



# Cornwall Youth Brass Band

Band Brest an Yowynkneth Kernow

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2014

### ENJOY THE MOMENT

When on a recent holiday to Germany I spotted how close we were to Luxembourg and so I thought it would be good to visit a couple of places that we played in on our CYBB Tour back in 1990. I first went to Vianden Castle, located in Vianden in the north of Luxembourg. It is one of the largest fortified castles west of the Rhine, with origins dating from the 10th century. I remember all the equipment had to be carried to the hall at the top of the Castle and as the bus could not get very close it was a memorable long hike. The view at the top was excellent although I must confess I did not recall it. After spending a couple of hours exploring the castle I drove to the city of Luxembourg. As we approached the statue of the Golden Lady was resplendent on top of its column. We parked up and then retraced our steps as we marched from the Golden Lady to The Place d'Armes which is a square complete with bandstand and surrounded on three sides by bars and restaurants. I always wondered if perhaps we should have had permission to march but nobody complained and it was what a great experience through the narrow streets. The hardest job for the night was trying to get the musicians to unwind back at the hotel after a great concert, followed by six encores, to a packed square of cheering spectators.

We welcome our new members in September and hope they all settle in quickly and enjoy the moment.

Leonard Adams, Chairman

(Leonard was the Conductor when the CYBB went on a Tour to France, Luxembourg and Switzerland in 1990. Goff Richards wrote his now well known and popular piece The Golden Lady for the Band to play on the Tour.)

## **FROM IAN PORTHOUSE**

Once again, thanks to the Band and organisation for a fantastic and musically uplifting Easter weekend.

As usual the delegates responded magnificently to what was an extremely challenging programme, both technically and musically! The attitude and work ethic of these young musicians is a credit to everyone involved with the CYBB.

Please pass on my congratulations, thanks and best wishes again to all involved!

Ian

## **2014 ANNUAL AWARDS**

Congratulations to those CYBB Musicians who received Awards at the Easter Concert.

YOUNGEST PLAYER Lia Teague, aged 9.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER The Allen Knight Memorial Cup, Gregory Graves.

MOST PROMISING PLAYER CYBB Shield, Ryan Huxtable.

GOFF RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP, for the MOST PROMISING TROMBONE PLAYER Megan Thomas. Plus 6 Tickets to a Concert at the Hall for Cornwall, donated by them.

A R TRUDGIAN YOUTH AWARDS, Presented at The West of England Bandsman's Festival, the Players Representatives, Megan Thomas and Thomas Howard.

W A HUNT CUP for the Most Conspicuous Contribution to the CYBB, James Gore.

PLAYERS PLAYER, the Eric Richards Shield, Gregory Graves.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR, the Albert Chappell Shield, Adam Scott.

## **LONGSTANDING MUSICIANS**

We were sorry to say goodbye to four longstanding musicians at Easter, Emmeline Downer, Adam Scott, Lewis Blee and Matthew Rowe and wish them well for the future.

## **FIVE STAR \*\*\*\*\* CATERING**

One of the main reasons we can keep our Course Fees so low is the magnificent effort put in by our Trustees Catering Team of Sally Wilkins and Helen Rowe, led by Jim Gore. Like everyone involved with the CYBB the Catering Team is entirely voluntary, so the cost of providing three meals a day for over 70 hungry musicians, as well as all the Tutors and Helpers is kept at a very low level. The Trustees are particularly appreciative of the willing help given by so many of the Parents and Guardians in the mundane tasks of vegetable preparation and washing up. Both Jim's children have been members of the CYBB and he has fulfilled his task with distinction for many years. The other Trustees were pleased to recognise this service by presenting him with the W A Hunt Award at the Easter Concert. This Award is given annually to someone who has made a conspicuous contribution to the CYBB.

## **EXTRA EXPERIENCES**

CYBB Musicians enjoyed the challenge of participating in two extra performances this spring. On 17<sup>th</sup> March around 60 musicians opened the Music Cornwall Hubtravaganza Concert in the Hall for Cornwall in Truro with a fifteen minute set conducted by Alan Pope. This annual festival of youth music featured 25 groups and soloists over 2 evenings and was attended by large and appreciative audiences.

Just a week later 66 CYBB musicians were back in the Hall for Cornwall for a joint Concert with the Cornwall Boys Choir and Cambiata Cornwall Youth Choir. Aaron Harvey and Alan Pope conducted the Band and Angela Renshaw the Choirs. The Concert had been planned by our Vice President, Dennis Arbon, before he sadly passed away last autumn. In the event it became, with the support of his Family, a Tribute to the generous support he had given to the ensembles involved over many years. Each group gave solo items as well as combining for the first performance of a new work by former CYBB musician and Tutor Simon Dobson, Celtic Song, to words written by Dennis in memory of his late wife. The combined forces also gave the first joint performance of

Kernow bys Viken (Cornwall for Ever) by Russell Pascoe, in an arrangement for brass band and choirs prepared by CYBB Tutor and former member, Hannah Hawken.

Due to the generosity of Dennis Arbon, who had arranged to meet the costs of the Hall and donate the Ticket receipts to the 3 ensembles, a large sum was raised for the benefit of the CYBB and the Choirs.

### **WEST OF ENGLAND BANDSMEN'S FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to all those CYBB musicians who played with their Parent Bands at Bugle on 21<sup>st</sup> June, especially those in the Bands that came in the Prizes. To Joanna Scott, our recently retired Solo Horn, our new Member in September, Oscar Wells, Trustee, Matthew Julian, and Megan Thomas and Thomas Howard who all won Solo and Special Awards, as well as to the dozens of other past CYBB Musicians and Conductors who took part, including other Trustees.

We continue to be extremely grateful to the Festival for the generous support they give to the CYBB to help us purchase music for our Courses each year.

### **CYBB 2014/2015 – 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

We have an exciting Season lined up. Following the marvellous Beyond The Tamar that Philip Harper wrote for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course, the Trustees have invited him to write a piece to mark our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course at Easter 2015. Philip tells us that this will be based on the Cornish Legend of The Mermaid of Zennor. Before that, on the Christmas Course, the CYBB will be accompanying Lowenna Taylor in the first performance of a Horn Concerto that she has commissioned from Christopher Bond, both of whom are former members of the Band.

In addition we hope to arrange other 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events.

Please note the Dates in your Diaries now.

REHEARSALS Truro College, 10am to 4pm.

RESIDENTIAL COURSES, Truro High School for Girls.

2014

Rehearsals

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Christmas Course

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Guest Conductor Les Neish.

AGM Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

2015

Rehearsals

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Easter Course

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Guest Conductor Philip Harper.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have an exciting season lined up and hope that you will encourage many of your friends to join the Band. Application Forms and Audition details are on the Web Site or can be obtained from Phillip. There is nothing like personal recommendation, so over to you. Lots more relevant information for them can also be found on the Web Site @ [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

## **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. 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).

## **TWITTER**

Our successful Twitter Account continues to build up an impressive list of followers, nearly 650 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.

## **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)

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CYBB...is on our Web Site,** [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

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**Please pass this Newsletter on to your Parents and Guardians and anyone else you feel may be interested.**