

# Newsletter

*Welcome to the Millenium edition of our Newsletter. Changes in the Committee due to other commitments have led to a totally new layout, but we hope you will find this one as informative as the last.*

## RECENT EVENTS

As usual we have been very busy since our last newsletter.

During August we were practising quartets and ensembles in houses around Thurrock, to polish up our entries for the Bedford Contest in September. Thank you very much to all those who put up with us. Results from Bedford are below, and although they may not have been as good as expected, we all had a very good day out.

In October we had an enjoyable evening playing at the Orsett Foxhound Pub Charity night. Also in October,

we held our first Thurrock Spectrum Brass Solo Competition, more about that later.

In November we played for the British Legion at the South Ockendon Remembrance service, and took part in the Cyril Suckling Memorial Solo Contest at St. Cleres School, Stanford-Le-Hope.

The run up to Christmas was very busy indeed, with us playing for the turning on of the Christmas lights, at both Tilbury and Grays. We played carols at various locations, these are detailed on page 4.

### **Exam Successes**

### **Theory**

Lauren Payne	Grade 3
Lauren Cave	Grade 5
Sarah Scowen	Grade 5



### **Practical**

**Lauren Payne Grade 3  
Cornet**

**Greg Evans Grade 2  
Euphonium**

Both these players gained a distinction ....WELL DONE

## New Learners

It is important for any Band to have new members, especially when we continually have our older teenagers going to University. One way to continue to grow is by teaching youngsters. This has the benefit of providing new talent to the Band, and also encouraging others to share the life-long pleasure that can be obtained by learning and performing music.

Here is a photo of our more recent new players.

Anyone interested in learning, whether young, or not so young contact Rosemary at the number overleaf.



## Results Round-up - Bedford and St Cleres

### BEDFORD

Junior Slow Melody - Sarah Scowen	4th
Senior Slow Melody - Daren Timson-Hunt	2nd
- Sue Cave	3rd
Quartets	
'Quartet E' - M. Stroud conducting	3rd
Ensemble	
Rosemary Mann conducting	2nd

### ST CLERES

Under 12 years	Lauren Cave	2nd
	Andrew Hornsby	3rd
Under 16 years	Sarah Scowen	3rd
Under 18 years	Paul Radford	2nd
	Jon Tarbard	3rd
Open Slow Melody Div 2		
	John Mann	3rd
Ensembles		
Andante & Scherzo		2nd
Diabelli Suite		3rd

The Alan Costen Cup was won by Southend Band with 164 points. Thurrock Spectrum Brass was second with 132. You may remember that we were joint winners last year, so we intend to try and win it back next year.



### Web Page

Kevin Woodard has put together a web page for the Band. The address is <http://www.geocities.com/tspecbrass>

# First Solo Contest a Success

## Contact Numbers

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The Bands first solo contest was held in October. John Mann as Contest Secretary, did a brilliant job in organising this. These sentiments were reiterated by the adjudicator, Mr. D. Wilby and the accompanist, Mr. J. Puddick. They congratulated the Band on having excellent facilities and superb organisation. Thanks went to all those who donated trophies. These were: Jeff and Sue Cave, Greg, Jane and Susan Evans, Steve Hollick, Rosemary and John Mann, Joe and Grace Marshall, Nancy Spence, Michael and Claire Stroud, the Woodard family, and Freda Burrows. We hope to make this an annual event, but are considering

other ideas to make our solo competition just a little bit different. We also had our first official photograph taken by the Broadway

Studio just before the start of the contest. They have very kindly given permission for us to include the photograph in our Web page (details already given). Thanks very much, Broadway!

**"The Band had excellent facilities and superb organisation"**



## Results

**Under 1 year playing**  
1st Joseph Wilson  
2nd Jamie Warne

**Under 12 years of age**  
1st Lauren Cave  
2nd Victoria Hammond  
3rd Andrew Hornsby

**12-14 years of age**  
1st Sarah Scowen  
2nd Julia Woodard  
3rd Lauren Payne

**15-19 years of age**  
1st Susan Evans  
2nd Kevin Woodard  
3rd Kirsty Pitt

**Late Starters**  
1st John Masters  
2nd Greg Evans  
3rd Jeff Cave

**Open Slow Melody**  
1st Michael Stroud  
2nd Claire Stroud  
3rd Sue Cave

**Open Duet**  
Sue and Lauren Cave

**Duet Both players under 15/Late starters**  
1st Julia Woodard & Lauren Payne

There was only one entry in each of these categories.

## New Music

In January, Tony Cresswell visited the Band with some music for us to try. We bought five new pieces for the beginners group including Can-Can and All through the Night. The intermediate group had six new pieces including some Blues and Rock & Roll music. The advanced group also had new music to add to their repertoire including, Midnight in Moscow and a bass solo called Fun in the Basement. We also bought some ensemble, quartet and duet music.

## 49 'club' Draw.

This is a weekly draw, the winner being the number which corresponds to the bonus ball of the lottery main draw, on Saturday.

Missing dates are due to it being a "rollover" or Band not meeting.

**17th July**                      **John Hammond**

**27th November**            **Ted Tredwell**

There has not been a winner since the end of November, the prize money at February 5th stands at £70. You can join in by sending cash or cheque with your chosen number/s (£1.00 per number) stating how many weeks you wish to contribute for, and then sit back and wait to win. Don't forget that half of the takings goes directly to Band funds, which helps us buy instruments and music.

Please send to :

Rosemary Mann or Maureen Woodard (address overleaf) or give to any Band member addressed to the Treasurer.

## Carolling

Thanks to Tesco and Safeway for allowing us to play and collect in their Stores. We also played at Thurrock Hospital, Grays Court Care, Over Sixty Club, Pegasus CAA, N. Stifford W.I., and Van den Burgh & Jurgens.



We played whilst the Christmas lights were switched on at Tilbury and at Grays. We aim to be a Community Band, and this is reflected in the engagements at which we perform. Money raised will be used to purchase new instruments to enable youngsters to learn to play.

## New Instruments

Due to our success throughout the year, we have been able to purchase some new instruments, pictured right. You will see from the photo, two tenor horns, four cornets, a flugelhorn and a soprano cornet. We have also purchased a second hand baritone from one of our members.

We would like to say a big thank you to **Grays School**, who have made this possible by allowing us to keep our outgoings low.



## Farthcoming Events

**19th March 2000**

National Competition at Stevenage

**8th April 2000**

Easter Concert, Grays Parish Church 7.30pm

Tickets – Adults £3.00

Concessions £2.00

A bumper raffle of Easter Eggs will take place at this event. Donations of Easter Eggs will be greatly appreciated.

**6th May 2000**

Concert with Thurrock Male Voice Choir at the Civic Hall, Grays.