

BANDROOM NOTES



~ Welcome to our Autumn Edition of our newsletter ~

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The Nation says farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Thursday 8th September Queen Elizabeth II very sadly passed away.

Over many years she was the patron of our major brass band events including the British Open Brass Band Championships which did go ahead on the 10th September, and the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain which are held each year in September for the lower sections at Cheltenham and in October at the Royal Albert Hall for the Championship section bands.

Over the many events following her passing was the proclamation of King Charles III, which was televised around the country, these events included lots of pageantry and music by the military bands and trumpeters. We have in our B Band a very proud mother Tracey Shaw who's son Matthew was one of those playing the Royal salute in Wales.

Matthew has played with both our bands at various events over the years.



On 19th November we will be holding our Annual Concert in which both our bands will be taking part. This will be the first of our concerts after an absence of 3 years due to the Covid pandemic. The concert will be at St Martins Church, Brighouse commencing at 7.15pm and will be a tribute to the late Queen.

In our programme we will be including music which was enjoyed by her Majesty over the years.

We hope you will come and join us. Tickets are £10.00 each, children 14 years and under and our Patrons are free of charge as part of their annual membership.

Tickets can be obtained from the secretary Jane Clay on 01422 201875 also on the door on the evening.

Rehearsals

Senior Band

- Tuesday & Thursday
7.45pm—9.15pm

B Band

- Fridays
7.30pm—9.00pm

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New Musical Director for our B Band.

I joined Clifton and Lightcliffe Training Band when I was eight, and thanks to John's guidance I quickly moved up to the B Band on Euphonium. I had music lessons with Alan Jazwinski, Alex Kenyon and Becky Long, and I now play Principal Trombone with the A band.

I recently graduated from Huddersfield University with a first-class degree in Music Technology. As part of the degree, I chose to record some of my compositions with the band. This work received very high marks and I am extremely grateful to the band for helping me out with those assignments!

I am fortunate to now be a composer for a TV music publisher and have had my music featured on programs such as Gardeners World, Antiques Roadshow and Countryfile to name a few!

When the chance arose, I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to conduct the B Band—a partnership I hope will long continue.

Alex Smith



Pictures of our B Band

Alex receiving his degree.

Left taking his first engagement as Musical Director of the band at Scholes Church, he looks as though he will enjoy the job.

Bottom left is Ilkley Band Stand and bottom right is a concert at St Matthews Church Northowram.

This was organised by Robert Paxman one of our percussionists and the Conductor of the Northowram Singers who also took part in the concert with the band.

We finished the evening with a joint item Bare Necessities from the film Jungle book which Robert arranged for band and choir.



Busy Summer for both bands.

After a couple of years with few concerts 2022 is proving to be very busy for both bands with lots of organisations asking us to perform around the area. Some of the concerts are long established, one in particular on the 11th June was Scholes Church at Cleckheaton where our B Band have taken part for the last 17 years for their Garden Party. The day was very busy with people listening to the band as well as lots of other events. The same day in the evening the senior band had a regular slot at Wibsey Methodist Church this time with yet another proms concert. The organisers at Wibsey have been very supportive of the band over the last few years and we are very grateful to them.

Later in June we had a trip to Filey to play on the band stand, what a busy day that was as their annual food festival was in full swing all around the band stand on the Crescent. After the concert we all enjoyed our usual stop for fish and chips at Inghams Fish Restaurant.

Other engagements included a concert at St Cuthbert's Church Pateley Bridge, the Moravian Church Wyke Lane Bailiff Bridge, West Royd Park, Upper Hopton Garden Party, Ilkley Band Stand, Pudsey Park and a couple of new venues Roberts Park Shipley and St Michaels Church Headingley.

The Autumn is much quieter which will give John time to prepare the band for the up and coming season with a new programme.



Moravian Church Wyke Lane Bailiff Bridge

St Cuthbert's Church Pateley Bridge



Fish and Chips in Filey



Potential new recruit for the band at Roberts Park
7 year old Bethany Clay

Sell out concert in Cleckheaton for the British Legion's Jubilee celebrations. This concert was kindly taken by Derek Broadbent after John had an operation on his hand and was unable to conduct. Thank you Derek for an excellent concert.

BRIGHOUSE CHARITY GALA 2022

On Saturday, 25th June the Brighthouse Charity Gala was, once again, back in business for its 55th year at Wellholme Park, following a two-year absence due to the pandemic.

The weather was ideal and, as in previous years, Clifton & Lightcliffe had a stall, as did many other local charities and organisations, so carrying on the motto of 'Charity begins at Wellholme'.

The extremely hard-working members of the Gala Committee had organized plenty of attractions to keep the large crowds happy. These included the procession of floats and walking groups, a large fairground, donkey rides, steam model train rides, arena displays and a band-wagon style stage featuring much local musical talent.

Thanks to the generosity of band members, our stall offered a quality tombola (always popular) plus kiddies' hook-a-bag, sweetie cups, teddy and soft toy pull and, not forgetting, our rather noisy chicken in a basket game! Everyone helping on the stall joined in the fun and, after setting up in record time, we were kept busy taking money and chatting with folk from late morning.

In Tracey's absence, Jane had kindly made sandwiches which kept us going through to 3.30 pm, by which time we had run out of practically everything, even our very large quantity of teddies! A short-lived cloudburst half an hour later couldn't spoil a great, fun-filled day, with a good return for band funds and a share of the gate money still to be handed out at the Brighthouse Charity Gala AGM in September.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way, either on the day or by donating items. We just couldn't do it without your support. A special thank you also goes to Melody Hopkins of Wright & Co for her very generous donation of brandy snaps and biscuits for our tombola.

Julia and Rob Wood

Queen's Jubilee

The Queen's Jubilee in June was a busy time for the senior band with a number of concerts including St Paul's Church Drighlington which was a new venue for us. This was on Friday 3rd June, it was very well attended and there were some lovely comments from the audience. On the Saturday we performed another concert at Clifton which again was very well attended then on the Sunday we decided to hold our own celebrations at the band room and invite the neighbours and the Bailiff Bridge Bowlers to join us.

Unfortunately the weather was quite poor but this did not dampen the spirits and around 60 people attended. Both our bands took part and played on the lawn under our newly purchased gazebo. There was a lovely buffet supplied by our neighbour Lindsay Todd and the band members brought enough buns and cakes to feed the whole of Bailiff Bridge. Pictures show Drighlington and our own celebrations.



Married at last.....

There was an article written in the Spring 2019 newsletter about a couple getting engaged in Italy 2018. Well here is a little update...

We set a date of March 2020 but moved it due to buying a house six-months prior (however it would have been postponed as it was during the first week of the first lockdown!). Fast forward twelve months and we are round to attempt two but nope that was not meant to be and was postponed due to COVID-19. Fast forward to another twelve-months to March 2022 and we FINALLY got married on the 26th March 2022 on our sixth anniversary together!

We got married at Calderdale Registry Office in front of 50 close friends and family before heading to Brighthouse Party Venue where the real party started with 140 guests! We had the band play at the beginning of the night as people started to arrive and what an amazing atmosphere they created, going from congratulations to a cheeky solo played by the new husband to the amazing Floral Dance that got everybody on their feet clapping and dancing.

We then had a different approach to the wedding by having a personalised 'Blessing' ceremony with vows that were dedicated to us where Alex cannot moan at me when I do not practise my cornet to me not being able to get annoyed at him when he can play something I cannot!

We have recently booked our honeymoon to travel around France for eleven nights and twelve days, visiting Paris, Colmar and of course Disneyland in August 2023.

The adventure continues and memories just get better.

Kerry and Alex Murray



Annual Dinner and Awards Evening

Our annual dinner and awards evening will be held at the Bailiff Bridge Community Centre on Friday 21st October 7.30pm.

The cost for the evening is £30.00 and includes a three course dinner with a choice of menu.

This is open to everyone and we especially would like to welcome our Patrons to come along and have a relaxed evening with us.

Contact the secretary Jane Clay 07990633320 if you would like to attend. Places are limited.

Yorkshire qualifying rounds for the National Brass Band Finals

The band took part in the qualifying rounds for the Nationals Finals after a two year break again due to the pandemic. The competition was held at Huddersfield Town Hall on the weekend of 5th and 6th March. 50 bands took part in 5 sections ranging from the 4th section to the Championship section.

Our section was on the Saturday afternoon. The test piece was Facets of Glass written by Gordon Langford which was commissioned for the Pilkington Open Brass Band Championships in 1983. It was in 4 movements and illustrated the various functions of glass from the very beginning when lightning gave the dramatic fusion of the elements to the peace and beauty of the stained glass windows in church. The adjudicators for our section were Alan Morrison and Martin Heartfield.

The band played a very good performance and were awarded third prize just missing out on going to the finals as only the first two bands go through.

A good start for the band after 2 years of lockdown and we are pleased we kept everyone together so we can look forward to competing again next March. Pictures show the band on stage at Huddersfield, John checking everyone was ready to start and David collecting the prize from Martin Heartfield.



Vacancies

We are needing Cornets Euphonium and Bb Bass players for our B Band.
We have instruments available.

If anyone is interested do come along Friday evenings 7.30pm we will be very pleased to see you.

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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 07799270955 or the Secretary Jane Clay 07990633320

125 CLUB

A very valuable source of income for the band over a number of years now is our weekly 125 club draw.

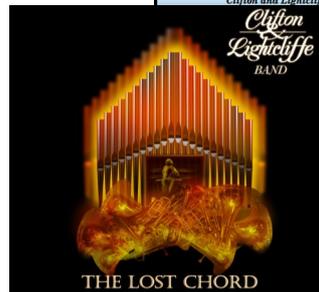
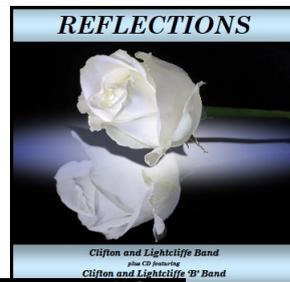
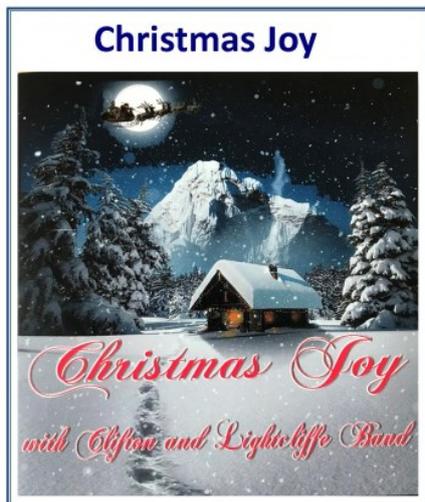
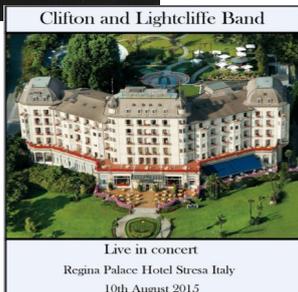
Numbers are 25p each per week to purchase and a £5.00 weekly draw takes place plus three times a year a prize of £50.00 is given at Christmas, Spring and the Summer

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

125 Club Draw

CD's for Sale

Our selection of Cd's including our recent Christmas Cd are available to purchase on our web-site, our concerts or from Jane Clay on 07990633320. Prices range from between £5.00 and £10.00



ENGAGEMENTS 2022

SENIOR BAND

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th	St Mary's Church Wyke 2.30pm
Saturday 12th	Wibsey Methodist Church 2.00pm
Saturday 19th	Annual Concert St Martins Church Brighouse 7.15pm
Friday 26th	Fulneck Church Christmas Tree Festival 7.30pm
Sunday 27th	Harewood House 1.00pm and 3.00pm

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd	St Paul's Church Birkenshaw 7.30pm
Friday 9th	St Thomas's Church Greetland 7.30pm
Saturday 10th	Bingley Baptist Church 7.30pm
Saturday 17th	Harewood House 1.00pm and 3.00pm

B BAND

NOVEMBER

Saturday 19th	Annual Concert St Martins Church Brighouse 7.15pm
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DECEMBER

Sunday 18th	Wibsey Methodist Church 4.00pm
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