



# Cornwall Youth Brass Band

Band Brest an Yowynkneth Kernow

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2016

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Most of you will be very busy at present with your parent bands carrying out summer engagements. This for many of you will be more relaxing than the preceding few months with intense rehearsal for firstly the Area Contest and then Bugle Contest. It was good to see so many of you at Bugle and I trust you enjoyed the day and caught up with many of your CYBB friends.

We will be commencing rehearsals for the Christmas Course in September and as always I urge you to encourage any of your friends who are not already in the Band to consider joining. The Christmas Course will be led by Ian Porthouse who always tries to arrange challenging and interesting music for the course.

It will be the first course since our Catering team decided to take a rest after many years of hard work. I wish to say a big thank you to all of them and the many helpers, who not only worked hard but also found it an enjoyable social time. I am sure many of the parents and grandparents will miss the social aspect, but I hope you may still have time to come along and have a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Trustees have made you aware of the catering situation for more than 12 months and also the various increased running costs of the Courses, and we have always kept costs as low as possible by contributing part of the costs from CYBB Funds. In order to keep costs as low as possible the Trustees find we are able to minimise the cost for the Courses this year by subsidising approximately 50% of the increase. Details of costs will be sent out shortly.

I hope all band members enjoy your summer break and come back refreshed in the autumn.

Brian Minear

#### **MESSAGE FROM DEAN WRIGHT**

Hello Philip. This is just a note to congratulate you and the staff of CYBB on a successful Easter course. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the band and sincerely hope the youngsters involved got something from my participation. I thought the Concert was fantastic.

Please pass on my best wishes to the rest of the staff and thank them from Sian and I for the welcome and the hospitality offered to us last weekend.

Best wishes

Dean

#### **ORDER YOUR CD**

A CD of the Easter Gala Concert is available from PM Sound, 01872 263300. Once again we are grateful to Paul and his team for supporting the band in this way.

#### **2016 ANNUAL AWARDS**

Congratulations to those CYBB Musicians who received one of our Annual Awards at the Easter Concert. With the exception of the Players Player Award, voted for by the Musicians themselves, the musical Awards are decided by our Conducting and Tutorial Team.

**YOUNGEST PLAYER** Lia Teague, aged 11.

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** (the Allen Knight Memorial Cup) Matthew Opie.

**MOST PROMISING PLAYER** (the CYBB Shield) Cathryn Nuta.

GOFF RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP for the MOST PROMISING TROMBONE PLAYER Peter Richards.

A R TRUDGIAN YOUTH AWARDS presented at The West of England Bandsman's Festival to the Players Representatives, Megan Thomas and Gavin Rowe.

W A HUNT CUP for the Most Conspicuous Contribution to the CYBB the CYBB Catering Team.

PLAYERS PLAYER (the Eric Richards Shield) Megan Thomas.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (the Albert Chappell Shield) Andrew Hammett.

## **FAREWELLS**

We were sorry to say goodbye to four of our musicians who had reached the age limit at Easter, Megan Thomas after 22 Courses, Andrew Hammett after 16, Rebecca Watson after 9 and Matthew Nix after 4. We wish them well for the future.

Any Musician leaving after completing 20 or more Courses receives a Special Award to mark their achievement. Megan Thomas received one of these Awards, in the form of an inscribed cut glass tumbler, having completed 22 Courses, the most any musician has achieved since the Band was founded in 1955. We are delighted that Megan will stay involved with the Band, having accepted the Trustees' invitation to become a Trustee.

As the Chairman mentioned above, we also said goodbye to James Gore in his role as CYBB Caterer, though he will be remaining as a Trustee. Jim first became involved with the CYBB in 1999, when his son, Adam, joined the Band. From 2000 onwards he became responsible for planning and providing all the meals for the Musicians on the Residential Courses, helped over the years by Jackie Smith, Adrianna Laity and, since 2005 in particular, Sally Wilkins as well as a large team of Parents and supporters.

Sadly it has not been possible, despite many appeals and enquiries, to replace Jim, and so from Christmas 2016 we will be using the resident Caterers at Truro High School for Girls to provide the meals on the Courses.

The Trustees wish to place on record their appreciation for the enormous amount of work put in by Jim over the years, and were pleased to make an appropriate presentation to both Jim and Sally at the Easter Concert in recognition of their longstanding support for the CYBB.

Also at the Concert the entire Catering Team was awarded the W A HUNT CUP, for the Most Conspicuous Contribution to the CYBB. Since then we have said goodbye, with our grateful thanks, to Sally Wilkins who has stepped down as a Trustee.

## **WELCOME**

As mentioned above Megan Thomas has been appointed a Trustee of the CYBB. In particular, she will be, along with Matthew Julian, our existing Trustee and Joint Vice Chairman, making regular contact with our Cornish Bands, to encourage their young musicians to take advantage of the benefits of joining the CYBB. We are also pleased to welcome our Lead Local Conductor, Darren Hawken, as a Trustee.

## **SECRETARIAL CHANGES**

After 13 years in the post Phillip will be stepping down as Secretary of the CYBB at the end of the year. Robert Kitchen will become Company Secretary and first point of administrative contact with the Band, as well as continuing his existing duties as Treasurer. Phillip will continue as a Trustee and deal with Publicity, with his other duties being split among the other Trustees.

## **MAGICAL MUSIC MAKING**

Many congratulations to Lowenna Taylor, one of our musicians from 2004 to 2010, who has won the Best Soloist Prize in the 2016 Band Cymru Competition. Lowenna was last with us in 2014, when she chose the CYBB to

accompany her in the first performance of the Horn Concerto, Bestowal of a Century that she commissioned Christopher Bond, another former CYBB Musician, to write for her.

One of our past Principal Cornets, Stephanie Wilkins, who now plays Repiano Cornet with the Cory Band, is also in the news. Tanguero! by Richard Hayden Taylor won the 2016 Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama/Cory Band Composition Prize. It is cornet solo inspired by the sultry atmosphere found in the back street dance clubs of Buenos Aires.

'Tanguero!' was performed by Stephanie of recently crowned European Champion Cory – not once, but twice – at their recent concert at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, as it claimed the £250 prize presented by Kapitol Promotions.

"It was such an atmospheric, but accessible solo work," Cory MD Philip Harper said. It was also brilliantly played by Stephanie!"

The 5-minute solo evokes the meandering sensuality of the tango with its accompaniment of the bandoneon band – something the composer, who is a huge fan of composers such as Astor Piazzolla, certainly wanted to recreate.

**ONE OF THREE** Nuta sisters in the CYBB, Cathryn, has received some well-deserved help.

14 year old Cathryn Nuta from St Joseph's School, Launceston has been awarded a grant of £750 from The Lord Lieutenant's Fund for Youth (LLFFY). This fund was launched in 2005 by then Lord Lieutenant Lady Mary Holborow and Vice Lord Lieutenant Michael Galsworthy, and aims to inspire and support exceptional ability in Cornwall's young who have demonstrated the desire and capability to accomplish great things. Current Lord Lieutenant, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE said, "I wish Cathryn all the success that she can dream of: aim high." The grant has been added to the £250 awarded to Cathryn last year from the Goff Richard's Memorial Fund and was put towards the purchase of a new, high quality professional tenor horn. A delighted Cathryn said, "I am so grateful for the support of the Lord Lieutenant and Goff Richards Memorial Funds. I wish to thank them and my

dedicated mum and step-dad for helping me pursue an exciting future in music.”

Cathryn passed her ABRSM grade 8 on tenor horn in December 2015, only 6 months after passing her ABRSM grade 8 on treble recorder. She plays with Bodmin Town Band, the Cornwall Youth Brass Band as well as the National Children’s Brass Band of Great Britain and the National Youth Recorder Ensemble. In addition many will remember seeing Cathryn and her talented musical family, Jack Brass, featured on BBC Spotlight recently. As mentioned above Cathryn also received our 2016 Annual CYBB Award for the Most Promising Player.

### **CORNWALL CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY**

The CYBB is a Member of the Cornwall Children’s University, a national project which celebrates the involvement of young people between the ages of 5 and 14 in out of School learning activities. There are Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates to be achieved and hours spent at CYBB Rehearsals and Courses soon count towards these Certificates. Two of our Musicians, Sarah Wilton and Harrison Farbrace, have already received Silver Awards. The hours are recorded in a Passport available from Phillip. Full details of the scheme are available on their Web Site at, [www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwallcu](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwallcu). Having now achieved a Gold Award, Sarah has graduated and attended the Graduation Ceremony to receive her Award at Penryn University Campus on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **MASONIC DONATION**

Sarah, along with her brother Jason, was also in action at the Masonic Hall in Newquay on 15<sup>th</sup> May, when they played a duet at the presentation of a Cheque for £300 for CYBB Funds by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall Masonic Benevolent Fund. The Cheque was received from the Provincial Grand Master, Stephen Pearn, by Vice Chairman Jim Gore. This is the third year that the Freemasons have supported the CYBB with a generous donation.

We are also pleased to acknowledge a generous donation from The Malcolm Arnold Trust, as well as all those listed in our Easter Concert Programme.

## **FALMOUTH ART GALLERY EXHIBITION**

The Band was pleased to loan the original handwritten score of The Little Suite (No2) for Brass Band by Sir Malcolm Arnold to the Gallery in connection with an Exhibition there in the New Year of paintings by Tony Giles. Tony was a great friend of Malcolm Arnold's when he lived in Cornwall during the 1960's, during time which he wrote the piece for the CYBB, and conducted the Band in its first performance. Sir Malcolm presented the score to Tony and his wife Hilary as a gift on their wedding. Following Tony's death, Hilary presented it to the CYBB, and it is now on loan to The Cornwall Studies Library in Redruth, where it is available to be studied on request from the Librarian, Kim Cooper, Tel. 01209 216760.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

At Christmas 2016 we will welcome back Ian Porthouse, Musical Director of the Tredegar Band, as Guest Conductor. The Course will be on the usual dates, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Gala Concert, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 7pm, at St Michael's Church Newquay.

At Easter 2017 we will be joined by Paul Holland, Musical Director of the Flowers Band, as Guest Conductor, and as Guest Soloist, Paul Richards, their soprano and former Member of the CYBB. Both courses are at Truro High School for Girls.

2016/2017 Rehearsal Dates at Truro College for your Diary.

2016. Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

2017. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Easter Course, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## **AUDITIONS**

We are always happy to welcome new musicians to the Band, and will be holding Auditions for new members at the end of August, for those wishing to join for our next season in September. We have another exciting season lined up and hope that you will encourage many of them to join you in the

Band, you know how good it is, so why not tell them. There is nothing like personal recommendation, so over to you. More information about the Band, joining details, Application Forms, and Auditions are on our Web Site, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk) or speak to Phillip or Robert.

### **TWITTER & FACEBOOK**

Our successful Twitter Account continues to build up an impressive list of followers, over 1000 at the moment, including many well-known names in the brass band world.

The address is @Thecybb please follow it and make use of it as much as you can.

The Band also has a Facebook page, [facebook.com/TheCYBB](https://facebook.com/TheCYBB). Keep an eye on it.

### **FRIENDS OF THE CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND**

We are always pleased to welcome new Friends of the Band. Even though everyone connected to the Band is a Volunteer, we still need to ensure a regular income to continue our work for your benefit. Please ask Relatives or anyone you know to consider helping us in this way. Our formal details about the Scheme are below.

Why not become a Friend of the Cornwall Youth Brass Band, which is a self-funding charity? 100% of every £1 you donate will help our young musicians. All our trustees and local tutors give their time to the band entirely without charge. It is an expensive business running two four-day residential courses for the band, directed by eminent conductors, one at Christmas and one at Easter, to say nothing of the cost of music, percussion instruments and other essentials. We are, therefore, always grateful for donations to help us provide the best possible and most stimulating musical experiences we can for our young musicians.

Ways in which you can be a Friend

- Set up a standing order
- Make a one-off donation
- Make a gift aid declaration, if you are a UK taxpayer, and enable us to claim 25p from the government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you.

As a Friend, you will be entitled to receive our email Winter and Summer Newsletters to keep you up to date with news about the band and its activities. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Concert Programmes. Full details of how to make a donation can be found on the CYBB Web Site, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

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