomas
Assistant Musical Directors	Lisa Balsom
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Secretary (*)	Robert Stansfield
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Assistant Musical Directors	James Dennis, Lewis Blackburn and Elizabeth Bullard
Events Organiser / Secretary	Adele Carter
Equipment Officer	Adele Carter
Librarians	Deborah Redpath, Cheryl Allen & Mark Blackburn
Stage Manager	Stuart Measures and Mark Blackburn
Beginners Group Teachers	James Dennis, Robert Stansfield & Stuart Measures
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