

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to our Summer Edition of our newsletter ~

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Rehearsing again

Starting in late April we were able to start meeting again albeit outside in groups of six. As our band room is small we have been very fortunate in being offered a space at Wibsey Methodist Church, they have a large outside area and for four weekends we were able to get four groups of six at different times throughout Sunday afternoons.

From Thursday 20th May the rules allowed the full band to get together indoors at Wibsey Methodist in their large hall but with precautions in place such as social distancing, bell covers for our instruments and masks when not seated. It was amazing at the first rehearsals for both Senior and B Band to be together again and there were quite a few rusty players and sticking valves and slides amongst us.

Like most bands it will be a little while before we can get back into the band room, it seems chatting with a few of them they are using local church halls, community centres and even car parks (when the weather is fine) for the time being.

The first engagement for the senior band was on 20th June when we were invited to perform at the Piece Hall in Halifax with the Black Dyke Band.

Black Dyke had been awarded an grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund which has enabled them to set up a 'Bandstand Tour' where they are taking an ensemble from the band and giving performances of live music around Britain from Queensbury to Bournemouth over the next few weeks and inviting local bands to join them.

We were privileged to be invited to kick start their tour and join them in the Piece Hall. It was a super day and we followed Black Dyke on the stage, it felt a bit daunting but the band played really well and we received an enthusiastic applause from the large audience.

The next engagement our senior band has is at Pudsey Park on Sunday 22nd August between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

A full list of our engagements are on the back page of the newsletter and on our website www.cliftonband.co.uk we hope to see you at some of them.

Rehearsals

Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday
8pm—9.45pm

B Band

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

- Website

www.cliftonband.co.uk



A few pictures from the Piece Hall on Sunday 20th June 2021. Top Black Dyke Band, middle and bottom left Clifton and bottom right is our youngest supporter Wilbur having a lesson from his uncle Alex.



Brighouse Railway Station and the Band

You may remember in the last newsletter David Bedding Chairman of the Friends of Brighouse Railway Station did an article about the band having their own plaque displayed on the platform at the station. Late in May the plaque was positioned and David invited John and Brian to have their photograph taken along side it.

The plaque is prominently display in the middle of the platform and we are really grateful to the Friends for giving us this opportunity to tell people who we are and what we do.



FRIENDS OF BRIGHOUSE STATION

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

Information Boards

The 'Information Boards' on the platforms were researched, designed and produced by the Members of Friends of Brighouse Station. We hope that you find them interesting.

We were assisted in their production by: Brighouse Civic Society, Jane Clay, Anne Fletcher, Ann Kingstone, Rastrick Local History Group, Muriel Sugden and Paul Thompson.

The project funding was greatly helped by a grant from Community Rail Network.



Moravian Proms in the Paddock

Our first full evening concert since March 2020 was held on Saturday 24th July 2021 at the Moravian Church, Lower Wyke Lane, Bailiff Bridge. We have performed here for a number of years and were very disappointed that it had to be cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

The weather was very kind and well over 100 people attended bringing their picnics and flags for the singing at the end. Brian did his usual compering and it was great to hear his jokes again including some new ones. Our programme had some new items and ones we have not seen for quite a while including Send in the Clowns, Love changes everything, Prismatic Light, Singing in the Rain, and Jill Crisp played a lovely rendition on her Flugel horn of Rodrigo's Aranjuez better know from the Brass Off Film as Orange Juice. We finished with the Proms favourites Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance with lots of flag waving from the audience.

Thanks to Diane Thornton for inviting us and we look forward to performing again next year.



The next engagement was for our B Band in Pudsey Park on Sunday 25th where again there was a large audience. This was the first time the band had played for well over 12 months and they were very well received.



Yorkshire Day

We all like to celebrate Yorkshire Day but where did it come from? Well after some searching around I found out it alludes to the regimental anniversary of the Battle of Minden on the 1st of August 1759. The Light Infantry, successors to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry wore wild roses in their headdresses.

To celebrate the day from then on they wore white roses.



It is also tradition to do strange things on Yorkshire Day like welly wanging, ferret racing and flat cap throwing. It is also very important to read out the Yorkshire declaration usually by the town crier as follows:

That Yorkshire is three Ridings and the City of York within these boundaries of one thousand, one hundred and thirty nine years standing;

That the address of all these places in these Ridings is Yorkshire;

That all persons born therein or resident therein and loyal to the Ridings are Yorkshire men and women;

That any person or corporate body which deliberately ignores or denies the aforementioned shall forfeit all claim to Yorkshire status. **YORKSHIRE FOREVER! GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**

This was read out by the Halifax town crier Les Cutts at the Piece Hall after which the band started the days proceedings with verses of On Ilkley Moor Bar t'At and other Yorkshire tunes.



New CD

Each year at our Christmas concerts we are always asked if we have a Christmas CD and each year we say no but hopefully we will have one next year.

As our concerts are starting to feed through slowly include a number at Christmas we thought this is a good time to record a CD. We will do the recording on the 1st and 2nd October at the Brighthouse and Rastrick Bandroom. At the moment John is putting together a selection of Christmas music which we have started rehearsing. It seems really strange playing Christmas music in August! We will also be featuring our B Band on the CD and Mick is busy sorting some pieces for them.

It is hoped it will be ready during November and will be advertised on our web-site and in a news flash to our patrons so keep a look out.



Top left Jill Being presented with a white rose after her solo at the Piece Hall. Below left 'B' Band rehearsing at Wibsey Methodist Church we are really grateful to Richard Sheard for allowing us to be there.



Vacancies

We are needing Cornets Euphonium and Bb Bass 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 a couple of Cornets, 2nd Trombone and Percussion players
Contact Jane if you are interested 07990633320

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PATRONS

We have around 60 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.

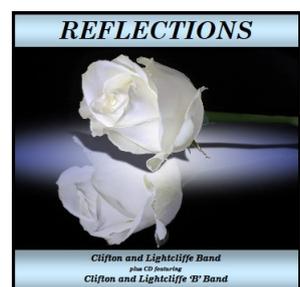
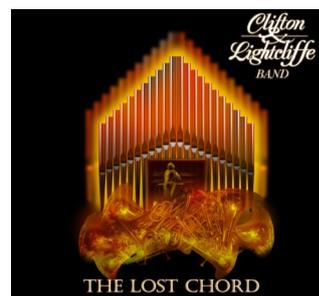
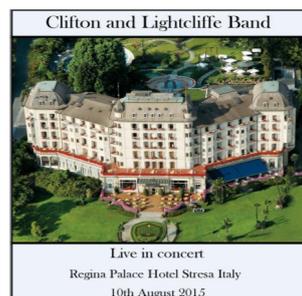
Numbers are 25p each per week to purchase and a £5.00 weekly draw takes place plus three times a year a prize of £50.00 is given at Christmas, Spring and the Summer

If you would like to join please contact either Helen Woodcock or Jane Clay for more details.

125 Club Draw

CD's for Sale

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. They are available at our concerts, on line or by contacting the band secretary Jane Clay 07990633320.



ENGAGEMENTS 2021

DATES RECEIVED SO FAR HOWEVER THESE COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE GOVERNMENT RULES

SENIOR BAND

AUGUST

Sunday 22nd Pudsey Park 2.30pm—4.30pm
 Sunday 29th Filey Bandstand 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 11th Lightcliffe Cricket Club Fun Day and Proms Concert

OCTOBER

Friday 1st & Sat 2nd CD Recording West Ridings Brighouse

B BAND

OCTOBER

Friday 1st & Sat 2nd CD Recording West Ridings Brighouse

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