



Cornwall Youth Brass Band

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am sure that you are all looking forward to the summer season ahead, following for what many of you has been a very busy few months preparing for the area and Bugle contests.

Looking back to our Easter Course, although the Band was low in numbers, the playing was still up to the usual standard. Paul Holland who led the course commented the Band should be proud of their achievements, and Paul Richards our guest soprano cornet soloist wowed the crowds with his tremendous playing.

The rehearsals for the Christmas course commence in September. The course will be led by Dr. Stephen Cobb the Bandmaster of The International Staff Band of the Salvation Army. His son Philip who is Principal Trumpet of the London Symphony Orchestra will be our soloist. They were first with us in 2007 when it was a very enjoyable and successful course.

At Easter 2018 we will welcome to lead our course for the first time Glyn Williams the celebrated euphonium player, who will be accompanied by his wife Helen as soloist on flugel horn. They are both members of the Cory Band.

We will be auditioning for new players shortly, so please encourage your friends, and spread the word. They will be given a warm welcome and I am sure they would enjoy being part of our great Band and benefit from it.

I hope you all enjoy your summer with your parent Bands and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Brian Minear

NEW SEASON DATES

Rehearsals at Truro College

2017 24th September, 22nd October and 26th November

2018 7th January, 4th February and 18th March

Courses at Truro High School for Girls

Christmas 2017 27th –30th December

Easter 2018 30th March–2nd April

CYBB MUSICIANS AWARDS 2017

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 Corey Williams

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Alina Nuta

MOST PROMISING PLAYER Matthew Osborne

GOFF RICHARDS CUP for the most promising trombonist Daniel Sloggett

A R TRUDGIAN YOUTH AWARDS, presented at the West of England Bandsmen's Festival, the Players Representatives, Grace Denford and Matthew Opie

PLAYERS' PLAYER Grace Denford

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Charlie Hodge

W A HUNT CUP for the most conspicuous contribution to the Band, our Librarian, Lyn Blight

MASONIC DONATION

The CYBB has once again received a generous donation from the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent Fund. The photograph shows Sarah and Jason Wilton receiving the cheque for £300 from the Provincial Grand Master, Stephen Pearn, after they had entertained the Guests at the Presentation Ceremony.



CAN YOU HELP?

The Trustees have always welcomed and appreciated the support given by Parents and Supporters in assisting with the successful running of the Band over the years. Following the reorganisation of tasks during last season, we have identified two particular areas where we would welcome voluntary assistance from September. Existing Trustees will of course be available to provide support for anyone undertaking these tasks.

Transport Co-ordinator

This involves arranging and assisting in the provision of transport for the collection and delivery of music stands, banners and other gear from our store at Truro College to Truro High School for Girls prior to and after each Course, as well as the transfer and return of percussion requirements from local Bands who kindly loan their equipment for the Courses. At present we hire vans, but would welcome help from someone with suitable transport, running costs would be covered. Alternatively a volunteer without transport would be welcome, but would also have to arrange the booking of transport from a convenient local company.

Entertainment Organiser

During each Course we endeavour to arrange social events for the various ages of musicians in the Band. These can include visits to the Cinema or Bowling Alley, films and games at the School. We would welcome assistance in initiating, co-ordinating and overseeing these and other activities, in conjunction with the Band Representatives.

For further details of how you can help with these tasks and to volunteer please contact Robert Kitchen, mail@rgckitchen.eclipse.co.uk

MAJOR SUCCESSES FOR FORMER CYBB MUSICIAN

The outstanding winning performance at this year's National Youth Championships of Great Britain by Wardle Academy Youth Band was of our past member Daniel Hall's composition, Smoke Sketches, commissioned for the Championships. Smoke Sketches is an eight minute work that takes its inspiration from the art of divination — interpreting visions and images from the smoke of an open fire, and was used as the set-test in the Intermediate Section.

The three movement work, comprising sections, 'Into the Blaze', 'A Lonesome Ember' and 'Spark of Light', was written specifically for the event, but is also already being seen as one that could easily be used at Fourth Section level with its energetic jazz and blues character. The other piece played by Wardle in their programme was Penlee, by another former CYBB member, Simon Dobson. In congratulating all 11 bands at the contest, Daniel added a special mention for Wardle's performance, saying: "Never have I ever been so inspired by a youth ensemble's performance; the amount of detail and attention to character was immense; thank you all so much!"

<https://soundcloud.com/paul-hindmarsh-music/smoke-sketches-daniel-hall-wardle-academy-youth-bandlee-rigg>

On the 25th May Daniel heard the first performance in Cardiff of his new Euphonium Concerto, inspired by the story of Pinocchio, performed by his friend Matthew Rowe, another CYBB past member. The 18 minute work for euphonium with piano accompaniment was written for Matthew to form part of his final Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama degree recital. Daniel commented, "I wrote it for Matthew as he's such a wonderful player — both with Tongwynlais Band and with the Indigo Brass Quartet who recently won the Philip Jones Ensemble Competition at RWCMD. We are also great friends, so I knew he would enjoy the work."

More recently Daniel's latest commission was given a world premiere at the recent West of England Bandsmen's Festival in Bugle on June 17th. The work, entitled, 'Kodema — Echoes of the Mountain' was written for St. Austell Youth Band, and renewed a special link, as his love for brass bands was nurtured by the band as a youngster before he left Bugle where he lived, to study at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama in Cardiff. Kodama is an eight minute test or concert piece designed for Fourth Section level, and was commissioned by Anna Minear and St. Austell Youth Band and is dedicated to Anna's father, Peter.

Conductor, Anna Minear was delighted to give the world premiere in the composer's home town contest, and said "It's fantastic to commission a new work by such a talented young composer like Daniel, especially since he is a past member of the band. I remember giving him his first ever music lesson in primary school age 10 and to see how he's progressed is truly inspirational for the other youngsters following in his footsteps with us".

In making his name as a major brass band composer Daniel is following in the footsteps of other past CYBB musicians such as Christopher Bond and Simon Dobson, whose popular work Penlee, commissioned by the CYBB, was the B Grade test piece in this year's Australian National Championships.

STEPHEN SYKES

Thanks from Jayne Joy to everyone who donated to the retiring collection at the Cornwall Youth Brass Band Easter concert on Monday 17th April 2017 for Stephen Sykes. "A total of £257.00 was raised which I've already transferred into the 'Save Stephen' fund on behalf of the Band".

Jayne Joy

BAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the first rehearsal in September you will be asked to appoint by a vote two Players Representatives. Their Role is to act as a link between the Musicians and the Trustees and to canvas, receive and pass on comments, opinions and suggestions from the Musicians, all of which, positive or not, are welcomed by the Trustees. Our thanks go to Grace Denford and Matt Opie who have worked very hard on your behalf this year.

There is no restriction on the age of the Representatives but a means of transport is needed as it is important that Representatives are prepared, as part of their

duties, to attend the regular meetings of the Trustees and contribute to those Meetings, though under the Charity Constitution of the CYBB voting on resolutions is not permitted. In relation to the CYBB Residential Courses they also assist in the allocation of rooms and help show Musicians to their accommodation, and generally assist the Trustees and Welfare Team in ensuring that Health and Safety Regulations, CYBB Rules and School Instructions are followed as well as acting as Role Models for the benefit of the smooth running of the Course. They also assist the Welfare Team in suggesting and if necessary helping to organise Social Activities during the Course.

Naturally a commitment to attending all the Rehearsals and Courses is essential as well as the ability to attend the Trustees Meetings at Indian Queens Band Room about four times during the year. If you would like to be considered by your fellow musicians, or propose someone, please let Roy MacKenzie know in advance, with the names of a proposer and seconder.

AUDITIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Being a Musician in The Cornwall Youth Brass Band brings many benefits. There is the chance to make new friends, to work with the best known and most talented Conductors and Soloists in the Brass Band World, as well as regularly rehearsing with our local Tutors.

We are always happy to welcome new musicians to the Band, and will be holding Auditions for new members by arrangement, 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 your friends 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 or speak to Darren.

TWITTER & FACEBOOK

Our successful Twitter Account continues to build up an impressive list of followers, well over 1000 at the moment, including many well known names in the brass band world. The address is @Thecybb please follow it and makes use of it as much as you can.

The Band also has a Facebook page, facebook.com/TheCYBB. Keep an eye on it.

TRUSTEES

Two new trustees have been appointed since the Winter Newsletter 2017 was published. We are delighted to welcome Tracey Smith and Roy Mackenzie as Trustees of the Band. Tracey, a former member, met her husband Jason in the Band, and their two children, Morwenna and Elliot are current members. Her Father, Pat, was our Treasurer in the 1990s and we are delighted that Tracey is continuing the family connection. Roy too has connections with the Band. His son Kevin was a member between 1991 and 1996 and Roy was our Secretary from 1994 to 1998. We are sorry that James Gore has stepped down as a Trustee and thank him for his support and dedication over many years. Our thanks go also to Marcus Dunstan who is moving to Gloucestershire and has in consequence resigned.

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

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