

## BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to the Spring Edition of our newsletter ~

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## Newsletter back on track

It has been a while since our last newsletter and apologies if you have missed us hopefully now we are back on track. Over the last few months we have gained a number of new Patrons, we welcome you to our club and hope you enjoy reading about us in our newsletters.

2018 was another busy year for both bands with various concerts around the area. There were lots of repeat engagements for both bands as well as a some new venues, there was also a repeat trip to Lake Maggiore in Italy for the senior band.

During 2018 we said goodbye to a few players who left the band for pastures new, and we also welcomed some new players, more information is inside the newsletter.

Unfortunately our Annual/Patron's concert which this year was to be incorporated with a Christmas concert had to be cancelled due to dreadful weather, it was the only night when it was raining ice and made travelling dangerous.

We had a difficult call cancelling the concert but we felt it was the correct thing to do for everyone.

We are now reorganising it on Saturday 8th June at St Martins Church Lane Brighouse. Details will be sent out to all our Patrons and we hope you will take the opportunity to come along and listen to our bands.

For 2019 we already have a pretty full diary you can see them listed up until June on the back page of the newsletter.

Our web-site [www.cliftonband.co.uk](http://www.cliftonband.co.uk) also gives more information about each of our concerts along with other information about the band. For those of you who enjoyed our performance of *Brassed Off* in 2018 we have been asked to perform it once again, this time from 15th to 17th May at Cleckheaton Town Hall and tickets are on sale now.

Another new venue this year is a free Proms concert on the green at Elvington, near York this is on Sunday 18th August starting at 4.00pm.



### Rehearsals

#### Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday  
8pm—9.45pm

#### B Band

- Fridays  
7.00pm—8.15pm
- Sundays  
10am—12.15pm

#### Training Band

- Saturday Morning
- Percussion 9.00—10.20am
- 10.30am—11.30am
- Website

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### A Few pictures from Italy



Top left Band at Riva.  
Top right at the hotel.  
Middle John on a recruitment drive.  
Below our great merchandise team.



Right poster at Riva. Below the great James Shepherd with Alex playing Buglers Holiday



Section of the Band at Riva and right our lovely hotel in Stresa

## Italy 2018

August 2018 saw the senior band travel once again to Lake Maggiore to perform concerts. The band was there in 2015 and it proved very successful both from a concert point of view as well as a trip for the band members.

We set off on Sunday 12th August from the band room to Manchester Airport for a flight with Flybe into Malpensa where we had a coach waiting to take us to the Hotel Regina Palace in Stresa. The hotel is situated right on the lakeside with beautiful views all around.

Once we had our rooms allocated we then sat down to a three course meal in the Liberty dining room before wandering into the village for a look around and a drink.

Monday was free during the day and we had our first concert in the evening at the Hotel which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The music which had been chosen included pieces to feature all the sections of the band the horns played a trio of Hey Jude, Cornets Buglers Holiday, Euphoniums and Baritones What every will be will be and Basses Playmates.

Tuesday and Wednesday were free days and we had time to explore the local area as well as a trip to Milan, quite a few went up the cable car to the top of the Mottarone mountain in Stresa.

Thursday was a concert across the Lake at Ispra. We performed here in 2015 and it was by the request of the Mayor that we made a repeat visit, before the concert the locals very kindly put on a barbecue for all the band which was great. The concert was a huge success and we thank the organisers for being so friendly and keeping us supplied with good food and drink.

Friday was another free day where we could explore the area and visit the weekly market in Stresa which takes place along the lake as well as the village centre.

The final concert on the Saturday was requested by the council in Riva. Riva is at the top of Lake Garda and is three and a half hour drive by coach so we had lunch on the terrace at the hotel before setting off.

The concert in Riva was held in the castle which was a super venue and again well attended. It was a very late night as concerts in Italy usually start after 9.00pm when the temperature is much cooler.

Sunday was time to pack up for the return journey home. We all have lots of great memories of this wonderful trip and we must thank Lyndon Stacey a great friend of the band who lives in Italy for all his help in organising the concerts, without him it would not have been possible.

During one of our evening meals at the hotel when everyone was there Alex Murray one of our cornet players went on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend Kerry Lawrance who also plays cornet in the Band, as we all held our breath in anticipation after a few seconds and a few tears she agreed. Phew!! What a lovely gesture Alex, everyone cheered and congratulated them.



The weekend of the 2nd and 3rd March was the Yorkshire Area Qualifying Contest at Huddersfield Town Hall. Unfortunately again this year neither of our bands featured in the prizes. The senior band was given the task of performing *The Rise of the Phoenix* by Darrol Barry which the band commissioned back in 2005, although we played well we did not catch the ears of the two adjudicators. The B Band performed Gustav Holtz *First Suite in Eb*. Photos below are our B Band in the warm up room before going on stage.





Above is the B Band after their performance of 1st Suite in Eb along with Guest Conductor Kevin Wadsworth, and right is composer Gustaf Holst  
 Thanks to all those who came and helped the B Band on the day.



Below right Sheridan Fryer and Graham Cass chatting to 4barsrest.

Right bottom Senior band in registration before taking the stage at Huddersfield Town Hall.



Congratulations to the prize winners who will represent Yorkshire at the National Finals later in the year.  
**Championship** Brighouse and Rastrick , Grimethorpe Colliery, Carlton Main Frickley and Black Dyke who pre-qualified  
**1st Section** Hatfield & Askern Colliery, Old Silkstone. **2nd Section** South Yorkshire Police, Chapeltown Silver.  
**3rd Section** Kippax, Wetherby Silver. **4th Section** Maltby Miners, Barnsley Metropolitan

## Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 1st December we held our first Christmas Fayre at the Bailiff Bridge Community Centre. This was organised after many months of planning by band members Joanne, Stephen and Stephanie White.

On the day we invited outside traders to buy a table to sell their products and we also had lots of our own tables including a chocolate tombola which included not just chocolate bars but all sorts of items incorporating chocolate such as cornflakes, shampoo, soap and biscuits. We had books and cards for sale, face painting, refreshments, card game, hook a bag, guess the name of the Teddy, raffles and most important Father Christmas made a call and gave gifts to the children.

Members of the band played carols and Christmas music during the afternoon and in between we had three groups of children from Rastrick Independent School who performed and sang.

The day was a success for the band raising just over £800 for band funds. Special thanks to all those who helped to make the day a success.



We have booked the Community Centre again on Saturday 30th November and if you have any ideas for raising funds during the day let us know and don't forget to book the date in your diaries, we look forward to seeing you there.



## Delighted to be Brassed off again

We are delighted to be performing Brassed Off once again with the Cleckheaton & Spensborough Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society. Our first Brassed Off was with them at Cleckheaton Town Hall over 10 years ago and its great to be working with them again.

Tickets are on sale either from their website or from the Town Hall, look forward to seeing you there.

**Cleckheaton & Spensborough Amateur  
Operatic & Dramatic Society**  
would like to announce their Spring Production

# Brassed Off

presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.  
by Paul Allen  
from the screenplay by Mark Herman  
and featuring

## Clifton and Lightcliffe Band

**15th to 17th May 2019**

## Open Day at Bridge House Bailiff Bridge

On 28th April we were delighted to be part of the opening of a new care home in Brighouse. Bridge House, Bradford Road opened its doors to new residents. During the building of the home I was contacted by Jenny Fisher the owner who said they were having a music room and would like to dedicate it to the Clifton and Lightcliffe Band,

Naturally we were delighted and have provided her with pictures and information about the bands history which is proudly displayed in the room just in the entrance.

A group from both bands provided music during the afternoon at the opening.



## CONTACTS

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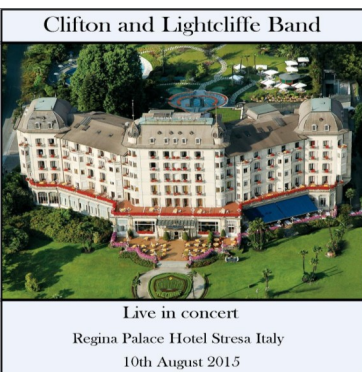
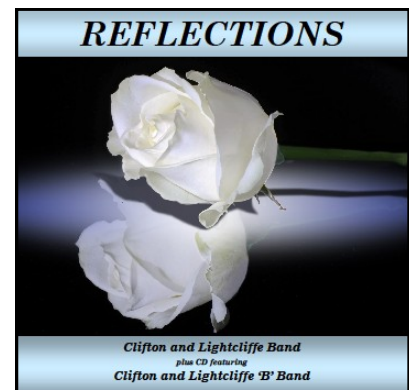
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**Our CD's can now be purchased on line. Visit our web-site [www.cliftonband.co.uk](http://www.cliftonband.co.uk)**



### CD's for Sale

The two top left are £5.00 each and include a wide selection of music, Reflections has two CD's and features both our bands, this is priced at £10.00, and the final one is Live in Concert which was recorded on our very successful tour to Italy in 2015 is priced at £5.00 each. All CD's are available at our concerts or by contacting the band secretary

## PATRONS

We have around 65 Patrons who support the band throughout the year, This scheme was set up in 2006 and we are very grateful for the support they have given over the years.

If you are interested in becoming a Patron we ask for a minimum payment of £20.00 per year which entitles you to 2 tickets to our Annual concert held usually in the Autumn and our newsletters telling you what the band is doing throughout the year.

Please contact our Patrons administrator Mrs Janet Bell if you would like to join, all our contact details are in the contacts section, or ring the Secretary Jane Clay 01422 201875

## 125 CLUB

A very valuable source of income for the band over a number of years now is our weekly 125 club draw. Numbers are 25p each per week to purchase and a £5.00 weekly draw takes place plus three times a year a prize of £50.00 is given at Christmas, Easter and the Summer

The funds from the 125 Club over the years has provided the band with new equipment such as music, mutes, music stands, percussion items, ties and outdoor coats. If you would like to join please contact either Helen Woodcock or Jane Clay for more details.

# 125 Club Draw

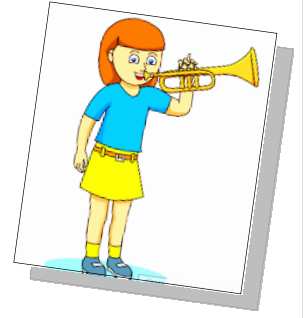


## TRAINING BAND

Our training band is now up and running on Saturday mornings 10.30am—11.30am. If you know anyone who would like to come along and have a go please feel free to invite them along.

We are looking to recruit new members. We have instruments available, we also run a percussion class on Saturday's at 9.00am before the training band at 10.30am.

Contact Secretary Jane Clay for more details 01422 201875



## Vacancies

We are needing cornet players for our B Band. We have instruments available. We also need Trombone players.

If anyone is interested do come along either Friday evenings 7.00pm or Sunday mornings 10.00am we will be very pleased to see you.



Our Senior band requires a 2nd Trombone and a Soprano player

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## Hello/Goodbye

### We have said goodbye in 2018 to:

Roger Morgan-Williams Bb Bass who had joined Knottingley Band.

Paul Addy Trombone who is concentrating on his business and the Halifax Amateur Operatic Society.

Martin Horsfield Soprano who has joined Skelmanthorpe Band.

Julia Osborn Trombone who has joined Huddersfield Wind Band.

Olivia Gregory Horn who has gone to York University

Tony Coultard Cornet who has retired due to health reasons

### We say hello and welcome to:

Jim Ross Bb Bass from Vintage Brass

Michael Martin Bass Trombone from Cornerstone Band

Michael Smith Bb Bass from Skelmanthorpe

Alex Crisp Horn from City of Bradford Band

Kerry Lawrance has moved from B Band to Senior Band

Our training band is also growing in numbers we now have nine brass players and four percussion meeting on a Saturday morning.

## First Aid for all of us

The importance of all of us having some basic first aid knowledge came to the fore at our concert in Cleckheaton Town Hall last October.

During the second half of our performance for the Royal British Legion's annual concert to a packed audience our solo horn player Stewart Swallow sat down after finishing his solo Sunshine of your Smile when he collapsed with a cardiac arrest, we realised immediately that there was a very serious problem and as we went to help him Kerry Lawrance one of our cornet players and trainee nurse started CPR along with our Soprano player Martin Horsfield and an ambulance was called.

We asked the town hall staff where their defibrillator was only to be told they did not have one, however in the meantime a lady from the audience who we later found out was Lynne Owen and a cardiac nurse came and took charge of the situation instructing our two band members.

After what seemed an age the ambulance arrived and deployed their defibrillator to stabilise Stewart, by this time the audience had been cleared from the hall and we carried Stewart to the ambulance where he went off to hospital with his wife and sons.

After a stay in hospital of 12 days and two operations Stewart was able to go home to continue his recovery with his family, we are pleased to report he is making great progress and we are all so very grateful to those who helped him.

What this brought to our attention was the absence of a defibrillator at the town hall and after a number of discussions and emails they are now looking at putting one on the outside of the building which is good news.

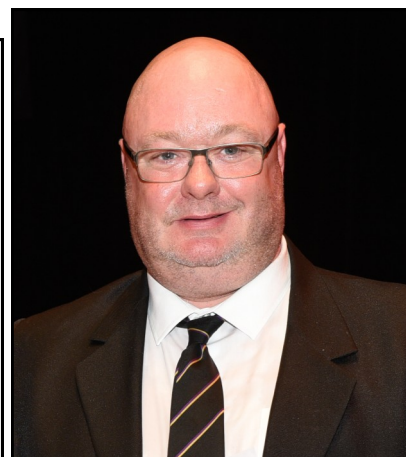
Stewart and Glenda have expressed a wish for the band to have a portable defibrillator that we can take on our concerts and after a very generous £4£ matching from Barclays Bank for one of our events we now have enough to purchase one. With this purchase we are adding in training which we would like as many if not all of the band to take part in, something like this brings it home how important first aid training is.

During his playing career Stewart was a long serving member of the Brighouse and Rastrick Band as a young man and at their Autumn concert in Huddersfield Town Hall their band President Lyndon Stacey told the audience about Stewart and expressed gratitude to those who helped him. In attendance at the concert was their Honorary Vice President Brian Turner who presented Kerry Lawrance with an award for her part in Stewart's recovery. Martin Horsfield and Lynne Owen unfortunately could not attend the concert but thanks were also expressed to them.



On a lighter note Stewart asked if he finished his solo and was it ok as he could not remember, we all told him he did and it was beautiful but we have put the music in the back of the the library not to be played again.

Top right Stewart with the National Brass Band Trophy which his beloved B & R won.  
Left is Brian Turner presenting Kerry with her award.  
Right is Lyndon Stacey President of Brighouse and Rastrick Band.



## HARROGATE FLOWER SHOW

25th to 28th April 2019  
Great Yorkshire Showground  
Harrogate HG2 8NZ

Come and listen to the band we will be performing on Thursday 25th at 11.45am till 1.15pm. Its a great day out and lots to see.



We need tombola items for our stall at the Brighthouse Gala on Saturday 29th June. Items can be brought and stored in the band room.

Good quality items are most welcome



## Orders & Regulations for Bands



1. There will be a chap out the front waving his arms around. He's called the Bandmaster. **DO NOT WAVE BACK.**
2. All bandsmen should attempt to play from the same Tune Book.
3. Observe the 'repeat' signs **ONLY** if you think a passage is worth repeating.
4. If everyone gets lost except you, play **LOUDER.**
5. If you hit a wrong note, **GLARE** at the bandsman next to you. Keep glaring. Do not back down.
6. The right note at the wrong time is still a wrong note.
7. A wrong note, played with **AUTHORITY**, is simply your interpretation.
8. Ignore markings for 'slurs', 'dynamics' and 'accidentals'. They are only there to make the score look more complicated.
9. If a march is hard, slow down. If it's easy, speed up. Everything averages out.
10. When everyone else stops playing, you should stop. Don't play any left-over notes.
11. Never, under any circumstances, pass on the tune number.
12. If you're unsure, play **LOUDER.**
13. Keep your eyes down or closed. Watching the Bandmaster only stifles your artistic interpretation.
14. Don't make eye contact with the Bandmaster. He'll stop all the fun stuff.

## Annual Concert

St Martin's Church Brighthouse

Saturday 8th June 2019

Commencing at 7.15pm

Featuring Clifton and Lightcliffe Band

Clifton and Lightcliffe B Band

and Clifton and Lightcliffe Training Band

Tickets £8.00 children 14 and under £5.00

Refreshments available

Tickets available from Jane Clay 01422 201875 or any band member

## ENGAGEMENTS 2019

### SENIOR BAND

#### APRIL

Saturday 13th      Wibsey Methodist Church 7.30pm  
 Thursday 25th     Harrogate Flower Show 11.45—1.15pm  
 Sunday 28th       St Georges Day Parade Brighouse 3.00pm

#### MAY

Saturday 4th        Bailiff Bridge Community Centre Evening Private Function  
 Saturday 11th      Rodley Ecumenical Centre 7.30pm  
 Wednesday 15—17th Brassed Off Cleckheaton Town Hall  
 Friday 31st         Wedding York

#### JUNE

Saturday 8th        Annual Concert St Martin's Church Brighouse 7.15pm  
 Saturday 22nd      Almondbury Methodist Church 7.30pm  
 Saturday 23rd      Birthday Party Burnley 1.45pm  
 Saturday 29th      Brighouse Gala

### B BAND

#### APRIL

Sunday 28th        St Georges Day Parade Brighouse 3.00pm

#### MAY

Monday 6th         Little Gomersal May Day Gala 1.00pm  
 Saturday 18th      Ilkley Bandstand 2.00 - 4.00pm

#### JUNE

Saturday 8th        Annual Concert St Martin's Church Brighouse 7.15pm  
 Saturday 15th      Scholes Gala 1.00pm  
 Saturday 29th      Brighouse Gala

