

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to our Autumn Edition of our newsletter ~

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Rehearsals**Senior Band**

- Tuesday & Thursday
8pm—9.45pm

B Band

- Fridays
7.00pm—9.00pm
- Sundays
10.30am—12noon

Training Band

- Saturday Morning
10.30am—11.30am

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This is the 20th edition of our newsletter hope you enjoy it.

Lockdown continues...

The band has again cancelled or postponed a batch of concerts. We are keeping in touch with our WhatsApp groups and holding our weekly quiz on zoom, but its not the same as being together in comradeship making music. If you want to join in with our Sunday evening quiz we have had over 20 since the lockdown, then please let me know and I will sort you with the ID etc. Its great fun and Patrons are more than welcome ~ to join.

I received an invite from the Piece Hall in Halifax for a group of the band to perform on Saturday 19th September. I sent a note round to all our players and had 18 responses saying they would love to join in.

At the time 8 was the maximum we were allowed at any one time which was fine however by the time the date came the restrictions had changed and we were only allowed 6 at a time. John looked through the music and sorted pieces which would be suitable for 6 players. It was agreed that we would split the group up which would give everyone a chance to play that afternoon.

We planned a socially distanced rehearsal at the band room as we all knew most of us had not seen our instruments for quite a while never mind been practising !!

The rehearsals went well with everyone trying to remember which valves to press and also some very tired lips after but it was great fun to be back together and everyone was really happy and upbeat and looking forward to the job. We were all hoping our uniforms would fit after a 7 month break!!

Come the 19th the authorities at the Piece Hall said we could have 6 in the bandstand and 2 on the flat at the bottom of the steps which worked really well.

The groups sounded quite well after such a long break, everyone was in good spirits and keen to have a go.

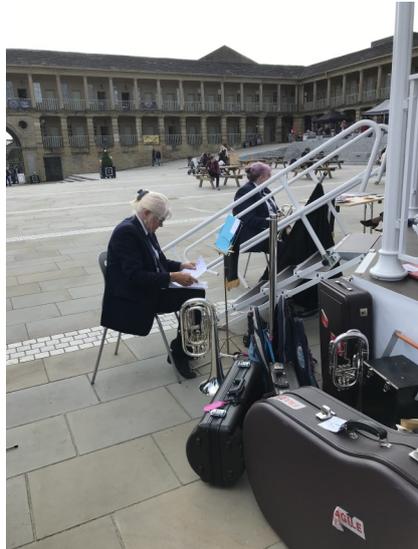
The day was lovely and sunny although very windy which caused a few problems with music blowing around.



There were plenty of people enjoying their lunch and listening to the band I received lots of nice comments about the playing and how nice it was to hear live music again.

Our band President Brian and his wife Pat came along and were in charge of our CDs and he managed some sales which was a bonus.

We have been offered a couple more dates by the Piece Hall for their Christmas events and hopefully we will be there again restrictions allowing.



AWARDS EVENING

Our annual awards evening was planned for Friday 2nd October with a dinner at the Bailiff Bridge Community Centre but with the current situation this was not possible, however Kerry Lawrance one of our cornet players in the band offered to organise a virtual awards night on zoom. This sounded like the perfect answer so she got the go ahead.

We had around 30 members and friends come together for the evening including Linda and Norm from California,

Lyndon joining from Italy and Olivia in spirit from Spain which made our evening an international event.

We started off with a short quiz after which we presented some special Oscars for services above and beyond the call of duty.

The first award was for winning the most of our weekly quizzes—Johnston Family

Award for battling with the zoom technology and now being an expert—Pam Lumb

Award to persistence in keeping in touch with all our members during lockdown—Jane Clay

Award for support given to our NHS and key workers on a Thursday evening—Stewart Swallow

And finally for his technical wizardry in putting together our musical videos—Alexander Smith

Next came a final round of the quiz after which the results were announced. Third place The Crisp Family, Second place the Smith Family and in first place was the Shaw Family. Each will receive a hamper put together by Kerry. Finally came the band awards these were voted by the members of both bands.

B Band

Best Section—Back Row Cornets

Players Player—Olivia Gregory Solo Horn

Most improved player—This was chosen by Mick Silson MD of the B Band and awarded to Baritone Justin Bartholomew.

Mick wanted a special mention to Anne Schofield and Andrew McKinley for their help with the B Band over the last 12 months.

Senior Band

Best Section— Trombones

Players Player— This was a tie between Christopher Partington Soprano and Alex Murray Cornet

Most improved player— Chosen by John Clay MD of the senior band was Christopher Partington Soprano.

Band Person of the Year—Jane Clay

A Super evening put together by Kerry. Thanks Kerry and congratulations to all winners I am sure the evening was enjoyed by everyone. I will post pictures of the winners as soon as we can get together with them.



Famous People

Over the years the band has met quite a number of famous people and I have put a few photos together. If you have any photographs of yourself with famous people not necessarily band related let me have a copy and we will publish them in the next newsletter.



This is a picture taken in the 1960's at a gala in Brighouse.

Pictured in the centre behind me is the famous British clarinettist Acker Bilk who opened the event. He tried to play my tenor horn but with no luck. He was famous for recording Stranger on the Shore which was the UK's biggest selling single in 1962, it was in the charts for 50 weeks reaching number 2.

Some of you may recognise a young Peter Middleton with his cornet on the far left of the picture and also a young Kathleen Harrison sat next to me.

The picture on the right was taken in the 1980's at Holmfirth during a premier of an episode of Last of the Summer Wine. The band had been asked to play outside the cinema while the guests arrived.

You can see Peter Sallis, (Cleggy) Bill Owen's son Tom (Tom) the writer of the series Roy Clarke and Kathy Staff (Nora Batty)



Christmas Shopping

Christmas is creeping up fast and some of you may be thinking about buying your Christmas gifts online. If you do why not use easyfundraising that way you can support the band. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, there are over 4000 retailers to choose from. Just shop as normal and their retailers will make a small donation to say thank you. Its easy to do and will help us during these difficult times when we have not been able to raise any income.

Thanks for your support



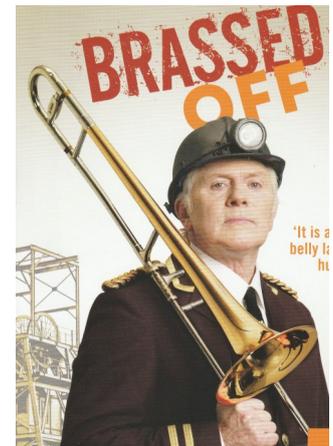


Opposite is the German golfer Bernhard Langer who won the Masters twice and was one of the worlds leading golfers in the 1980's and 1990's. We bumped into him at the airport when the band was on one of their many tours this time to Austria.

Pictured with him are star struck Mark and Alex Crisp and Jonathan Galpin.



Alan Titchmarsh was born in Ilkley and is a well known gardener appearing on BBC programmes. The band was asked to perform for the programme Ground Force which was first aired in 1997. He tried his hand at conducting the band during the theme tune and did a great job.

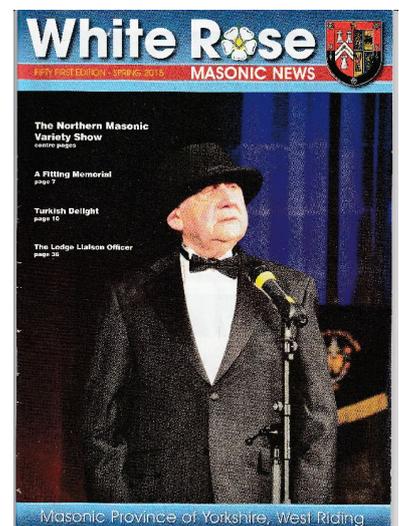


In March 2014 the band performed at the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford for 7 performances of the stage play Brassed Off which was made famous by the 1996 film of the same name featuring the Grimthorpe Band.

We performed with John McCardle who played the lead role Danny and Andrew Dunn who you will remember from lots of shows including Dinner Ladies.

We felt very privileged to take part in this sold out production and for me personally it was a highlight of my playing with the band.

Right is Freddie (parrot face) Davies a comedian from the 1960/70s who now lives in North Yorkshire. he hosted a charity concert which the band took part in during 2015 raising money for many charities. He is a funny and lovely man and it was a great to meet and get to know him.



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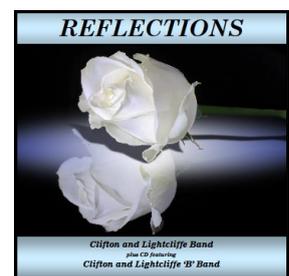
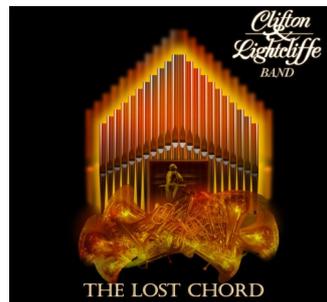
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Please note Janet's new address from 20th June 2020

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

CD's for Sale

All our CD's are priced at £5.00 each and include a wide selection of music, Reflections has two CD's and features both our bands, and the latest one is Live in Concert which was recorded on our very successful tour to Italy in 2015. All CD's are available at our concerts, on line or by contacting the band secretary Jane Clay 07990633320.



PATRONS

We have around 65 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, or ring the Secretary Jane Clay 01422 201875

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, Spring and the Summer

If you would like to join please contact either Helen Woodcock or Jane Clay for more details.

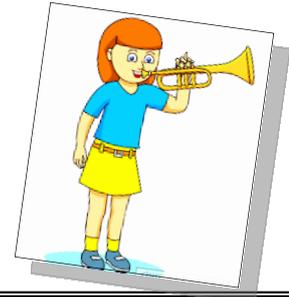
125 Club Draw

TRAINING BAND

Our training band is now up and running on Saturday mornings 10.30am—11.30am. If you know anyone who would like to come along and have a go please feel free to invite them.

We are looking to recruit new members. We have instruments available.

Contact Secretary Jane Clay for more details 01422 201875



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 10.30am we will be very pleased to see you.

Our Senior band requires Percussion players

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I found this and could not resist putting it in Brass Band Hierarchy

Conductor—Leaps tall buildings at a single bound. Is more powerful than a locomotive. Is faster than a speeding bullet. Walks on water. Gives policy to God.

Principal Cornet—Leaps short buildings in a single bound. Holds a locomotive to a draw. Stops a speeding bullet. Walks on water if the sea is calm. Talks to God.

Euphonium—Leaps short buildings with a running start and favourable winds. Loses a tug of war with a locomotive. Is just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water on an indoor pool. Talks with God if special request granted.

Tenor Horn/Baritone—Barely clears a prefabricated hut. Is almost as powerful as a shunting engine. Can fire a speeding bullet. Is a good swimmer. Is occasionally addressed by God.

Back Row Cornets/Trombones—Leaves marks on the walls when trying to clear small buildings. Is run over by a locomotive. Can sometimes handle a gun without getting hurt. Can dog paddle. Talks to animals.

Basses—Runs into buildings. Recognises locomotives two times out of three. Is not issued with ammunition. Can stay afloat with a life jacket. Talks to walls.

Percussion—Falls over doorsteps trying to enter buildings. Recognises locomotive as they hit him/her. Wet himself/herself with a water pistol. Plays in mud puddles. Mumble to himself/herself.

Band Secretary—Lifts up buildings and walks under them. Kicks locomotives off the track. Catches speeding bullets in her teeth and eats them. Freezes water with a single glance. Is GOD.

ENGAGEMENTS 2020

THESE WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS WE
ARE ALLOWED TO START AGAIN

BELOW ARE THE ONES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN
CANCELLED OR POSTPONED.

SENIOR BAND

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th	Piece Hall Halifax 12.00—2.00pm
Saturday 12th	St James Church Bradford with Castaways singers 7.30pm
Tuesday 15th	St John's church Clifton 7.15pm
Wednesday 16th	Carols by candlelight at Rodley Ecumenical 7.00pm
Thursday 17th	Carols in Keighley 3.30pm
Thursday 17th	Pudsey St Lawrence Cricket Club 8.00pm
Friday 25th	Carols around Lightcliffe 10.00am

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