

# Newsletter

Welcome to the spring 2000 edition of our newsletter. We hope to have three to four newsletters a year, depending on time available.

## RECENT EVENTS

This tends to be a quieter time of the year for performing although we are now busy preparing our programme for the Summer engagements. We competed in the National competition in March at Stevenage, which required lots of practice for the Contest Section. More about that later. On Tuesday 4th April, we performed at Tilbury Community Centre for the SCOOT club. On April 8th we held our Easter Concert, with our Easter Egg raffle. On Monday 1st May we played at Grays

Beach and on the 6th May, the advanced group played as guests of the Thurrock Male Voice Choir at the Civic Hall, in aid of Thurrock MIND. This was a superb event which raised over £1000 for this deserving cause.



Apologies.....

Go to Lauren Payne who passed Grade 4 Practical with a distinction and not Grade 3 as reported in the previous newsletter.



## **Exam Successes**

### Theory

Sophie Hempstead	Grade 1	84%
Matthew Holding	Grade 1	94%
Victoria Hammond	Grade 1	95%
Andrew Hornsby	Grade 1	95%
Adam Pitt	Grade 2	77%

### Practical

Sarah Scowen	Grade 2 Piano
Adam Pitt	Grade 3 Eb Horn (Merit)
Greg Evans	Grade 4 Euphonium
Lauren Cave	Grade 6 Cornet (Merit)
Jon Tarbard	Grade 7 Eb Horn (Merit)



## New Learners

Well done to all the new learners, most of which performed for the first time at our Easter Concert. They are James Bellingham, Hannah Bradbury, Martin Falder, Pam Gargano, Sophie Hempstead, Matthew Holding, Nick Jones, Keith Wardley and Andrew Wicket.

Classes should be starting again in the summer, ready to join the Band in January, anyone interested in learning, whether young, or not so young contact Rosemary at the number overleaf.

## Members Corner



This is a new item featuring members of the Band, with their thoughts on being a Band member. This edition features Andrew Hornsby, who plays the cornet.

“My name is Andrew. I am 11 years old, I have been playing my cornet for four years. I enjoy playing at different events and contests with the Band. It is a lot of fun”



**Sarah Scowen  
Thurrock Young  
Musician of the  
Year**

## Welcome & Welcome Back

Welcome to David King, soprano cornet player who has recently joined. The Band Web page has had it's first success by helping to find a euphonium player to replace Ian Spence, who has moved to Ipswich. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ron Smith and hope he enjoys playing with us.

A special welcome back to Steve Hollick, our percussionist, who has rejoined us after a short absence.



# Pleasing result at Stevenage

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Thirty four band members and supporters went on the coach to Stevenage for the National Regional Area qualifying competition . Other

members and supporters joined us at the venue. John Mann as our competition secretary managed to draw us to play first out of thirty-two bands, not the best draw. The only benefit

was that we could warm up by playing the National Anthem. Our test piece was the Haslemere Suite. Following our performance, we had to wait until the other 31 Bands had played, before we knew our result. This seemed like a very long wait for all. We achieved tenth place, which although not as high as last

year when we were seventh, gave us sufficient points to improve our placing in the league table. We now stand at second place in the fourth

section, which is a very pleasing achievement after only two years.

The main comments from the adjudicator were "pleasing euphonium/ baritones and good percussion rhythm" for the first movement. "A spirited effort and nice

rhythmic drive" for the second movement. The third movement comments were "pleasing dynamic control" and for the final movement that the Band "plays with verve and enjoyment."

Well done to all members of the Contest Band.

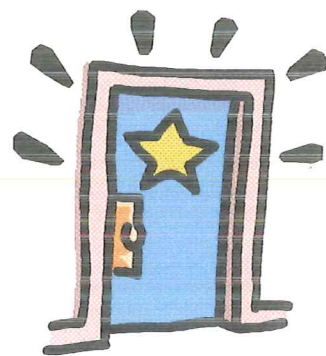
**"The Band plays with verve and enjoyment"**

## Results ~Thurrock Young Musician of the Year 2000

Although competitors entered through their school or music school, Lauren Cave, Matthew Holding, Lauren Payne, Sarah Scowen and Julia Woodard, took part in the Thurrock

Young Musician of the Year at Gable Hall School. Lauren Cave won her section for Lower School Brass, and Sarah Scowen for Upper School Brass. These two went on

to compete in the finals, against piano, strings and woodwind finalists. The overall winner was Sarah Scowen for the second year running. Congratulations to Sarah from us all.



## Easter Concert

Some of you attended our Easter Concert at Grays Parish Church on April 8th. It was the first performance for our new players, and they all played very well., and hopefully enjoyed the experience. We had prizes of 81 Easter Eggs for our raffle. Proceeds from ticket sales were split between Grays Parish Church and Thurrock Spectrum Brass. The rector, John Hassel extended his thanks to the Band for an enjoyable performance.