

# **CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND**

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## **WINTER NEWSLETTER 2012**

### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Another great course this time with Michael Fowles and Richard Marshall. Congratulations to everybody on making the Christmas course such a success. I mentioned at the concert our funding support has been dramatically reduced this year by the Music Service, of which we have been very grateful in the past, but to continue to provide the same level of musicians to inspire and encourage you we will need new methods of fundraising and as much help and support as possible. I am very grateful of the donations made after the concert and hope that we can put something in place to achieve the help required. The Trustees will do all in their power to keep the costs down thus ensuring affordable courses of the highest standard

**Leonard Adams**

### **FROM MICHAEL FOWLES**

To the Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and all members of the Cornwall Youth Brass Band.

It was a great honour to be invited to conduct the Christmas Course of this fine band and I am so glad that I accepted the invitation. The time and effort from all concerned in making such a week happen is immense and it is so pleasing to see what you are doing on a twice-yearly basis, together with all the work in between of course!

Musically, for me personally, it was very rewarding to see young musicians working so hard and embracing new styles of music maybe not encountered before. Ultimately this resulted in giving a concert of a very high standard of performance that rewarded the very appreciative audience with an evening of high quality entertainment. Indeed, the growth of the band musically through the week was quite staggering and is something of which you should all be very proud.

Finally may I thank all concerned for making myself and Sallyanne feel so welcome. Even though she was not involved musically I know that Sallyann really

did feel part of the week and thoroughly enjoyed her time in Cornwall. The flowers presented to her at the concert was a particularly nice touch and I am also very proud to be an owner of a CYBB tie and Cornish cufflinks!

With all best wishes for continued success!

**Mike and Sallyann**

### **MY FIRST CYBB COURSE**

My first Christmas course was an unforgettable experience. Having joined in September, the course was the first time where I would spend more than a day with everyone at CYBB. As I arrived, I was excited yet nervous to find out what it would be like. My worries were gone in an instant as we gathered for the first rehearsal. And what a rehearsal it was, with the guest conductor Michael Fowles, teaching us valuable tips to ensure that we would have a magnificent concert.

Everything from the course was amazing. The food was delicious and kept us going throughout the whole day. The tutors were inspiring and most of all Richard Marshall, the guest soloist who wowed us all with not only his playing but also his inspiring speech. To round off all of our hard work was the concert which made me and I am sure all the rest of the members of CYBB proud. I cannot say how grateful I am to be a part of CYBB and the course was amazing.

**Charlotte Wood**

### **CONCERT CDs**

As usual PM Sound recorded our Gala Concert. For copies please contact Paul Martyn on 01872 263300.

### **HELP WANTED TO COMPLETE MAMMOTH TASK**

Former Band member, local historian and Cornish Bard, Tony Mansell, has just completed the major task of recording all the members of The Cornwall Youth Brass Band since it began holding Residential Courses in 1959.

By trawling through all the Course Concert programmes in the Band's Archives Tony has listed well over 1000 young players who have enjoyed the friendship of their fellow musicians and the benefits of working with the many top Guest Conductors and Soloists who have visited the Band over the years.

There are a just few Programmes missing from the Archives. These are for the years 1960, 1966 and 1975 as well as Christmas 1990 and 1992 and Easter 1994 and 1995. Tony would be pleased to hear from anyone who may have a

copy of any of these to ensure that no one who has played with the Band has been overlooked.

He is now starting on the task of trying to list the Musicians who were in the Band from its inception in 1955 until the first Residential Course in 1959. During this period Concerts were given but no programmes survive to provide any clues. Some names are known, such as Goff Richards and John Berryman, but the majority remain unknown for now.

Tony would be pleased to hear from anyone who can give him further information. He can be contacted by E Mail at [tony.mansell369@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.mansell369@btinternet.com) or telephone 01872 552098. In the meantime the List is available for study on the Cornwall Youth Brass Band Web site at, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

### **SUPPORT APPRECIATED**

The Trustees are always pleased to receive offers of help during the Residential Courses. Duties are mainly concerned with supporting the Catering Team in the usual tasks involved in feeding some seventy or more young musicians, and washing up afterwards. Anyone who could spare some time should contact Phillip in the first instance.

### **FINANCIAL HELP**

As the Chairman said at the beginning of the Newsletter, the Trustees are very grateful to those Parents and others who generously sent donations, following his Appeal at the Christmas Concert. We still view the future with concern, but also with great determination that the Band must be able to continue to deliver the valuable experiences to the young musicians that it has since 1955. Donations are still welcomed, full details of how to do this can be found on the Web Site, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

### **CYBB WEBSITE**

Please make sure you have a regular look at our Web Site, which is continually updated with new information and Course Photographs.

### **EASTER COURSE**

This will take place as usual over the Easter Weekend, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Our Guest Conductor is Dr Nicholas Childs, Music Director of The Black Dyke Band and Guest Soloist our own Zoe Hancock, now their Flugel Player. Please remember that we will be pleased to welcome any of your friends who may be interested in joining the Band in September and who like to come and observe a Rehearsal.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

At Christmas our Guest Conductor will be Steve Sykes, with his son Stephen, 2009 BBC Radio 2 Young Brass Soloist of the Year, as Trombone Soloist.

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