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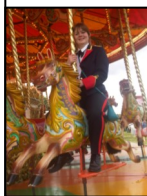


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Summers over...

A busy summer and Remembrance under our belts out come the Christmas folders and the mad rush of preparation as the year comes to an end.

We had a rather eventful summer with some big goodbyes and hellos but we made it through and managed to keep up our busy agenda. From the start of July a lot has changed with Sue sadly leaving us and John joining us to take on a summer full of engagements. John took up the baton at very short notice with two concerts at the end of his first week. We played at the first Beer festival for Aldeburgh (hopefully its going to be an annual thing!). We marched off down the high street on a mission to get to the free beers at the other end! We were personally requested by the mayor of Aldeburgh who particularly enjoys hearing us march down the street.



Bandstand Concerts are always an enjoyable experience, unfortunately we only did one bandstand concert at Nicholas Everett Park, Oulton Broad but it was a lovely day with the audience all saying how great we sounded. We played for 2 hours and the sun shone throughout.



Henham Steam Rally at the start of September was another really lovely day. The sun was shining and we played some really good music, with Stewart Green hearing us play his piece Narinda from the car park. Helena and Rachel Stevens did some good promotion for the band on all the rides in their uniforms showing our fun loving side. I had to join them on the traditional steam run Carousel!

Jack Parker got a new bass trombone in time for remembrance this year. In all our marches the bass line is even more prominent than ever (you can hear us on Youtube! "Leiston RBL Band") also Anna Kersey got a new Flugel Horn as well this summer.

We spent remembrance Sunday with a morning march in Leiston and an afternoon march in Kelsale. The rain held off for the morning but it was very heavy in the afternoon and unfortunately we didn't do the return march.

The annual remembrance concert was a great night and the remembrance committee did a very good job of organizing it. We played some great music and even did some choreography in Battle of Britain! After the interval Graham Orpet the singer and comedian was great entertainment with the audience singing and laughing along. He then led us in community singing which was great fun. We then had the service led by the local vicar where we played the regimental marches, always a moving moment when you glimpse into the audience and see so many less audience members standing for their march than the year before.



David Stokes came and played with us over the summer, joining the trombones and helping to make the great sound that can be heard whenever you hear us playing.

Hopefully he will pop in to see us again on his next holiday from America.

It was lovely to see Christine Whinney appear again on the front row over the summer. Christine used to play in the band and was taught by John Alderton when she was at school.

Christine is now off again to her new job in Bristol and will be missed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

Leiston Band
Family Christmas Party
Saturday Dec 11th
5.30 p.m. - late

AT THE EX SERVICE CLUB, VICTORY ROAD, LEISTON
Disco, Karaoke & Games

You should all have received a letter that requested you to complete the return slip - if you haven't received a letter please speak to Philip Glennon or Nikki Glennon-Bird and if you have received your letter please return your slip.

This event is
FREE

to band members and their families,

However, we are requesting that you bring along a plate of food to share
(A suggested list of food items is in the band room)

Please note if you are under 16 years old you should be accompanied by an adult.

Congratulations...

♪ Tom Chalker-Grade 3- Trombone.

♪ Joe Stowger-Grade 3-Cornet.

♪ William Rose- Grade 2- Cornet.

♪ William Mower- Grade 2- Violin.

♪ Olivia Kersey- Grade 6- Cornet.

♪ Harriet Kersey-Grade 7-Trombone.

♪ Ellie Wilding- Grade 6- Cornet.



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BAND

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www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk
or on the door on the night

Bill's Muses...

My quote for this newsletter was found written on the back of one of Ollie's old envelopes (for those of you who didn't know Ollie she was a past member of the band) it comes from Ludwig Van Beethoven, he said "Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom & philosophy". How right he was.

Well we have finished our summer engagements and Remembrance is behind us and I would guess that our band committee are delighted with the support they have received from all of us during what has been a busy and difficult period. Of course our thanks really must go to John Alderton who willingly took up the baton and got to grips with the music that Sue had so diligently worked up with us.

We must have noticed by now that John insists that we start rehearsals at 8-15 prompt and is frustrated when music cannot be found and poor Anna is up and down like a yo-yo looking for music which she has already provided us with, don't forget she also enjoys her playing. Who'd be a librarian?

We need to maintain that support as we work towards our Xmas engagements and what has become our annual cinema concert. Social events are on the horizon. I'm sure we all will enjoy at least one of these.

The band has worked hard over the past period but many of our younger members have worked doubly hard as they aimed toward their exams, and then the stress of waiting for the results. We must congratulate you all as you now set your sights on the future, your future means moving on please do not lose touch with us and do keep your lip in.

It was good to have David Stokes briefly back with us. Forgive me for using this column but I would like to thank the little committee which organised the Festival of Remembrance I'm reluctant to name them as I am sure I would miss someone out but thanks to you all.

Finally our best wishes must go to Christine Whinney in her new career it was good to have you with us again.

Bill

5th December	PM	Carol Playing - Framlingham
15th December	Evening	Christmas Concert at Leiston Film Theatre
16th December	Evening	Westleton Carol Supper
19th December	PM	Carols at Snape Maltings
24th December	PM	Christmas Carols at Thorpness Golf Club
24th December	Evening	Carol Service at Leiston Old Post Office Square

Heard in the Bandroom

As a young lad left the training band he said to his mum 'When I grow up I think I want to be a musician.' She replied 'well son, you do know you can't do both'



Friends of the band?

Organizing social and fund-raising events can be a challenge when all our members are busy rehearsing and performing.

It has been suggested that a "Friends of the Band" made up of family and supporters may be a way of ensuring these events are able to take place. If you have any comments or would be interested in being involved please contact me.

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Ellie

Best Wishes.

Hi, I am Harriet!

I've been playing trombone in the band for about 8 years. My favourite memory from band is probably the trip to Belgium it was amazing and an unforgettable experience.



My favourite piece of music is either Frolic for Trombones or Rockin' around the Christmas Tree.



Now I am now at Canterbury Christ Church University studying History and Archaeology.

I would like to thank Phillip for teaching me just about everything I know and Richard for helping me as well.

Goodbye and I'll see you all at Christmas!

We are all missing Harriet, and hope she enjoys her time at university and continues to play. Hope you can play with us in our annual Christmas concert. EW

Notes From The Chair.

All change in recent months. Sue Taylor relinquished the baton having helped us all to

improve our music making in recent years, culminating in the production of our CD, Sirapite. Luckily a past conductor stood in at short notice and it soon became obvious that John Alderton was the natural choice to take over the role.

John is already stamping his personality on the band and is working with the committee to develop some of his ideas for the Band's future.

We have also seen an influx of players from our training band. The hard work of Philip Glennon is paying off as he is not only generating new talent, but giving an opportunity for lapsed players to return to banding.

I came to the training band 9 years ago with my daughter Ellie who had just come home from school with a cornet. I told Philip I used to play the Euphonium 15 years before and he encouraged me to take it up again and the rest is history.

We are lucky to have a training band to give returning players a relaxed environment to return to banding and I can recommend it to anyone thinking about it. Thank you Philip.

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