

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to the Winter Edition of our newsletter ~

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Annual Concert

Once again the Association held its Annual Concert in the Central Methodist Church Brighouse on Saturday evening 15th October.

Following a number of requests we engaged the services of the Singing Cabaret Group 'Encore' once again and the title of the concert was 'Curtain Up' featuring music from stage and film.

The Church was very well attended with an enthusiastic audience including the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale Howard Blagborough who interestingly was a member of our B Band as a very young man playing the Baritone a number of years ago.

The evening opened with the senior band playing the march West Riding this was followed by Cartoon Classics and featured our own Jonathan on percussion as 'porky pig' and his catch phrase 'th th th thats all folks'

The senior band during 2016 took part in two productions of Brassed Off and one of the items in the play is Concerto Di Aranjuez or as it is known Concerto Di Orange Juice which is played on the flugel horn. Jill Crisp our flugel horn player gave a lovely rendition which was really appreciated by the audience.

Jill played the piece in the two productions but goes unrecognised as the actor playing the part of Gloria and miming the solo is the one who takes the applause. The senior band finished their section with the selection Disney Fantasy.

'Encore' then took the stage with four numbers Music by John Mills, Mr Blue Sky, Lean on Me and The Power of Love complete with some excellent choreography.

Before the interval it was the turn of our B Band. They played a rousing opener by Alan Fernie called Prismatic Light, this was followed by the Andante from the Clarinet Concerto by Mozart which was used in the film Out of Africa. Their final item in this section was ABBA Gold with songs made famous by the iconic group.

After the interval with everyone was suitably refreshed we commenced the second half. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking our brilliant volunteers in the kitchen who did a fantastic job throughout a manic 20 minutes dishing up tea and coffee. Great job thank you.

Rehearsals

Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday
8pm—9.45pm

B Band

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

Website

www.cliftonband.co.uk

Annual Concert

To start the second half both bands joined forces to play the march Death or Glory which again was from the film *Brassed Off*. The B Band then went on with *Memory* from *Cats*, the theme tune from *Shrek* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark* which was voted No 2 of the best 500 films released.

'Encore' then sang another selection of songs including a medley from *Jersey Boys* and finished off with *Do you hear the people sing* from *Les Miserables*. Finally our senior band finished the concert off with a selection of items including *76 Trombones*, *I will Follow Him* from *Sister Act*, Glenn Miller's *In the Mood* and *My Fair Lady*.

I think we can say that the programme included something for everyone. We would like to thank 'Encore' for being with us again, also we must not forget our fantastic compere Brian Nicholson who does a brilliant job entertaining the audience in between numbers. We need to find him some new jokes now as we keep hearing the same ones each time so remember when you pull your Christmas cracker save the little piece of paper inside for Brian! Finally thank you to everyone who attended we hope you enjoyed the concert and look forward to seeing you again next year.





David Horsfield

We are very sad to report that on the 18th October David sadly passed away after a brave battle against cancer. David 73 had been a loyal supporter of the band starting his playing career with us as a 10 year old cornet player. He quickly progressed and at the age of 13 joined Brighouse and Rastrick Band eventually promoted to Principal Cornet when he was only 16. He later moved on to Black Dyke and eventually joined with James Shepherd in forming Versatile Brass. He was also a member of the Brighouse Lions and was responsible for starting the highly popular Brighouse March and Hymn Competition held each year in July. David was also a well respected adjudicator as well as being the founder of Kirklees Music based in his home village Bailiff Bridge.



In later years David returned to Clifton and Lightcliffe and supported the cornet players in our B Band passing on his knowledge to our more inexperienced players. He was also a Trustee of the band. He will be sadly missed by his family as well as all those who knew him.

Helen Silson

We are also sad to report the passing of Helen Silson on 2nd December. Helen was a super girl who along with her husband Mick brought up 4 great lads, three of who played in the band. Tom on Euphonium along with Joe and Robbie on Percussion. We met Helen through her father Jim Shepherd who introduced them to the band. Helen also played cornet. They live in Northowram where Helen ran the newsagents shop and also played a major part in the community life of the village.

Our thoughts go to all the members of her family at this very sad time.



B Band 40th Birthday

In 1977 John decided to give the younger members of the senior band extra tuition on a Saturday morning. This proved to be successful and as the four original members brought their friends along to play the Clifton and Lightcliffe Junior band was born. Next year in 2017 we will be 40 years old and over the years the Junior band has continued to thrive providing tuition to hundreds of young people.

Around 5 years ago we were finding more and more adults mainly parents at that time wanting to learn so we decided to change the name of the band to Clifton and Lightcliffe B Band. We will be celebrating the anniversary with a re-union of as many past and present members we can find. A date will be fixed shortly and will be towards the end of September. If you know of any past members who would like to join us for the celebration please pass on their details and I will be happy to contact them.

The current B Band will also be playing a short concert and who knows there maybe a spare instrument for you to have another go.

More details will be given out in the next newsletter.



I was given this poem which was sent to our friends at the Golden State British Brass Band in California and I thought how true this is for all dedicated bandsmen and women around the world.

My Pride and Joy

I could be in my garden now, a place that's hard to beat
Where all my peas and runner beans are coming on a treat
Instead you'll find me in the park and oh the feelings grand
For I am the luckiest person alive, the leader of the band
The Trumpets glitter in the sun as if they're purest gold
As we give each tune full measure, be it new or be it old
From rousing Sousa marches—how they thrill one through and through—To the work of old George
Gershwin with his Rhapsody in Blue
And every bandsman is a friend, I'm sure they'd all agree
For we always meet, and always will, in perfect harmony
There's folk who come with weary eyes, perhaps a secret woe
To listen to our melodies. Well, they're smiling when they go!
So come on band, let's fill the air with joy this lovely day
To me its heaven here on earth when we begin to play
And later on, when evening falls and everyone's gone home
I hear far off upon the breeze, as I stand there all alone
The strains of 'proper' music from the bands of long ago
Or perhaps from players yet to come, young folk I'll never know
And it cheers my heart to think as I walk homeward in the dark
That there'll always be a band in our bandstand in the park.

Ready to go on stage for another 'Brassed Off' production at the Karla Sangam Theatre Bradford



B Band at the Pogson Bray Contest 16th October 2016 at Berties Elland.

Pogson Bray Entertainment Contest is held annually at Berties in Elland. It is well managed and runs like clockwork throughout the day. This year once again it was the day after our Annual Concert at Central Methodist Church in Brighouse, this enabled us to run our programme out the night before the contest in front of an audience.

The contest is pre-drawn and we played the number two band of the day. We are each given a yellow card (nothing to do with football!) to be able to compete as there is a limit on the number of players allowed on stage, there is also a time limit of 20 minutes and if you go over you receive a time penalties which will deduct points from your total at the end.

One or two of our Band were late due to the bridge at Elland still out of action after last year's Boxing Day floods as well as that we had lost music, swapping of ties, white socks instead of black, just the usual stuff! But all rectified and we were ready to entertain, we lined up to go into the main hall, down the stairs and across the annex handing in our yellow cards and there we were on the stage.

There was a good sized audience in the hall who had 10 bands to listen to all with a variety of different programmes. Prismatic Light was our opener a great rousing start and one which we enjoy playing, we then played a selection of ABBA songs, Memory from Cats, the Andante from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, and finished off with Death or Glory which featured in the film Brassed Off.

It's quite unusual to be able to see the adjudicator (David Hirst) who is usually hidden away at brass band contests but he was sat in the balcony watching and listening intently to us.

We thought we had played very well and the timing was within the limit. Up we got to go on the one way system which keeps the contest moving swiftly. Out into the rain and back into the room to put our instruments away.

We were placed 6th overall which was very respectable, and an improvement on our 7th placing last year, we also received a trophy and £100 cheque for being the best 3rd Section band not in the main prizes. We were competing with bands both above and below us in the rankings. So all in all a good result and a good day for the band.

Congratulations to Slaithwaite Band who were first with Horbury in second place.

I wonder whether the date for the Pogson Bray Contest will always be the day after our annual concert. I think Jane is trying to keep us away from the pub the evening before as most of the B Band are now over 18 years old. We could do with some younger players to bring the average age down so if you are interested in joining come and have a look at us.

Julie Thornton Age 21 and a bit !!



Annual General Meeting

The band held their AGM on Tuesday 4th October at the bandroom. It was reported that both bands had progressed over the year. Although not doing well at the Area contest in March on the concert platform we had both done well, with lots of bookings coming in for 2017. The bands finances are also healthy due to the hard work of the members fundraising over the year.

Officers elected are:

President—Brian Nicholson

Chairman—Martin Horsfield

Secretary—Jane Clay

Assistant Secretary—Janet Bell

Treasurer—Graham Cass

Vice Presidents—Adrian Denham, Roger Whittaker, Liz Sharp, Susan Broughton

Trustees—Graham Cass, John Clay, David Horsfield. Due to the retirement of Adrian Denham we have appointed a new trustee David Whitehead.

Librarian—Stephen White

Assistant Librarian—Anne Schofield

Fund Raising—Julie Thornton, Julia Wood and Frances Rogers

Patrons—Janet Bell

125 Club—Helen Woodcock

Child Protection/Safeguarding—Janet Bell, Jonathan Armitage

Committee—Andy Shaw, Tracey Shaw, John Clay, Karen Williams Stewart Swallow Rebecca Long

Auditors—Sub-Lime Business Solutions Ltd.

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



CONTACTS

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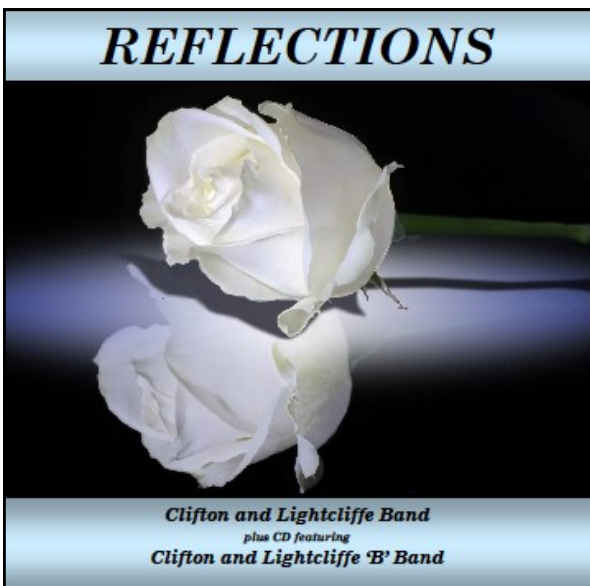
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CD's for Sale

The two top 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 our newest is Live in Concert which was recorded on our very successful tour to Italy August 2015 is priced at £7.50 each. All CD's are available at our concerts or by contacting the band secretary

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 quarterly newsletter 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 opposite, or ring the Secretary Jane Clay.

On the move

This time we say a warm welcome to Nicky Jeffries on cornet in the senior band. Nicky played with the band a number of years ago and its great to see her back in the fold.

Our B Band say hello and welcome to Jan Hobbins and Lucy Thornton on cornet. We still need cornet players so let me know if you would like to come along.



B Band Vacancies: Cornet players and Kit player

Senior Band Vacancies: Kit player

Congratulations

We are always pleased to report on the successes of our members not only musically but in other fields too and in this issue we want to mention three of our B Band members.

Horn player Jasmine Thompson gained a Merit in her Grade 6 Music Theory exam Sister Krystal Trombone player gained a Pass also in her Grade 6 Music Theory exam. Very well done to them both,

Away from music 12 year old Steph White who plays cornet in the B Band is a very keen horse rider and spends every spare moment when she is not playing her cornet grooming and riding horses.

Recently she won a 1st prize in the 'Cob' class on her mount Henri. Steph tells us there are two types of riding competition, a riding and an inhand where she has to lead the horse around the arena making sure both she and the horse are in sync all the time. She has to spend a lot of time grooming and cleaning the tack before the show to make sure they look their best. Well done Steph !



Wibsey Concert

Saturday 29th November the senior band appeared once more at Wibsey Methodist Church for a 2.00pm concert, we were all a bit worried this year as in the morning the snow started to fall and continued throughout the day. Would anyone come? Would all the band make it? No need to worry we were all ready to go on time and although numbers were down slightly on the usually capacity audience everyone seemed to enjoy the selection of music we provided.

After the concert there was the usual wonderful tea of sandwiches and cakes for everyone provided by the church members. Thank you for a lovely afternoon.

We were back again in December for their carol service this time with our B Band who provided the music for the carol singing and also a short concert afterwards.

Unfortunately our Musical Director John was not well and had to pull out of the service at the last minute. David Crisp our senior band Principal cornet very kindly stepped in and took over the task.

I am told on good authority that he did a brilliant job and John is very grateful to him for his help.

We are lucky to have the services of a talented team.

Fortunately John is well again now and after Christmas will be back at the helm.

Both our bands will be back at Wibsey next year. The senior band have been asked to put on a Proms Concert on Saturday 1st July as well as our Autumn concert on Saturday 18th November and our B Band will once again be playing for the Carol Service on Sunday 10th December so make a note in your diaries and come along to the church.





Happy Christmas. A peaceful and prosperous New Year to you all

ENGAGEMENTS

SENIOR BAND

2017

FEBRUARY

Saturday 4th

Hoyle Court Baildon Evening Concert

MARCH

Saturday 4th

Area Contest Huddersfield Town Hall All Day

Sunday 12th

St Patricks Day Parade Leeds 11.00am

Friday 17th

Craiglands Hotel Ilkley evening concert

APRIL

Saturday 22nd

Bailiff Bridge Community Centre (Private Function)

Saturday 29th

Cleckheaton Town Hall

MAY

Saturday 6th

Ilkley Bandstand 2.00pm

Saturday 13th

Presentation Evening Crow Nest Golf Club

JUNE

Saturday 17th

Ecumenical Church Rodley Evening Concert

Saturday 24th

Brighouse Gala

B BAND

MARCH

Saturday 4th

Area Contest Huddersfield Town Hall All Day

JUNE

Saturday 24th

Brighouse Gala

JULY

Saturday 29th

Upper Hopton Gala

