

BRASS NOTES

NEWS FROM LONG MELFORD
SILVER BAND



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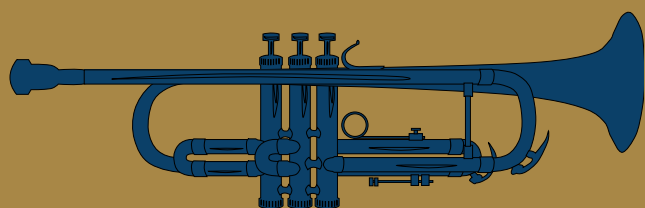
Welcome

once again to another issue of Brass Notes. October was a fairly quiet month for the band but we certainly made up for it in November!

We started the month with our rehearsal weekend in Harrogate before our Festival of Remembrance in Clare and Remembrance Service in Long Melford, we now look towards Christmas!

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Harrogate

Annual Band Rehearsal Weekend in Harrogate

The band travelled up to the Cairn Hotel in Harrogate on Friday 1st November for our annual intensive rehearsal weekend.

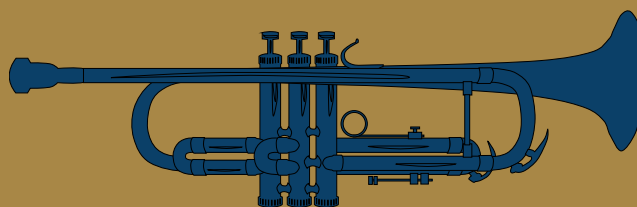
All of the music was new to us, or hadn't been played for many years and our MD Frankie put the band through it's paces with about 9 hours of rehearsal over the weekend.

On Saturday morning players and guests had the chance to visit Thirsk, with some choosing to stay and explore Harrogate.

Our guests went on to visit Ripon in the afternoon while the band were back rehearsing before a lovely meal was enjoyed in the hotel on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning saw another rehearsal for the band before a mini concert of some of the music we'd looked at over the weekend was put on for our guests before we all boarded the coach for the long trip back.

Thanks go once again to Mike Murkin for his huge efforts in organising such an enjoyable and succesful trip!



FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday 8th November saw the band, in conjunction with the Military Wives Choir Wimbish put on a Festival of Remembrance at St Peter & St Pauls Church in Clare.

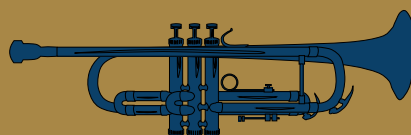
The evening was hosted by GenX Radio Suffolk presenter Neil Whiteside and featured performances from both groups in the first half with the band performing music including the Dambusters March, Over the Rainbow, Benedictus and a Vera Lynn Medley while the choir performed songs including Pack up your troubles and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.

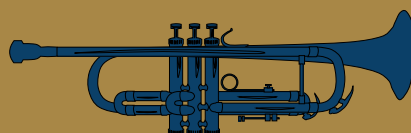
The second half featured a deeply moving drumhead service. To the sound of the Choir singing John Lennons "Imagine", band members Sam Salmon, Tim King, Harry Copsey and Sarah Parkinson carried the bands ceremonial drums in and assembled the drumhead before band Chairman Gordon Connah laid a wreath and 2470 Squadron Air Training Corps laid their squadron standard and the union flag.

The Revd Dr Karen Smith from St Peter & St Pauls led the service before Sam Salmon sounded the Last Post.

We would like to thank everyone that helped to make the evening the success it was from the MWC Wimbish, the deps that helped us out after 3 of our players contracted covid in the days leading up to the concert, Neil Whiteside for his excellent compering and also to our band treasurer Mike Murkin and his wife Susan who helped man the doors, helped with refreshments and Mike also read the poem In Flanders Field over the band during a piece titled the same.

Over £1400 was raised for the Royal British Legion and band funds!







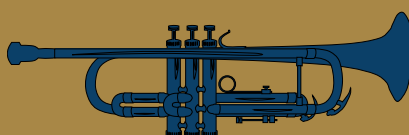
Friday 8th November also saw a small group from the band perform for Barbara Abbotts final journey.

Barbara's daughter in law is one of our tenor horn players and several Long Melford players alongside members of Castleton Brass played during the service at Ipswich Crematorium.

Barbara was a keen supporter of brass banding and attended many concerts and other events.

It was an honour to play for Barbara and her family and to give her the send off she deserved.

Barbara Abbott 1938 - 2024





On Sunday 10th November the band played at the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at Holy Trinity Church in Long Melford.

The band played before the service, accompanied the congregation for the hymns and played while the wreaths were being laid.

Felicity Gore, one of our cornet players sounded the Last Post and Reveille and Mike Murkin laid the wreath on behalf of the band.



Christmas 2024

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - CLARE CHRISTMAS FAIR 6.30PM

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - FESTIVE LONG MELFORD 1.30PM

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER - CRAFT FAIR DEVONSHIRE HOUSE CAVENDISH 11AM

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER - CAROLS IN HALSTEAD HIGH STREET 2PM

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER - CAROL CONCERT THE MILL HOTEL SUDBURY 2PM

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER - CAROLS IN SUDBURY TOWN CENTRE 2PM

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER - CAROLS IN CLARE MARKET SQUARE 2PM

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER - PEBMARSH CAROL SERVICE (TIME TBC)

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT LONG MELFORD VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER - CAROLS IN HALL STREET LONG MELFORD 10AM

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - CLARE BAPTIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE 6PM



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