

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to our June Edition of our newsletter ~

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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

Life in Lockdown

This is a short edition of our newsletter as we are all still in lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The band has not rehearsed or performed at any concerts since the middle of March as all concerts are either cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future.

We are managing to keep in touch with our members with WhatsApp groups and zoom.

Quite a number of the band played regularly to support the NHS and key workers with the Thursday night clap as have many bandsmen and women all over the country. On Sunday evenings it has now become a regular quiz night via zoom and it provides a good opportunity for us to see each other and chat about what we have all been up to and who is back working.

I was surprised and delighted when on 25th May which was my birthday a group from both bands turned up in our front garden and driveway (social distancing of course) to play happy birthday and a few other pieces including John playing My Love is like a Red Red Rose, which not only saw me but also our neighbour with a tear in their eye.

It was a lovely gesture organised by Pam Lumb and Mick Silson. The band gathered quite a crowd of neighbours and people out on their daily exercise, I was hoping we would not attract too much attention as we were obviously in lockdown. A police car did drive past at one point, a couple of us saw it and Tracey Shaw said she expected it to come back but it did not. Phew!!

Thank you all for a lovely thought and a most memorable birthday surprise.





Birthday
 Surprise
 Thank
 you



Memories of the past—Sunny Bunces

As we all know brass bands have been a part of British life for many years and particularly in times gone by, playing in the parks around the country. Our band was and still is no different, I have found quite a few interesting pieces and pictures of when the band played in and around the local area.

One such place was Sunny Vale Pleasure Gardens which was opened at Hipperholme near Halifax in 1883. The gardens were owned by Joseph Bunce who came from London in 1874 hoping to set up a market garden, he married Sarah a Yorkshire girl in 1876. They lived at Wood Bottom Farm and would have tables and chairs outside to serve refreshments to walkers who would be passing the farm. This grew to be very popular and Joseph decided he would also give boat rides on a lake nearby and have swings for the children.

In 1883 he purchased more land and the site was enlarged. He decided to open the Sunny Vale Pleasure Gardens where people could come and enjoy lots of activities including a helter-skelter, maze, miniature railway which would give rides, boating on two lakes, roller skating and of course afternoon and evening concerts as well as music for dancing in the popular dance hall which was originally the tea room and seated over 1,000 people. The gardens which became known as Sunny Bunces grew to be very popular in the late 1800 and early 1900's and was known to attract over 100,000 visitors each year. The gardens remained popular up until the second world war but then saw a decline in visitors as travel was much easier and the sea side venues such as Blackpool became the places to go.

Joseph Bunce died in 1918 and is buried in Brighouse Cemetery along with members of his family and sadly nothing now remains of the gardens, although you can still walk around the area.

The pictures opposite gives an idea of the events taking place, interesting to see the band providing music for open air dancing and I am sure the Parade of Bathing Belles was a great hit too.

AND
HOSPITALS COMMITTEE
 IN AID OF CHARITIES.
 GRAND
EVENING GALA
 8 to 11.
TUESDAY, JUNE 27th, 1933,
 AT
SUNNY VALE
 HIPPERHOLME.

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIONS.
 Double NON-STOP Programme, including
CLIFTON & LIGHTCLIFFE BAND
 for Open-Air Dancing 7 to 9-30 p.m.
REGATTA & WATER CARNIVAL
AQUATIC SPORTS
 8 to 9 p.m.
 For Entry Forms and List of Events, apply to J. Bunce & Sons, Sunny Vale.
PIERROT PAVILION, the Talented and Popular
CABARET ARTISTES
 A Riot of Fun and Frolic.
8 p.m. UNIQUE COMPETITION TO SELECT

The QUEEN
OF THE
LAKES.



PARADE OF BATHING BELLES.

Valuable Prizes.

Open to all Visitors in Nautical, Cruising, or Bathing Costume.
 Entries Free. For full particulars apply Sunny Vale.
 The Prizes will be awarded by the 1933 Brighouse Carnival Queen.

THE BROADWAY SYLVIAN'S DANCE BAND

SUNNY VALE
 HIPPERHOLME
 SUNDAY CONCERTS, 3 to 5 & 7 to 9.

SUNDAY, May 28th:
Brighouse & Rastrick

SUNDAY, June 4th:
King Cross

SUNDAY, June 11th:
Clifton & Lightcliffe

SUNDAY, June 18th:
D. Brown Tractors, Meltham

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th:
Sowerby Bridge Home Guard

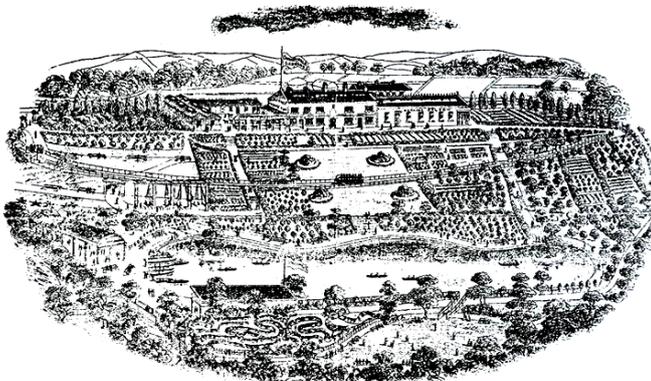
PIERROT PAVILION (Every Sunday), VARIETIES.
(SEE SPECIAL BILLS.)
 Grounds open 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

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THE ATTRACTIONS AND AMUSEMENTS include
 BANDS, GALAS, and Special Attractions on Saturdays and Holidays.

- MAPLE ROLLER RINK.
- BALLROOM.
- STEAMER.
- PONIES.
- DONKEYS.
- CHILDREN'S SWINGS.
- CHUTE RAILWAY.
- DISTORTING MIRRORS.



L. © SUNNYVALE GARDENS, HIPPERHOLME, 1933

- TWO FINE LAKES.
6 acres of water.
- 36 BOATS.
- MAZE.
- LARGE SWINGS.
- MINIATURE SHOOTING RANGE.
- CYCLE TRACK.
- HALL OF LAUGHTER.

20 Acres of Pleasure Grounds. Automatic Working Models and Machines.

Amusement Tickets, value 1d. each, 24 for 1/6.

Must be ordered previous to day of visit.

(AVAILABLE FOR ANY AMUSEMENT.)

Answers in red to last newsletter quiz

1. Harry Mortimer was born in Hebden Bridge on April 10th, 1892, 1902 or 1922? **1902**
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.
Gilbert Vinter
3. Peter Yorks test piece 'The Ship Builders' has four movements. How many can you name (point for each correct answer)? **Web of Steel—The Launching-All Hands at Work-Maiden Voyage**
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? **Tredegar Band following invitation for National Health 70th Anniversary**
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? **Warwickshire**
6. Who composed 'little suite for Brass No1 Opus 80' which has three movements *Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo*? **Sir Malcolm Arnold**
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.....? **Arsen Duc All successive winning conductors in the British open 2010 to 2017**
8. Who is the Black Dyke Band's current principal tenor horn player? **Siobhan Bates**
9. Where would you find the three R's – Resilience, Romance, and Relaxation? **Movements from Salute to Youth by Gilbert Vinter**
10. *Zimba Zamba* by Goff Richards is a piece written for which instrument? **Marimba**

Band Room Improvements

Over the last few weeks we have taken the opportunity to spruce up the band room, we have had a good tidy round and thrown away quite a bit of surplus paper and items which have been sitting around for ages.

We have also had some new security lights fitted outside and new LED lights inside which makes it look a lot brighter.

The music library and instruments store has also been sorted and a lot of new music catalogued.



Radio Interview

John received an email from Andrew Fake and Phil Driscoll who have a programme on East Leeds FM. Having seen and heard our lockdown virtual performances of Death or Glory and Hine e Hine they asked if they could feature one on their radio programme they are producing about what bands have been doing during the lockdown.

John immediately agreed and Saturday afternoon 13th June they set up a remote interview.

They asked John what the band had been up to during the last 3 months and were also interested in the bands long history saying they knew we had a strong organisation with two bands and were an old established band which had been around for a long time over 160 years and were well known in the banding movement.

John explained that we had been doing various things with quizzes, WhatsApp, NSH clapping etc and that we had recorded the two pieces with the help of Alex Smith who is our principal trombone player in the senior band and that we are fortunate to have Alex as he is quite a technical wiz. He is at present studying Music Technology at Huddersfield University and has done a fantastic job for the band.

Andrew told John they would feature Death or Glory as he knew we had taken part in quite a number of Brassed Off productions over the last 10 years.

As soon as a date for the transmission is sorted they will get in touch so we can let all the band know.

They also expressed a wish that when we are back at rehearsals they would like to come to the band room and record a rehearsal with interviews with the players to put on their weekly programme. John said he would be delighted to welcome them.

Hine e Hine



Death or Glory

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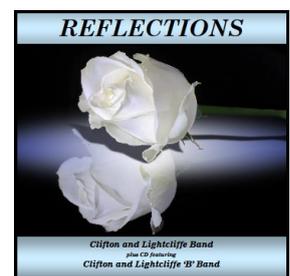
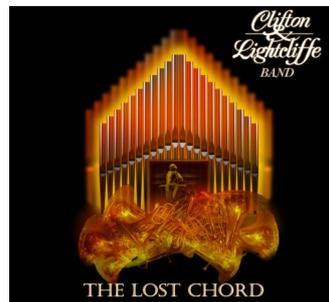
Patrons—Mrs Janet Bell, janetbell2008@hotmail.co.uk 32 Westroyd Avenue Hunsworth BD19 4DS

Please note Janet's new address from 20th June 2020

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, Spring and the Summer

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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SUNDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

Over the last few Sundays we have been holding a quiz via zoom. The prize for the winners is to run the quiz the week after. This is proving to be quite a successful venture and has an international appeal with a special friend from Italy taking part.

This week 21st June in third place was the Johnston family, followed in second place by the Crisp family and the winners by only one point is the Shaw family.

Well done to Cathy and Olivia for organising a great evening this week and we look forward to next Sunday.

Pam looks a bit scary in the middle !!

Anyone can join in just send me a message if you would like more details of how to join.

We also take the opportunity to draw the 125 club and the last three winners were Tracey Shaw, Janet Bell and Caroline Hoyle each winning £5.00.



ENGAGEMENTS 2020

THESE WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS WE
ARE ALLOWED TO START AGAIN

BELOW ARE THE ONES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN
CANCELLED OR POSTPONED.

SENIOR BAND

AUGUST

Sunday 30th Pudsey Park Leeds 2.00pm

AUGUST

Friday 11th St Martins Church Brighouse

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18th Flower Show Newby Hall 11.30 to 1.15pm

B BAND

JULY

Sunday 19th Oxenhope Vintage Train Afternoon 1.00pm

Saturday 25th Upper Hopton Gala Afternoon

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd Canal Gardens Leeds 2.00pm

Please note a new address for our Patrons administrator Mrs Janet Bell,
32 Westroyd Avenue, Hunsworth, Cleckheaton BD19 4DS



Clifton
&
Lightcliffe
BAND