

Newsletter

Welcome to the October 2000 edition of the newsletter.

RECENT EVENTS

We had a very busy time performing at the various local fetes in June and July and then a welcome break while many of our members were away with families and friends for the summer. We played at fetes at North Stifford Village, Stifford Clays Infants School, Thurrock Hospital, Horndon Feast and Fayre, and Orsett School.

On Sunday 9th July we took part in a Brass Band concert at Raphael Park in Romford.

It absolutely poured with rain and our supporters could be seen sitting on deck chairs with umbrellas up. We didn't play "Singing in the Rain" but it would have been very appropriate.



Exam Successes

Practical

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| Sophie Hempstead | Cornet | Grade 1 | Distinction | 132 |
| Matthew Holding | Cornet | Grade 1 | Distinction | 134 |
| Joseph Wilson | Cornet | Grade 2 | Distinction | 132 |
| Pam Gargano | Trombone | Grade 1 | Distinction | 134 |
| Jenny Gargano | Trumpet | Grade 2 | Merit | 125 |
| Victoria Hammond | Cornet | Grade 3 | Distinction | 140 |
| Andrew Hornsby | Cornet | Grade 4 | Distinction | 134 |
| Ellie Williams | Trumpet | Grade 7 | Merit | 128 |

More new learners have started recently, and we are hoping they will be ready to join the beginners section of the Band in January 2001. New instruments have been purchased for them, and we'll be keeping you informed of their progress in the months ahead. As you can see from the front page, we had three of last years beginners earning distinctions at Grade 1, and we're very proud of them.

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

Members Corner



Daren Timson-Hunt

Some of you may recognise Daren from the cornet front row. Well, apart from his performances with the Band, he will soon be having to make other and perhaps more notable appearances ~ before a judge and jury. No, I'm not thinking of Gilbert and Sullivan, but the Courts of Law.

Daren has completed his LLB (Hons) at London University and is currently studying at the Inns of Court School of Law. He hopes to practice as a Barrister from June 2001.

Bye ~ for now, perhaps

Lauren Payne, Cornet player, who has featured in the newsletter before has left the Band, due to other commitments. Kirsty Pitt has just left us for Winchester University, after many years with the Band.

And Hello

Welcome to Jenny Gargano, trumpet player in the Beginner Section.

Summer Stories

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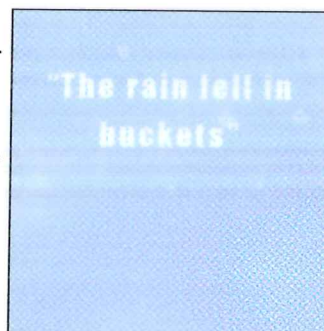
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<http://www.tspebrass.co.uk>

IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS, COMMENTS OR INCLUSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND TO:
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The weather has proved a problem this summer. Jackie Firman at the Fox Hounds Pub in Orsett ran a fund raising day for four local charities on August Bank Holiday Monday. Apart from ourselves, these were Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Pickwick Club and the Scouts. The weather was not good, which is usual for a Bank Holiday. Rosemary

commented that the rain fell in buckets. We would like to thank Jackie once again. The same had happened previously at the Raphael Park Concert. In July, the Band played at Maureen and Steve Woodards joint Birthday BBQ in their garden. Although it didn't rain, the evening

was so cold that many players preferred coffee and tea to real ale and wine.



After a tiring June and July, most members were hoping to relax and get away from it all for a couple of weeks. The prize for the furthest travelled probably goes to John Masters, trombonist, who visited his native New Zealand for most of

the Summer.

Roger Connolly, cornet player, spent a few weeks in Malta, playing at some of their Festivals.

Nearer to home, Jane and Greg Evans spent a soggy time on the Isle of Wight, whilst Daren was cycling in Ireland.

Thurrock Arts Council ~ Brass Band Sub-Committee Solo Contest

This was to be the space where results were to be printed from the Solo Contest for under 19s at Tilbury Band Hall, run by the Brass Band Sub-Committee of Thur-

rock Arts Council. Unfortunately though, due to the fuel crisis, it had to be cancelled, as the adjudicator and pianist were unsure whether fuel was available.

The contest has been rescheduled for Sunday November 19th, and it's hoped this will attract even more entries.



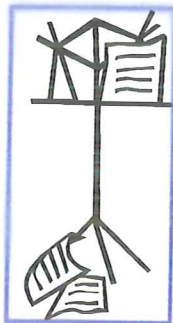
Quiz Night

On the subject of Thurrock Arts Council, there is a quiz night taking place on Saturday 28th October. The aim of this is to raise funds to cover debts from the Thurrock Drama Festival. John Scowen, the Chairman, has appealed for as many people to go as possible. We think this will be a really fun evening, and hope to take some teams so we can win all the prizes. Please let us know if you want to join one of our teams, or contact John Scowen, 01375 383257.

Banners

We have raised enough money for our banners, and have had them made and they are now ready to for us to use. We would like to thank you all once again, and hope to see you at our concert at Horndon Church, where they will have the first outing.

So far they are a well-kept secret, as only the Committee have seen them and so it will be a treat for the Band, as well as those attending.



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.

15th April

6th May

17th June

8th July

22nd July

9th September

Mrs Meen

Maureen Woodard

Ted Tredwell

J. Bellingham

D. Jones

Denise Hornsby

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1st October – Thurrock Hospital Harvest Festival Service
3pm

Thursday 11th October – Concert for the Woolmarket Music
Society at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church. 8pm.

Friday 3rd November – Grays School Firework Night 6.30pm

Saturday 25th November – Small ensemble playing at Basildon
Town Centre in aid of St. Lukes Hospice.

Sunday 26th November – Solo Contest at St. Cleres School

Friday 1st December – Turning on of Tilbury Lights

Saturday 9th December – Carols on Ockendon Green in aid of
St. Lukes Hospice

Social Events

We are hoping to form a sub-committee to organise some social events for the Band and supporters.

If anyone has interest in joining the committee or has ideas for events please let one of the Committee members know.