

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to the Summer Edition of our newsletter ~

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Rehearsals

Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday
8pm—9.45pm

B Band

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

Training Band

- Saturday Morning
10.00am—11.15am
- Website

www.cliftonband.co.uk

The National Brass Band Championships

The National contest as we know it today began in 1900 when an entrepreneur, John Henry Isles saw the potential in Brass Band Contesting at Belle Vue in Manchester. He then organised the National at the Crystal Palace, until it was destroyed by fire in 1936. It then changed venue to the Alexandra Palace for three years. During the war it was suspended until 1946 when Brighouse and Rastrick was the first band to win the contest at the Royal Albert Hall where it has been held ever since.

Clifton had its first success at the Crystal Palace in 1910 when it gained 3rd prize in the Grand Shield section. It is said that the band was placed second in 1911 due the adjudicators being unable to agree the winner so they tossed a coin and Clifton lost. Although regularly contesting the band did not return to the Crystal palace until 1934. This could have been due to the recession with the band struggling to survive during this period. The conductor throughout this period was Fred Berry who went on to make a name for himself with Brighouse & Rastrick.

From 1946 the band regularly competed in the area contests but with very little success. It was to be 1956 before the band once more qualified for the finals in London by gaining 2nd prize at the area qualifying rounds. Four years later in 1960 the band once more attended the finals and was to be 11 years before it again got to London in 1971. During this period the conductor was James Nuttall

In 1975 and 1976 the band qualified. It was a special occasion in 1976 as the band played on the Royal Albert Hall stage. It gave the members a wonderful experience of playing in a very large hall. The conductor at the time was the very experienced James Hickman who had been the bandmaster of Brighouse during its wonderful run of prizes under Professor Walter Hargreaves in the 1960's.

In 1983 with John Edward as bandmaster the band once more went to London, and again in 1986 under the baton of Chris Holden, trombone player with the Opera North Orchestra. Although competing regularly in the 3rd section the band did not qualify for any of the finals during the next 15 years. It was to be 2001 when it won the 4th section area contest under the leadership of Rob Collinson.

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In the Autumn of 2005 John Clay took over the baton and in 2006 and 2007 the band qualified for the finals in the 3rd section, now at the Harrogate Conference Centre. These two 2nd prizes helped to promote the band the 2nd section where in 2010 it had its best ever result, 1st prize off a number one draw.

That same year our B Band entered the area contest for the very first time although unplaced it was a tremendous experience for them.

The B Band continued to enter and struck gold in 2014 by winning and qualifying for the finals at Cheltenham. They have qualified again this year by coming 2nd at the area and we are very proud of the team and hope this time they can come away with a prize on 16th September.

John Clay

Awards Evening

Our Annual Awards Evening took place at Crow Nest Golf Club Hove Edge and was attend by over 50 members and friends.

The event began with a round of golf for the enthusiasts and was won by David Crisp, following on from the golf was a quiz and a raffle, finishing off with the annual awards which were presented by Chairman Martin Horsfield.

Best Section Senior Band—Front Row Cornets

Best Section B Band—Euphoniums

Most Improved Player Senior Band—Jonathan Armitage, Percussion

Most Improved Player B Band—Olivia Gregory Tenor Horn

Players Player Senior Band- Jill Crisp-Flugel Horn

Players Player B Band-Sheridan Fryer-Euphonium

Band person of the Year—Martin Horsfield



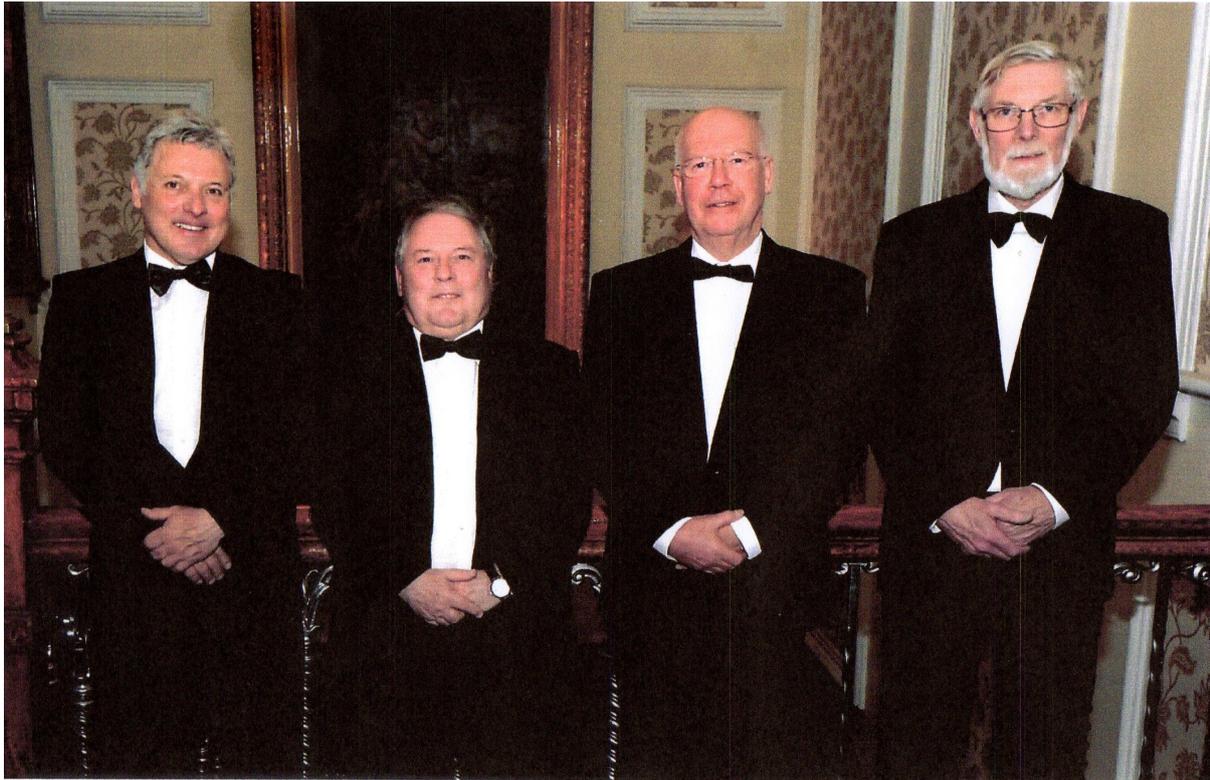
Pudsey Park in all its Glory—Sunday 20th August B Band Concert



Left—Alex Murray at the helm while John did some cornet playing .



Very proud of our players who were members of Brighouse and Rastrick Band for many years



Left to Right: Glenn Crisp Cornet, David Crisp Cornet, Stewart Swallow Tenor Horn, Sheridan Fryer Euphonium



FORTY YEARS OF “FLORAL” DANCING

Is it really 40 years since Derek Broadbent arranged an old Cornish melody by Katie Moss for a brass band in a small West Yorkshire town that stayed at number two in the pop charts for 6 weeks prior to Christmas 1977?

In 1911 Katie Moss wrote the music and lyrics of a composition she called the Floral Dance. This described the annual events and her own personal experience of the festivities held in the town of Helston in Cornwall. 66 years later, Derek Broadbent, then Resident Conductor, took Katie Moss's tune and arranged it for The Brighouse and Rastrick Band. The arrangement was recorded on a 45 rpm single (for the younger ones reading this, please check with Wikipedia!) and released to the music loving public. At first sales were slow until it came to the attention of a certain DJ from London called Terry Wogan, who played the tune regularly on his early morning show - suddenly sales took off.

B & R rose to number two in the music charts and were only kept from number one by a certain Paul McCartney / Wings and their Mull of Kintyre. For 6 weeks the two tunes stayed at number one and number two, quite unbelievable to think a brass band from a small West Yorkshire town could vie with the pop elite.

Let us now fast track to March 2017 and the 40th anniversary celebration concert of the Floral Dance at Huddersfield Town Hall. The concert combined the B & R Band of today, and the B & R Band of 1977. Clifton and Lightcliffe's very own Stewart Swallow, Sheridan Fryer, David Crisp and Glenn Crisp represented the 1977 B & R band on the stage that night as members of the original recording of the Floral Dance.

On the evening prior to the concert there was a get together at Bailiff Bridge Community Centre of the 1977 members and guests in preparation of the following day's events. It was a wonderful occasion to meet up with old friends and exchange stories after so many years. Catering was provided by Aunty Pam's army, (Pam Lumb) and was up to the usual impeccable standards.

The first half of the concert got underway to a packed audience and was performed by the current Brighouse and Rastrick Band, under the direction of Derek Broadbent the music showed the class of the band who are number two in the world rankings.

The second half of the concert featured both bands as a massed Brighouse and Rastrick Band. The items were reminiscent of the 1977 era, with African Waltz, Granada, Lara's Theme and March Slav. The audience provided a fantastic atmosphere, whilst Derek Broadbent revelled (as ever) in the occasion giving witty comments between pieces.

Well at last we came to the encore for the evening. This had to be “The Floral Dance” played by the combined B & R bands. The reception was, as expected – a standing ovation, to end a magical and memorable 40th anniversary of Derek Broadbent's special arrangement and B & R's achievement those 40 years ago.

David Crisp





Brighthouse Charity Gala

Held on the last Saturday in June each year in aid of local charities

Saturday 24th June brought around another Brighthouse Gala and the band were once again busy with our fund-raising stall. This year besides having our usual tombola we had wet sponge throwing, poor Alex and Kerry getting wet through, a teddy tombola with a prize every time and all 50 soft toys were won during the afternoon. Our football goalie game was very popular again and even the Mayor joined in.

We had a much better time than last year when a tremendous storm brought a halt to proceedings as everyone dived for cover, this year proved much better with lots of people supporting the local charities. We have to say a big thank you to Rob and Julia Wood for organising our stall, they do a fantastic job throughout the year gathering prizes for the tombola and coming up with new ideas.

We raised £596 on the day which is a great boost for our funds, and with a quiz organised by Stephen, Joanne and Steph White the evening before at the Crow Nest Golf Club raising another £270. The weekend proved to be very successful.



B Band perform at Keighley Railway Station

The B Band once again performed popular tunes and selections for the Vintage Railway Day. This time as the Straw Race was taking place at Oxenhope and the roads were closed we were asked to perform at Keighley Station.

The trains were very busy and lots of people were taking photos of the band and contributing to our collection.



Open University Degree Ceremony

The Senior band were delighted to be asked to perform for the Open Degree Ceremony at the Harrogate Conference Centre in May. This came about with an enquiry from the OU office in Milton Keynes after hearing about the band and looking at our web-site. We arrived at the Centre early morning for a rehearsal with the Masters. After providing the band with lunch we took our places to entertain the students and parents who were filling the hall, we estimated there were around 1200 people listening. We then played Te Deum as the Masters paraded on to the platform.

After the ceremony we gave a rendition of Pateley Bridge by Roy Newsome to the delight of the audience who spontaneously clapped to the beat as the Masters paraded out of the hall.

Lots of nice comments from the audience including one man who was delighted and said he had never heard a brass band before and thought it was wonderful..... obviously not a Yorkshireman!

Fund Raising

We are always on the lookout for ways to raise funds for the organisation. If we need to replace instruments or uniforms it can be very expensive. Our B Band qualifying for the finals is a wonderful achievement but there is a cost in taking them which at present is £5,500. All our members work very hard over the year and travel to and from engagements giving their time without any expenses so it is good to give back something whenever we can.

There are a couple of fund raisers coming up one is the quiz which you can see the details on page 11, it would be good to see lots of people coming along and joining in. It is not like University Challenge its more of a fun evening which all the family can enjoy.

Stephen White our band librarian, and daughter Steph are taking part in the Skipton Santa Dash on 26th November, he has asked for band members, family and friends to enter too.

It is a 5k run/jog/walk and we ask for sponsors for those taking part. It should be fun and even some of us oldies are entering (walking not running).

If you would like to take part ask Stephen or Jane for details.



BBC Radio Leeds

The senior band has been invited to take part in the BBC Radio Leeds Christmas Carol Service, which is being recorded on Wednesday 6th December in Mirfield.

The programme will be broadcast on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day it will also be available for 28 days after on iPlayer.

We feel really honoured to be asked to take part in this programme and it will be a new experience for our players recording for the radio.

David Hoyle who is the host for his Sunday afternoon band programme is the one who we have to thank for this invitation. David is kind enough to play our CD's on his programme quite regularly.

So make a note to listen out for the band.



Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a long time supporter of the band Mrs Debbie Spivey from Clifton. Debbie along with husband Ed was instrumental in organising the hugely successful Proms in the Paddock at Clifton which the band were privileged to be a part of. Debbie passed away after a short illness, she would have been 60 on the 27th August.

Mr Wilfred Oldfield aged 75 was a Baritone player with the band for over a decade in the 1980's Has passed away after a long illness. Both his children Paul and Lorraine were members of the band.

Mr Denis Jagger who was a cornet player with the band in the 1970's passed away aged 86. His daughter Karen is a member of the band.

We send our condolences and thoughts to the families.

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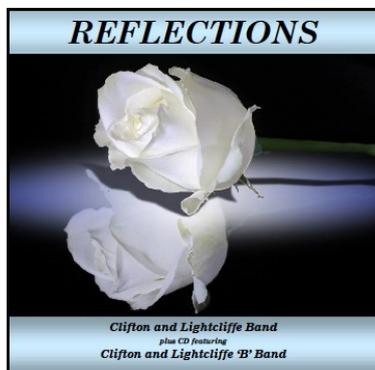
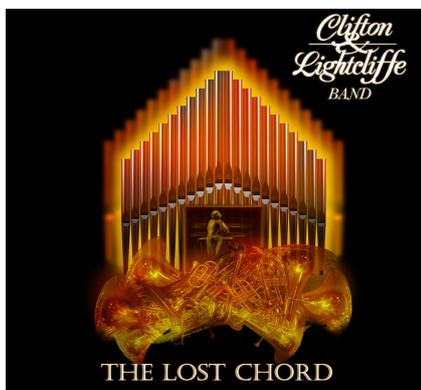
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Our CD's can now be purchased on line. Visit our web-site www.cliftonband.co.uk



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 newsletters 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.

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

TRAINING BAND

Our training and is now up and running on Saturday mornings 10.00am—11.00am. If you know anyone who would like to come along and have a go then please feel free to invite them.

We are looking to recruit more members particularly in September when the schools are back. We have instruments available. Contact Secretary Jane Clay for more details



Vacancies

We are needing cornet players for our B Band. We have instruments available

If anyone is interested do come along either Friday evenings 7.00pm or Sunday mornings 10.00am we will be very pleased to see you.



Our Senior band requires a third cornet player and a Kit player



Exam Results

Senior Band Bass Trombone Alexander Smith Grade 8 Practical with Distinction

Krystal Thompson 'A' Level results B's in Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Geography she will be going to Cardiff University to study Physics and Astronomy while twin sister Jasmine got A in Biology and B's in Chemistry and Maths and will attend Bath University to study Chemistry. Krystal and Jasmine are on the right hand side of the photograph bottom left.

Alex Crisp (below middle) gained a 2/1 in Biomedical Science at Durham University.

Joe Thornton (below right) gained a 2/1 in Engineering Mathematics at Bristol University

Congratulations to you all



Annual Concert

Our Annual concert at Central Methodist Church Brighouse will take place on Saturday 7th October commencing at 7.15pm as well as both our Senior and B Band taking part we are delighted to announce that our special guest this year is Professor Philip Wilby.

Professor Wilby is very well known in the music world as a composer, choir master and organist. He was born in Pontefract educated at Leeds Grammar School and Keble College Oxford.

He has composed for many different instruments including piano, voice, chamber ensemble, wind orchestra and brass band. Professor Wilby will be joining the band on the organ for a selection of pieces. He is well known in the brass band movement for his wonderful compositions which have been used for competitions at championship level including Vienna Nights, Dove Descending and Revelation to name a few.

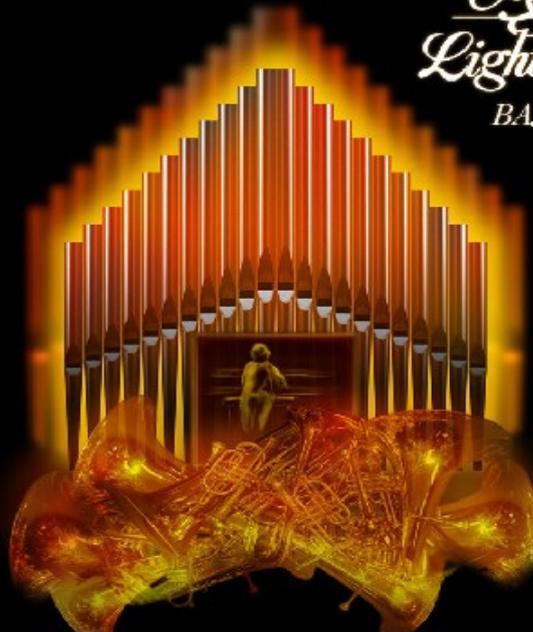
Tickets are priced at £8.00 each with children under 14 free of charge. Patrons will receive two tickets as part of their subscription. Please contact Jane Clay 01422 201875 or any band member if you would like to purchase tickets.



Annual Concert

Saturday 7th October 2017
Festival of Brass and Organ

*Clifton
Lightcliffe*
BAND



Central Methodist Church Brighouse
7.15pm

Special Guest Professor Philip Wilby

Tickets £8.00 each children under 14 free

Contact Jane Clay 01422 201875

More details from our Web-site www.cliftonband.co.uk

Gigglebox

Our Band President Brian Nicholson also doubles up as our concert compere and does a great job, particularly with his little stories between pieces. As I am always looking for different ideas and articles for the newsletter he came up with the idea of Gigglebox and has offered a £5.00 prize for the most amusing one liner to be published in the next newsletter.

Here are a few examples and I want to make it clear they are not mine!

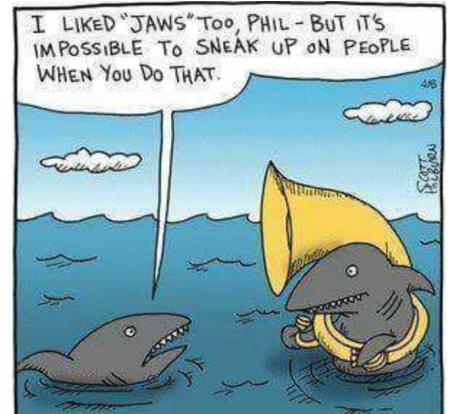
When a man opens a car door for his wife.... Its either a new car or a new wife.

Signing the register at a wedding, the best man was having difficulty make the pen work, "Put your weight on it" said the vicar.... So he wrote John Smith 10 stones 4 pounds.

What happens when you play Beethoven backwards—He decomposes.

How do you make the band stand—Take their chairs away.

How do you mend a broken instrument—with a Tuba glue.

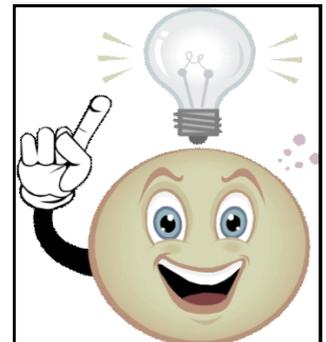


QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 30th September at Crow Nest Golf Club 7.30pm

Everyone welcome to come along to our quiz night hosted by David Crisp.

Cost is £6.00 each including supper. Proceeds are for band funds. Contact Jane or any band member for more details.



Harrogate Flower Show

We are delighted to be invited once again to perform at the Harrogate Flower Show on Friday 15th September between 11.30am and 1.15pm. This is the third time we have performed for the Flower Show and hopefully it is now a twice year fixture in our calendar.

The show hosts over 10,000 visitors over the four days twice a year Spring and Autumn and has been voted Britain's best gardening event by Which Gardening, there are over 500 exhibitors and profits from the shows are handed back to the North of England Horticultural Society, which gives grants throughout the year towards community projects. Tickets for the show can be purchased anytime online and car parking is free.

So why not come along on the 15th and see some beautiful exhibits as well as listening to the band.

ENGAGEMENTS

SENIOR BAND

2017

SEPTEMBER

Friday 15th

Harrogate Flower Show 11.30am—1.15pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 7th

Annual Concert Central Methodist Church Brighouse 7.15pm

Sunday 15th

Pogson Bray Entertainment Contest Berties Elland

Saturday 21st

St Mary's Church Wyke 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Day Mirfield 2.00pm

Saturday 18th

Wibsey Methodist Church 2.00pm

B BAND

SEPTEMBER

Friday—Sunday 15/17th

National Finals Cheltenham

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