

BRASS NOTES

NEWS FROM LONG MELFORD
SILVER BAND



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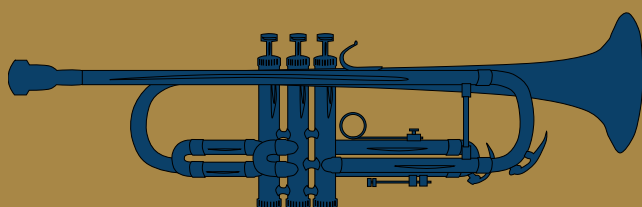


Welcome

once again to another issue of Brass Notes. July has been a busy month for the band, we started on Wednesday 10th with our Brass Band Week Celebrations, a small group played at Long Melford Primary School Fete before our Brassed Off Concert on Saturday 20th. We finished off the month with a band barbecue for players and their families, kindly hosted by Martin and Felicity.



Meet the player
Sarah Parkinson





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Percussion

When did you join the Band?

I joined in February 2017.

How long have you been playing the drums?

I started playing the drums about 20 years ago when I became involved in a church worship band and we didn't have a drummer. I bought a second hand set and taught myself initially, but once I joined LMSB I was playing lots of new genres of music and found that lessons from a drum teacher helped with my technique.

What do you enjoy most about playing with LMSB?

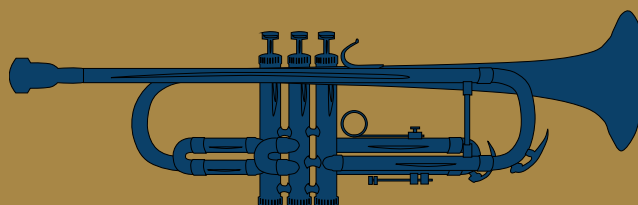
I have found LMSB a very friendly band and, without the encouragement of the band members and band master, I wouldn't have stuck at it when I started. Also, playing percussion in a brass band gives you the opportunity to play many different styles of music, ranging from playing a swing beat with brushes to playing a march with rolls on the snare drum and lots more besides!

Favourite piece of music to play?

It's difficult to choose one piece but I particularly like playing quite dramatic film score pieces like 'Skyfall'.

What's your proudest banding moment?

The occasions when we have played at the Menin Gate in Ypres have been a privilege. It was also memorable to play at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds for a BBC Radio Suffolk Christmas concert.

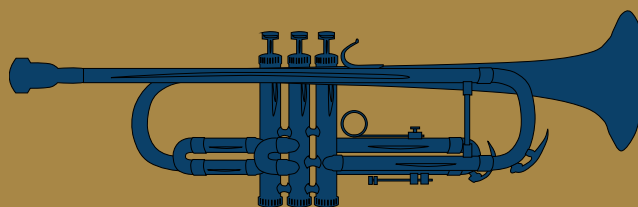


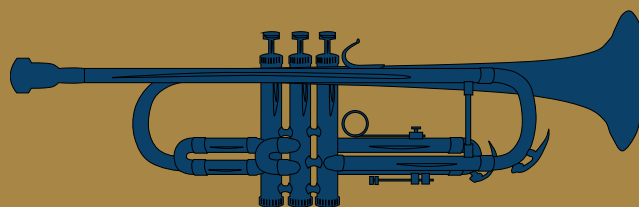


A massive thank you to all of those that came out and supported us for our Brass Band Week Celebration on Wednesday 10th July!

We had a massed band of nearly 40 players with guests from Suffolk Phoenix Brass, Rayleigh Brass, Woodbridge Excelsior Band, Hadstock Silver Band, Classic Brass, Castleton Brass, Boxted Methodist Silver Band, Soham Comrades Band, Stowmarket Concert Band and the Loddon Band.

It was such a lovely sight seeing so many East Anglian bands represented, all wearing their respective uniforms!

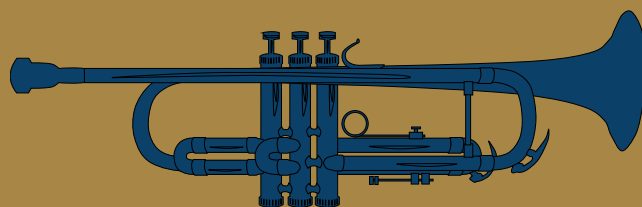






Saturday 20th July saw the band welcome cornet player Andrew Bannister to Long Melford Village Hall for our Brassed Off concert.

A massive thank you is needed for Mark & Carol Rowe for doing the refreshments and to Susan Murkin and Sarah Hume for selling tickets and organising the raffle. We made £450 for band funds. Andrew was presented with a framed copy of one of the pieces he played signed by all of the band.





The band ended July with a new social event in our calendar!

Players and families gathered for a summer BBQ, kindly hosted by Martin and Felicity in their beautiful garden.

Thanks go to “The Grill Gang” Sam and Harry for cooking the food and to everyone who contributed to make the evening so successful, even the sun stayed out!

