



Cornwall Youth Brass Band

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Summer Newsletter 2018

From the Chairman



“All bands are now entering a busy period of summer engagements and I am sure that you are all looking forward to this, following for what many of you has been a very busy few months preparing for the Area and Bugle contests.

Our Easter course was enjoyed by all with the husband and wife team of Glyn and Helen Williams working well with the young people, and our Easter Concert being up to its usual high standard.

We are sorry that Phillip Hunt has decided that he will now stand down as a trustee but we thank him for his many years of valuable service to the band. However, we have a group of trustees who are committed to carry on the good work and to provide the very best opportunities to all young brass and percussion musicians.

We have engaged Russell Gray to lead the Christmas course this year. Russell is a fine cornet player and if you need any proof just look him up on Youtube or listen to his playing on his CD “The Arban Collection”. He is also a highly acclaimed conductor and will undoubtedly bring the very best out of the band with his

leadership. Please encourage any young players to consider auditioning for the band.

With Phillip no longer our publicity officer, we thank Tony Mansell for taking over that duty. Tony has a long standing relationship with CYBB and great interest in the history of Cornish bands. He has produced this newsletter and we welcome him on board.

Finally, can I please refer you to various changes which are taking place in CYBB and which are explained below.

Brian Minear
Chairman

CYBB Musicians Awards 2018

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 tutors.

Youngest Player: Violet Margetts

Most Improved Player: Rebecca Whitford

Most Promising Player: Siana Rouse

Goff Richards Cup for the Most Promising Trombonist: Morwenna Smith

A R Trudgian Youth Awards to the Players Representatives: Grace Denford and Matthew Opie (Presented at the West of England Bandsmen's Festival)

Players' Player: Grace Denford

Player of the Year: Katie Wenmouth

W A Hunt Cup for the Most Conspicuous Contribution to the Band: Grace Denford

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 guest 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 in September (by arrangement) for those wishing to join for our next season. We have another exciting season lined up and hope that you will encourage 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 website, www.cybb.co.uk or speak to Darren or Robert (see **Contacts** below).

New Membership and Charging Arrangements

Extended participation rule: As announced during the Easter Concert, we have changed the rule that you have to leave the band when you become 22. Under the old rules you were able to attend a course provided you were under 22 years old. Under the new “extended participation rule”, you may continue your membership of (but not join) the band and attend courses for a further two years. Your position in the band would be determined by the tutors but you would not be able to occupy a principal seat.

Joining fees and annual subscriptions scrapped: In future, membership of the band will be free of charge and there will be no annual subscriptions. Membership will automatically continue until you become too old to be in the band or, if earlier, you inform us of your decision to leave.

If it is reasonable to believe you have left the band, despite not having informed us of your decision to do so, we will treat your membership as having ended. You may, however, apply to renew your membership provided you are under 22 years old. No audition would be required in these circumstances.

Term fees: Subscriptions and course fees are being replaced by term fees. The Residential Term Fee includes music, four pre-course rehearsals and course participation, including meals and accommodation. The Non-residential Term Fee includes music, four pre-course rehearsals and course participation, including meals but not accommodation. Term fees are payable in advance and are non-refundable. Christmas Term fees are due on 1 September and Easter Term fees on 1 January. You will be notified of the amounts payable in August for the Christmas Term and in December for the Easter Term.

However, the 2018 Christmas Term fees have been set at £160 (residential) and £120 (non-residential). Payment can now be made by bank transfer.

CYBB Rules: These have been revised to reflect these changes and the full text of the rules will be available to view on the CYBB website in the information on joining the band.

New Rehearsal Arrangements

Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, Truro College are reducing the availability of its premises to its community partnerships. For us, this means that we will have to finish rehearsals at 1.30pm. To compensate for the loss of rehearsal time we will, in future, start rehearsals earlier, at 9.30am, and have four pre-course rehearsals per term.

New Season Dates

Rehearsals at Truro College 9.30am to 1.30pm

2018: 23 September, 7 October, 21 October and 18 November

2019: 20 January, 17 February, 24 March and 7 April

Courses at Truro High School for Girls

Christmas 2018: 27–30 December

Easter 2019: 19–22 April

CBBA Festival of Cornish Brass

St Michael's Church Newquay 2 February 2019

Christmas 2018 Course

For our Christmas 2018 course and concert we are delighted to welcome international conductor, soloist and tutor, Russell Gray. Having been a member and conductor of some of the top bands in the world we feel sure that Russell will enjoy his time as guest conductor of the CYBB.

Easter 2019 Course

The Easter 2019 course will be led by James Gourlay. James is an internationally renowned British conductor and tuba soloist who has worked in many genres including brass, orchestral and brass ensembles. We look forward to welcoming him to the CYBB rostrum.

Player Reps

During the first rehearsal in September you will be asked to appoint, by vote, two player 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 to contribute to those meetings. Under the Charity Constitution of the CYBB, however, voting on resolutions is not permitted. In relation to the CYBB residential courses they assist in the allocation of rooms, 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. They also act as role models for the benefit of the smooth running of the course, assist the welfare team by 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.

CYBB Personnel



Phillip Hunt has retired as a Trustee and has also relinquished his archivist and publicity roles.

Our thanks go to Phillip for his immense contribution to the Cornwall Youth Brass Band.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ashley Denford as a new trustee (Ashley is Grace Denford's father).

Dave Coad makes a welcome return to our tutor team.



Former CYBB member Tony Mansell succeeds Phillip Hunt as archivist and publicity officer. Tony has previously been involved in archiving members' data and writing articles for the CYBB website: his new role will include the production of the summer and winter newsletters.

Tony, who describes himself as an ex-brass player and a passionate brass band historian, is a Cornish Bard. He has written many articles and books on Cornish brass banding and is a researcher for the Cornish Music Archive. He says, "I

will need your help to produce the Newsletters so please keep me in the picture about what you are doing. Watch out for any new initiatives and if you have any thoughts on what you would like included then please let me know”.

Finances – can you help?



Robert Kitchen, our hard-working treasurer says,

“We are always pleased to welcome new Friends”

Everyone connected with CYBB is a volunteer but we still need a regular income to meet the significant cost of running such an organisation. Please can you help by making a modest contribution?

You may like to set up a standing order or perhaps you would prefer to make a one-off donation and if you are a UK tax-payer this can be increased by 25% at no cost to you.

“Every penny of your donation will be used to help our young musicians”

Becoming a Friend of the Cornwall Youth Brass Band is easy and details can be found on the CYBB Web Site: www.cybb.co.uk

As a Friend, you will be:

- Helping us to provide the best possible and most stimulating musical experience for our young musicians.
- Entitled to receive our emailed summer and winter Newsletters to keep you up to date with news about the band and its activities.
- Be acknowledged in our Concert Programmes.

History is Fun – honest!



The Cornwall Youth Brass Band had its beginnings back in 1955, over 60 years ago, and the fact that it is still flourishing is something about which we should all feel very proud. Over 1200 young musicians have passed through its ranks and countless other folk have been involved; some as tutors and others in administrative roles. Their contribution is acknowledged and recognised in our records.



This 1963 photo by Grindley Studios has Eddie Williams with the baton and a principal cornet player who has his eye fixed on the camera rather than the conductor!

We maintain an on-line and paper archive which we endeavour to make as comprehensive and up-to-date as possible. However, we do have some gaps and we are seeking your help in filling them.

We are missing some course group photographs so if you have those from Easter 1985, June 1988 or Christmas 1991 we would appreciate receiving a copy to complete our records.

We would also like any photographs from the July 1983 London Festival Hall event, the July 1990 Tour of France, Luxembourg and Switzerland and the June 1993 Austrian tour.

Also missing are some course programmes. These relate to Easter 1985, Christmas 1992, Easter 1994, Christmas 1984 and Easter 1995.

A GRAND CONCERT

AT
WADEBRIDGE SCHOOL.

7th DECEMBER. at 7.30.PM.

CORNWALL COUNTY BRASS BAND.
CONDUCTOR ALBERT CHAPPELL (L.R.A.M.)

PROGRAMME

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| MARCH | THE COSSACK | W. RIMMER. |
| OVERTURE. | HENRY THE FIFTH | VAUGHAN WILLIAMS. |
| HORN FEATURE | ELVIRA MADIGAN THEME | MOZART. |
| TRADITIONAL. | BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC | A.M. BROADBENT. |
| GARETH REES. | BARITONE | SELECTED SONGS. |
| TROMBONE SOLO | A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKLEY SQUARE | ARR HOWARD SNELL. |
| TROMBONE FEATURE | DEM BONES | ARR LANGFORD. |
| ITS CHRISTMAS | SILENT NIGHT JINGLE BELLS | ARR LANGFORD ARR ASHMORE. |
| SELECTION. | ABBA | ARR FRANK BRYCE. |
| | <u>INTERVAL.</u> & <u>RAFFLE</u> | |
| GRAND MARCH. | *AIDA* | VERDI. |
| A CHRISTMAS FANTASY. | | ARR LANGFORD. |
| | PRESENTATION OF NEW BRASS DRUM. (THE "REG TRUDGIAN"PRESENTATION DRUM) | |
| MARCH | THE PRESIDENT | WILLIAM GERMAN. |
| GARETH REES | SELECTED SONGS | |
| THEMES FROM THE NEW WORLD SYMPHONY | | DVORAK. |

We are aware of what was called an End-of-Season concert held on 5th April 1992 at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay, and a non-residential course held at Daniell Road Music Centre in Truro on 28th/29th/30th December in 1993, with the concert also taking place at the Atlantic Hotel, both of which we had no previous knowledge. We would like to know who took part and what pieces were played.

Our website includes the names of over 1200 past and present players – if yours details are incorrect please let us know.

We have discovered this programme. Were you there? Do you know the year to which it relates?

If you can help with any of this then please contact our archivist: Tony Mansell
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Check out our website: www.cybb.co.uk

We're on Facebook: facebook.com/theCYBB

We're on Twitter: Twitter, @Thecybb

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 make use of it as much as you can.

Contacts

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