

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to the Spring Edition of our newsletter ~

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This edition of our newsletter has been difficult to put together as the current situation has meant we have no rehearsals and no concerts. I have tried to put a few interesting items in and a couple of pieces to get your brain working and pass a bit of time on while we are all in lockdown.

John and I want you all to stay safe and well and hopefully we can get back together to make music very soon.

Message from our Band President

Hi Everybody,

I hope you are all coping well. Pat and I are on week 2, day 2 of our 12 weeks isolation. So far so good.

In the beginning, we were both really concerned about the old folks and then we realized, my godfathers, we are the old folks!

For some light relief I said to Pat, "here, put this nurse's uniform on." Her face lit up and she said "what dastardly plan are you hatching?" "Nothing much" I said, "just pop out to Morrisons will you, we need a loaf of bread."

A friend of mine has admitted that he has had an hour long conversation with his wife. He tells me she's really nice and apparently he found out she works in the same medical field as he does.

We have had a few personal difficulties though. Our cleaning lady just called to say she's now working from home. She will be sending us instructions on what to do.

For myself it has been really embarrassing. To go to the supermarket I was told that a mask and gloves would be good enough. It was a lie, everybody else had clothes on.

Seriously of course I hope you are all playing by the rules and as boring as it might be the wartime message of **keep calm and carry on** seems very appropriate.

There are a few idiots around aren't there, but generally community spirit is high and most people are doing as they are told. Around where I live it's like a ghost town. It is so quiet we can hear the birds singing.

Keep smiling and hope to see you when normal proceedings resume.

Love and best wishes Brian and Pat

Rehearsals

Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday
8pm—9.45pm

B Band

- Fridays
7.00pm—9.00pm
- Sundays
10.30am—12noon

Training Band

- Saturday Morning
10.30am—11.30am
- Website

www.cliftonband.co.uk



Pictures from Huddersfield Town Hall at the Regional Qualifying Rounds for the National Brass Band Championships



Above-Senior Band with John at the helm



Yorkshire Flag in the Town Hall



Above-B Band competing with Mick Silson at the helm



Our friends from the West Yorkshire Police band who were kind enough to help out with our B Band.

Thanks to Ruth, David, Lois, Paul and Dean

Disappointing result for both bands at the area contest. After lots of hard work by everyone at rehearsals both bands performed well on the day but did not catch the attention of the adjudicators. However, we will stay in our respective divisions and will try again next year. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

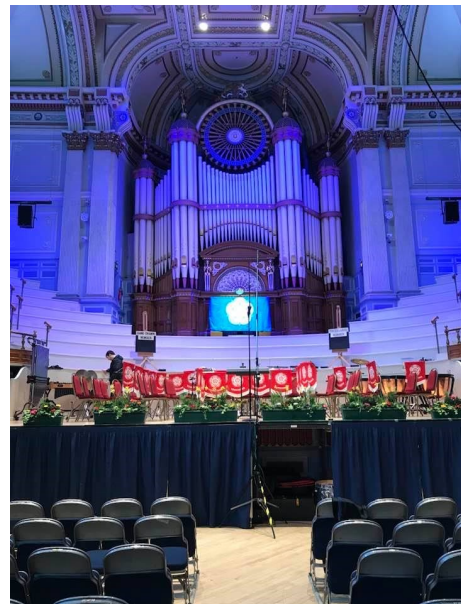
Concert cancellations

At the start of 2020 we had lots of concerts booked and our own Annual Concert which is due to take place on the 11th July is in the planning stage, but in view of the very difficult times with the Corona-virus pandemic nearly all the organisers have cancelled or postponed concerts well into the year.

I have listed on the back page our concerts still booked however these are being regularly reviewed and I will keep you informed via our band web-site of any alterations to these planned events.

We hope you all showed your appreciation to all our very hard working NHS staff with the applause the other evening. We had a very special thank you from our cornet player Stewart Swallow pictured below, who took to his cornet and gave a short rendition of Over the Rainbow.

Lovely gesture Stewart thank you and well played.



What a team



A couple of days ago I came across this poem written by Gareth Proctor which I felt was so true for all of us who have this wonderful hobby. I messaged Gareth and asked him if I could publish it in our newsletter and he was pleased that it would be shared. Thank you Gareth.

Going down t'band

You're going down t'band tonight, was what I heard dad say;
You're nearly 8 years old now lad it's time ya learnt to play.
So off I went all nervous like, not knowing what to do, I'd like to play the tenor horn, but the cornets alright too.
It doesn't matter what you choose, let's see if you can play;
Ya might end up on't big bass drum, if conductor let's you stay.
I tried trombone but that were hard, my arms weren't long enough;
And as for bass well that didn't work, I just didn't have the puff!
I'm playing on't cornet just now sat next to a chap called Jim;
He's really old, about 35, but I've learnt a lot from him.
It's Area contest pretty soon and I know I'll do my best;
But the piece is really really hard and its my first contest.
Up early and off t' contest and a practice before we start;
Then off we go, we're all on stage, I can hear my beating heart.
We won third prize in section 4 so we're off t' London now;
I really like this banding lark and ya get to take a bow.
Whit Friday is the best day yet, the crowds are everywhere,
Jump off the coach and play a march, back on no time to spare.
We're aiming to do 7 but we've only managed 2,
The traffic today is really bad and there's still a lot to do
I've moved onto soprano now and it's really pretty good,
My dad thought I should try it and I guess he knew I would.
At times it can be scary, cause your up there really high, but when its good, it's brilliant and you feel like you can fly.
Good friends, great times, great music and a pint or two as well,
Just talk to any bandsman and they'll have a tale to tell.
Memories of those great days out, of contests won and lost;
Of friends no longer with us, that's what we talk of most
I'm glad I went t' band room, years ago when I was 8;
Cause playing in a good brass band is something really great;

Patron Mr John Dickinson

We are sorry to report the death of John Dickinson on 11th March. John had been a patron of the band for a number of years, he was a great supporter of our fund raising events and concerts. He had been quite ill for a while and we send our condolences to his family.

Interesting and Humorous Memories

As records are lost over the passage of time articles from the local newspapers are invaluable when looking back at the history of the band. The following is taken from the Brighthouse Echo 31st May 1946

With conductor Mr Fred Berry, the years preceding the band's greatest contest triumphs were indeed very successful.

In 1910 saw the band's success at Crystal Palace in the eleventh Great National Band Festival.

At this time the Palace, which was opened in 1854, was in all its glory with 200 acres of park and gardens and all the well-known amusements.

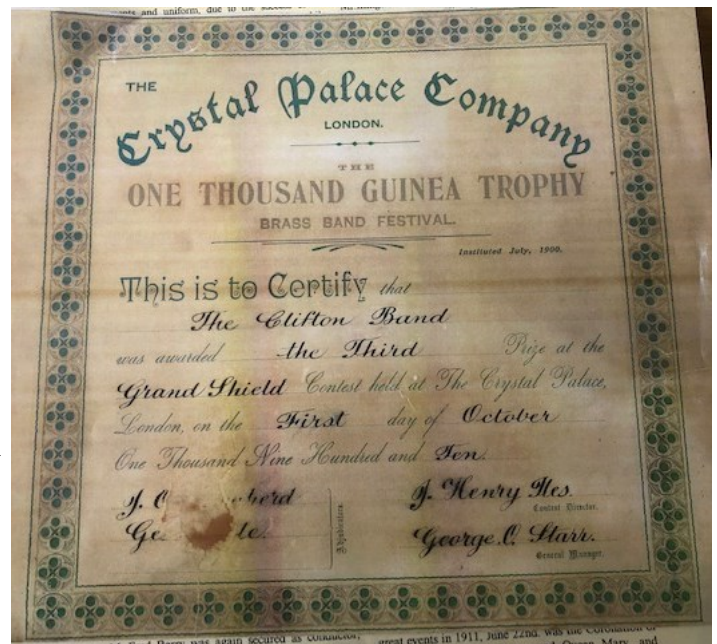
Saturday, 1st October 1910 was a great day for the band members and the many supporters who travelled with them all paid their own expenses. At Leicester station, Mr Jack Brearley inquired from a porter how far it was to London. The answer 60 miles, but when Mr. Brearley asked, "How far have we come?" the answer was not civil and ended "How the deuce do I know where you have come from?"

Then the marvellous amusements at the Palace were enjoyed by all. The distorted mirrors, electric stairway, helter skelter, sea trip through the Bay of Naples, the Egyptian Court, the different Colonial Houses, the various sculptural halls, as well as the Siege of Paris and the exhibition of Old London, comprising old streets and buildings, also instruments of torture and relics of olden times. Then there was the flying machine, miniature railway, Canadian spiral and the world-famed collection of antediluvian animals, also the old English fair, boating, boxing, etc.

As you can imagine in 1910 these would have been very strange sights to behold.

In the evening in the Great Hall, the Palace by the way was built in the shape of a huge cross, was the massed bands concert, under the baton of that old veteran who has devoted his life to brass band, Mr J Henry Iles, O.B.E. In the contest for the Grand Shield 24 bands participated and the test-piece was the selection "Crispino" by Ricci. Clifton band, conductor Fred Berry, were drawn number 19 with Messrs. Joseph Owen Shepherd who was Musical Director of the Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool and George Towle being the adjudicators, their decision was;

- 1st Skiningrove Silver
- 2nd Birmingham City
- 3rd Clifton
- 4th Irwell Old
- 5th Clown Silver



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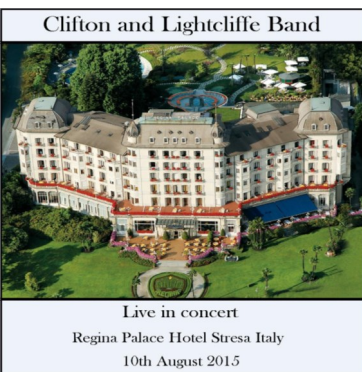
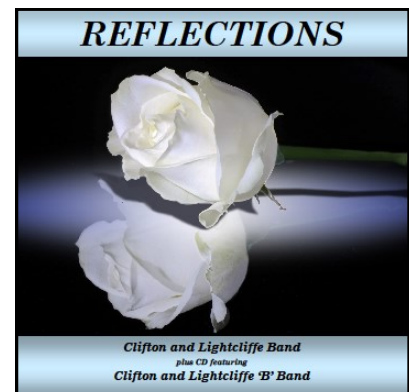
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Our CD's can now be purchased on line. Visit our web-site www.cliftonband.co.uk



CD's for Sale

All our CD's are priced at £5.00 each and include a wide selection of music, Reflections has two CD's and features both our bands, and the latest one is Live in Concert which was recorded on our very successful tour to Italy in 2015. All CD's are available at our concerts, on line or by contacting the band secretary Jane Clay 07990633320.

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.

We are looking to recruit new members. We have instruments available.



Contact Secretary Jane Clay for more details 01422 201875

Vacancies

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

If anyone is interested do come along either Friday evenings 7.00pm or Sunday mornings 10.30am we will be very pleased to see you.

Our Senior band requires Percussion players

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Don't forget to return your Instrument list forms to me as per my email. I need to bring the list up to date for the insurance.

Even if you have your own instrument let me know. I don't need the details of your own instrument but I need to know about any other equipment you have i.e uniform, mutes, mouthpieces, lyres and cases.

You can also transfer your subscriptions for 2020 and any 100 club money through the bank account details I sent in the last email.

10 quick-fire quiz questions to test your brass band knowledge

1. Harry Mortimer was born in Hebden Bridge on April 10th, 1892, 1902 or 1922?
2. Who am I ... Born in Lincoln in 1909 and died in Tintagel aged 60... was commissioned by the Daily Herald to write his first major work for brass bands in 1960.. adjudicator at the British Open Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1969 but had to retire midway through the contest due to his health... wrote works including Centenary March, Portuguese Party and Simon Called Peter.
3. Peter Yorks test piece 'The Ship Builders' has four movements. How many can you name (point for each correct answer)?
4. Who was the first brass band to perform in the State Rooms of The Speaker of the House of Commons on 5th July 2018 and why?
5. Cubbington Silver band, conducted by Mark Phillips, currently compete in the third section of the Midlands Area but which county do they reside in?
6. Who composed 'little suite for Brass No1 Opus 80' which has three movements *Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo*?
7. In 2017 who came next in this list... Ian Porthouse, Dr. Robert Childs, Alan Withington, Ian Porthouse, Prof. Nicholas Childs, Dr. Robert Childs, Philip Harper.....?
8. Who is the Black Dyke Band's current principal tenor horn player?
9. Where would you find the three R's – Resilience, Romance, and Relaxation?
10. *Zimba Zamba* by Goff Richards is a piece written for which instrument?



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We have lots of fundraising ideas, and easy ways for you to raise donations, and it doesn't cost you a penny extra to shop online via easyfundraising! So take advantage of this fantastic fundraising idea, and raise money easily and quickly by joining the thousands already using easyfundraising.org.uk.

The band is signed up for easyfundraising.org.uk so please read below how it works. This is now starting to raise the band some funds so please support us by shopping on line with easyfundraising.org.uk

1. Start at easyfundraising

Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com, you go to easyfundraising.org.uk first - or you can use the easyfundraising toolbar.

2. Make a purchase

You click from the easyfundraising website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly.

3. Get a donation

After you buy your shoes, John Lewis will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for your good cause. easyfundraising collect this and send it on at no extra cost.

Here is a word search to help pass the time during our staying at home time.

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Fund raising for 2020

As we will have probably lost around 50% of our concerts which means 50% of our income we need to think about raising funds as the year progresses.

One thing which was suggested to me by Mick Silson was to produce another band recipe booklet. It will be around 10 years since the last one which was called My Favourite Things, I am sure some of you will remember it.

We asked our members, patrons and supporters to send us their favourite recipe, it can be something very simple or complicated what ever you like best.

These can be put together into a booklet and sold though-out the year at our concerts.

Fancy having a go? Just send me your recipes and we will do the rest.

One of my favourites last time was done by one of Mick's sons

Noodle de'la Pot. Ingredients 1 x pot noodle—Method Add boiling water stir and eat.....



Proceeds go to the Clifton and Lightcliffe Brass Band

ENGAGEMENTS 2020

SENIOR BAND

MAY

Saturday 16th Rodley Ecumenical Church 7.30pm

JUNE

Sunday 7th Pudsey St Lawrence Cricket Club Afternoon

JULY

Saturday 11th Annual Concert St Martins Church Brighouse 7.15pm

Saturday 18th Moravian Church Bailiff Bridge 7.15pm

AUGUST

Sunday 30th Pudsey Park Leeds 2.00pm

B BAND

JUNE

Saturday 13th Scholes Church Gala Afternoon

JULY

Saturday 4th Wibsey Methodist Church 2.00pm

Saturday 11th Annual Concert St Martins Church Brighouse 7.15pm

Sunday 19th Oxenhope Vintage Train Afternoon 1.00pm

Saturday 25th Upper Hopton Gala Afternoon

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd Canal Gardens Leeds 2.00pm

