

The Silver Prize

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Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



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Band Room News

Fred Aram

Our vice-president and life member Fred Aram sadly died on 6th July after a long illness. Fred originally joined the band as a beginner in 2010, progressing through the training band to contesting with our senior band in 2018 before he first became ill.

The band was privileged to play at his funeral on 29th July. We send our condolences to Mave, his daughters Jo and Julie, and his grandchildren.

Ian & Debi

The band sends their condolences to Ian Peberday upon the loss of his mother on the 14th October, and to Debi Wale, whose mother died on the 18th.

Bring a Friend to Band

Our “bring a friend to band” evening was a resounding success with around twenty new players joining us, taking out total band membership to ninety-eight players.

Heather

Congratulations to Heather in our training band who received a distinction in her grade 3 cornet examination.

Dan Rigley

Congratulations to Dan, whom the training band has appointed to be their band sergeant.

Team Measures

Congratulations to Sarah on winning her championship at the Tonfanau at the bank holiday. After her biggest ever margin of victory in her first race, a DNF in the second put her championship in doubt, but quicker spanner work by Beardy Stu sorted the problem in time for Sarah to secure a second victory and this year's championship (over three race meetings of three races each).

Sarah then followed this up winning all her four races at Cadwell to take the overall British Historic Racing class championship in her class: the first time she has won both championships in the same year.

Congratulations also to Ben on winning his class on the day at Tonfanau; his two second places to Sarah and a win being sufficient to edge Sarah's two wins. Ben also finished runner-up in the overall championship: the first Team Measures 1, 2, quickly followed up at Cadwell, where Ben finished runners-up to Sarah in the BHR championship as well for another Team Measures 1, 2!



Rob Burrows

Rob Burrows has decided to leave us after 20 years to contest with Newstead Brass. We wish him all the best for the future, and we will still see him at most of our concerts until Christmas. To make sure that he remains sufficiently challenged in his playing, he has decided to join our training band!

Keith

Keith has decided to step back from full-time banding at present due to work and caring commitments. Keith will, of course, always be welcome to come to our rehearsals and band jobs when he can (he has still done most of them since he "stepped back"!), and we look forward to him returning full-time sometime in the future.

Kate Nelson

Congratulations to Kate, who is the latest player to move up from our beginners' groups to 2nd baritone in the training band.

Red Cross

Our free concert for the Red Cross, with the Major Oak Chorus, raised £1,950.

Ockbrook Big Band Christmas Dance

The Ockbrook Big Band are holding a Christmas dance at the Soldiers and Sailors on Sunday 22nd December from 8 p.m. Our band provides the entire trumpet section: Sharon, Dave (our former Flugel player), Roy, and Elaine.

Please see Rob for tickets (£3 each) if you are interested in coming for a fun band night out (Sharon will be telling a new set of “family-friendly” jokes and the dancing is optional).

Vacancies

The training band continues to welcome all players, but especially trombone and bass players, if you have any friends who would like to join us. We offer a free loan of an instrument and music, and for those who have not played before, free tuition in our beginners’ groups.

PayPal and Card Reader

The band has set up a PayPal account for those of you who wish to contribute voluntary subscriptions and to the tea club. Payments can be sent to robert@lespb.org.uk (the PayPal account is directly linked to our band account). If you do make voluntary subscriptions in this way, please let Rob know so that we include you on our scratch cards. Rob also has a card reader for those of you who may wish to contribute this way (or pay for CDs). Cash is also still acceptable: it is commission free!

Scratch Cards

The band runs a scratch card (£1 a go) every Monday (for the training band and beginners’ group) and Wednesday (for the senior band). Please see Richard (Mondays) or Ian (Wednesdays) after rehearsal. Whilst this is entirely voluntary; please consider having a go, if not every week, then perhaps once every month. We do have standing order forms available in the band room if you would rather contribute that way, or you could set up a standing order online if you wish (or pay by credit card or PayPal). Please remember to let Rob know, so that you are still entered on the scratch card every week! And if you do not want to “gamble”, please just donate!

Notes from the Musical Director



Thank you to everyone who played at Fred's funeral in July. It was an emotional day: Fred had been a valued member of our band for 14 years, and even when was no longer able to play with us, continued to actively support the band at the concerts, selling lots of tickets and CDs (most of his nurses have a copy!). The band played really well for Fred and gave him the send-off that he had planned (Fred chose every piece that we played at his funeral).

Thank you to Lewis, James, and Carl for conducting the band whilst I was on holiday during the summer. I received lots of positive feedback, especially about Lewis, which

resulted in an excellent concert in August on West Park. Thank you also to all our depts, including a full dep bass section of five, which included two from our training band. In one of our warmest concerts in recent history, we had an audience of around six hundred on the park: one of the best, if not our best audience, since I returned to the band in 2000.

With Rob Burrows leaving, Keith having to step back from full-time banding, and us still having a solo euphonium vacancy, I have decided to ask players to move places and then promote from our training band to fill our gaps. With so many promising players now in our training band, I am also reverting to our old custom of playing additional players so that they can gain experience in the senior band. In summary, Tracy has moved from 2nd cornet to front row, Elaine from 3rd to 2nd cornet and Becky has moved up from the training band to 3rd cornet to join Ian and Henry. Debbie has moved up to solo euphonium with Rob taking her former seat on 2nd, whilst Nikki is also moving up from training band to join Heather on 2nd baritone. We also welcome Freddy to the band on bass trombone. This takes us to a total of twenty-nine brass players in our senior band with only the basses not having an extra player in their section (yet)!

Our new look band gave two successful concerts in September: one for our former auditor and dep player Kev Massey and the other our long serving former player, teacher, and conductor, Ted Bradley. As Rob documented in his centenary band history, it is unlikely that the band would still be in existence if had not been for all Ted did for us all those years ago. Both concerts went very well, and I feel that we are already starting to gel as a band. Well done to Elaine, who depped on flugel for both concerts and set a new band record for the quickest time (less than two years) for progressing from our beginner's group to becoming a band soloist (if only for the evening)! Our concert at East Leake went so well that we were provisionally invited back for Christmas: sadly, their village hall was not free: hopefully, next year!

Since then, we have had three concerts during October, at the golf club, for the Red Cross, and our annual concert for the British Legion in St. Laurence's Church; all of which were very successful with lots of positive feedback from our audiences. Again, during the month, the band performances have continued to improve, and apart from a few slips, which at this stage I expect, we played very well. Thank you to the deps who have helped us out this month: Rob (cornet), James (horn), Teresa (flugel) and Steve (soprano) and of course Beardy Stu on baritone.

Both our bands now look forward to the contest in Darley Dale next Sunday. The training band are playing well and with our augmented numbers will be the largest band to ever complete at NEMBBA contest. Sadly, there are no other training bands entered this year, but this is an opportunity to show everyone just how well we can play. Our senior band is playing well, and we still have a week to go to tidy our performance. We are in still a stage of rebuilding after losing a number of players in key seats, but this is an opportunity to find out how far we have come. To some extent the result does not matter, it is about how well we can play under contest conditions, after which we will have a better of idea of the work we need to do before next year's area.

Thank you for all your hard work this autumn; we have already had a lot of concerts, with Remembrance and the Christmas season still to come. Please remember to keep Vento up to date, so we know what players we have, especially for the Christmas Lights carolling jobs, which are not always easy to get to, especially if you are still at work! If you are unsure of your availability, please use the new "maybe" response.

Training Band Diary

Sharon will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. New additions are marked in green. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

You should receive emails from Vento for these events, please respond to them with your availability to keep everything up to date, and let Sharon know if you can't make them so we can arrange dep players.

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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 3rd Nov	10:00am	NEMBBA November Contest The Whitworth Station Road, Darley Dale	DE4 2EQ
Sunday 10th Nov	9:30am	Remembrance Sunday Beaconsfield Street Car Park Long Eaton	NG10 1AY
Friday 22nd Nov	6:00pm	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (With the Senior Band) - Royal Oak, Ockbrook	DE72 3SE
Thursday 28th Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (With the Senior Band) - Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Friday 29th Nov	6:00pm	Borrowash Christmas Lights Borrowash Co-op	DE72 3HE
Saturday 30th Nov	5:00pm	Draycott Christmas Fayre St Mary's Church Hall Draycott	DE72 3PS
Friday 6th Dec	6:00pm	Stanley Christmas Lights The White Hart Derby Road, Stanley	DE7 6EX
Saturday 7th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's Coffee Morning Carols Victoria Road, Draycott	DE72 3PS
Saturday 14th Dec	11:00am	Carols in Long Eaton Market Place Long Eaton	NG10 1JL
Monday 16th Dec	6:30pm	All Saints' Scouts' Carol Service Tamworth Road, Sawley	NG10 3AT

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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Saturday 15th Feb	10:00am	NEMBBA training band entertainment contest The Post Mill Centre Market Street, South Normanton	DE55 2EJ

Band Diary

Lisa will be issuing engagement schedules with the actual start times once they have been confirmed. New additions are marked in green. Changes to the schedule are marked in red.

You should receive emails from Vento for these events, please respond to them with your availability to keep everything up to date, and let Lisa or Sharon know if you can't make them so we can arrange dep players.

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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 3rd Nov	10:00am	NEMBBA November Contest The Whitworth Station Road, Darley Dale	DE4 2EQ
Thursday 7th Nov	7:30pm	Festival of Remembrance Winding Wheel Theatre 13 Holywell Street,, Chesterfield	S41 7SA
Sunday 10th Nov	9:30am	Remembrance Sunday Beaconsfield Street Car Park Long Eaton	NG10 1AY
Saturday 16th Nov	7:30pm	Church of St Michael and All Angels 43 Church Street, Bramcote	NG9 3HD
Friday 22nd Nov	6:00pm	Ockbrook Christmas Lights (With the Training Band) - Royal Oak, Ockbrook	DE72 3SE
Thursday 28th Nov	5:30pm	Long Eaton Christmas Lights (With the Training Band) - Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Friday 29th Nov	6:00pm	Borrowash Christmas Lights Borrowash Co-op	DE72 3HE
Saturday 7th Dec	7:30pm	St Laurence's Church Market Place, Long Eaton	NG10 1LJ
Thursday 12th Dec	11:00am	Chaddesden Historical Group Christmas Event Jubilee Club, Chaddesden Derby	DE21 6LJ
Friday 13th Dec	8:30pm	Longcliffe Golf Club Nanpantan, Loughborough	LE11 3YA
Saturday 14th Dec	11:00am	Carols in Long Eaton Market Place Long Eaton	NG10 1JL
Saturday 14th Dec	1:45pm	Old Vicarage Care Home Carols 17 Breedon Street, Long Eaton	NG10 4ES
Sunday 15th Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Matinee) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 15th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Evening) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Monday 16th Dec	2:00pm	Carols for the Rotary Club The Risley Park, Derby Road	DE72 3SS

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Date	Start	Event	Postcode
Sunday 16th Feb	10:00am	NEMBBA area test piece contest The Post Mill Centre Market Street, South Normanton	DE55 2EJ
Saturday 8th March	7:00am	Area Contest Bedworth Civic Hall	CV12 8NF
Sunday 21st Dec	2:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Matinee) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF
Sunday 21st Dec	7:30pm	Christmas in Brass (Evening) Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton	NG10 1EF

Band Supporters

The band is also most grateful to the following individuals, organisations and businesses for their recent support of the band:

Mr. & Mrs Blackburn	£2,257 from open garden days, talks to various societies and other events, £510 from a collection made at their golden wedding celebrations, and £700 from a collection made at John's 80th birthday party
Val Custance	£250 for new music
Rotary Club of Long Eaton	£300 towards general expenditure
Erewash Borough Council	£200 towards creating a warm space for our bands to rehearse in
Abellio East Midlands	£699 towards a new printer
Mrs L. M. Adkin	£265.50 towards general expenditure
Derbyshire County Council	A further £250 warm spaces grant
Vicki Hing	£150 towards our National Finals fund
Brian Turner	Donation of two trombones
Keith Ottowell	Donation of a soprano cornet
Raymond & Carole Blackwell	£50 for the Finals Fund
Councillor Athwal Councillor Major Councillor Hickton	Donations of £1000 each, to a total of £3000 towards the National Finals fund

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Website & Social Media

Our website address is <https://lespb.org.uk>

Our Facebook pages are:

<https://facebook.com/lespb> (Senior Band)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270405743010461/> (Training Band)

Our X (Twitter) account is @LESPB1906

NEMBBA Website: <http://www.nembba.org.uk/>

NEMBBA: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nembba>

NEMBBA Youth Band: <https://www.facebook.com/NEMBBAYB>

Training Band Officers

Musical Director	Sharon Stansfield F.V.C.M. (Hons)	
Assistant Musical Directors	James Dennis	
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Equipment Officer	Robert Stansfield	
Librarians	Deborah Redpath	Cheryl Allen
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	Robert Stansfield	Stuart Measures

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