



Cornwall Youth Brass Band

Band Brest an Yowynkneth Kernow

FRIENDS WINTER NEWSLETTER 2013

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What an impressive site to see the band at the last rehearsal, the new intake have settled in, are developing as players and getting to know many new friends.

Today's members are the players of the future and I look forward to the concert at Easter with Paul Lovatt-Cooper at the helm.

Leonard Adams

FROM STEVE SYKES

It really was a great pleasure to work with the band - Jo, Stephen, Carl and I had a wonderful time being with the band members, tutorial staff and officials - and I think the concert went well - the kids being quite magnificent.

Even though we were on a tight time schedule I believe we covered a lot of ground - although it would have been nice (and perhaps beneficial to the members) for me to have had time to work on specific playing techniques etc in a 'workshop' situation. I also think that the option to have a further section rehearsal (on the second full day) is a good idea - it was certainly beneficial on this particular programme.

Many thanks must go to Alan and the team of tutors that look after the band not only on the course but throughout the year - they do a wonderful job.

I hope that you have received good feedback regarding the concert and course (and the choice of programme!) and am sure that with PLC and Dick presiding over forthcoming courses the band will go from strength to strength.

2013 BAND PHOTOGRAPH

Copies of the 2013 Annual Band Photograph can still be ordered from Phillip @ £6. The full Christmas Gala Concert CD is also available direct from PM Sound on 01872 260033.

2013 OPEN DAY

We will be having another Open Day during the Easter Course. This was very successful last year and enables anyone interested in joining in September to discover what it involves to be a musician in the CYBB.

The Open Day will be on Saturday 30th March between 2pm and 4pm and will enable those attending to see the Band rehearsing under the baton of Paul Lovatt-Cooper, meet the Trustees and Tutors and look at the School facilities including the Bedrooms and Canteen.

Please encourage any of your friends who might be interested in joining to come along, preferably letting Phillip know in advance, by phone or E Mail.

2013 EASTER COURSE CONCERT

Monday 1st April, 7pm at St Michael's Church, Newquay. Please make sure all your friends and families come and support you at the end of Course Concert with our Guest Conductor, Paul Lovatt-Cooper, which promises to be a very special occasion. Tickets are just £7, children under 14 FOC, obtainable in advance from Phillip on 01752 843919.

HM ROYAL MARINES

A large number of CYBB musicians will be spending the day with The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth, at HMS Raleigh near Torpoint, on Tuesday March 26th. Part of their Outreach Programme, they invited the CYBB players to come and see how a Military Band operates, also giving them a chance to sit in on Rehearsals.

LOOKING AHEAD

Richard Evans will be returning, by popular demand, as Guest Conductor on the Christmas Course and we are delighted that Ian Porthouse will be coming back to take the Band at Easter 2014. Ian conducted the Band in the first performance of Penlee in December 2008, which the Band commissioned from our former member Simon Dobson, and which has since met with great success and has been played all around the world.

TWITTER

Your Band Representative, Matt Julian, has with the support of the Trustees set up a successful Twitter Account, which is building up an impressive list of followers, nearly 300 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.

WEB SITE NEWS

We have made further progress in recording our history on the website. We have told you before how Tony Mansell has compiled from available programmes a listing of all past members of the band from the first residential course in 1959 to the present day. As you can imagine that is a very long list of names, and we are very grateful also to Rebecca Thomas who has devised a means to search the list on the website alphabetically, making it very accessible and user friendly.

Tony has also been researching the history of the band before 1959 and we are pleased to announce that this is now available to view. In addition to a much shorter list of members there is a splendid photograph of the band in rehearsal with Fred Roberts conducting and Frank Moore looking on.

Our treasurer, Robert Kitchen, and Rebecca have worked together to bring you as complete a picture of the activities of the band over the years as we can from presently available information. This can be seen in the Archive where you can find details of courses, major events, first public performances and recordings. You can also access programmes and photographs and see who was in the band on each occasion.

We have also indicated where we are missing information. If you are able to fill any of the gaps, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

CYBB MUSICIANS' NEWS

Two CYBB musicians, one present, one past, Stephanie Wilkins and Lowenna Taylor, were among four talented young players from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama in Cardiff who recently played their part in celebrating the memory of the great trumpet player and brass visionary Philip Jones.

Along with Vicki Kennedy and Grant Jameson who make up 4tune Brass they were invited to take part in a celebration of brass chamber music in his memory at a Concert organised by his widow Ursula Jones in association with the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

The event was held at St. John's Smith Square, Westminster, featuring ensembles representing each of the major conservatoires from across the UK. The 4tune Brass players were particularly excited to take part as they were the only quartet ensemble made up solely of brass band instrumentation. They met Elgar Howarth and were delighted to perform Joseph Horowitz's 'Variations on a Theme from Paganini' with the composer in the audience.

Congratulations to Matt Rowe, our Principal Euphonium, who has just gained a place at Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and to Charlie Hodge who won the Best Soloist Award at the Recent Yeovil Entertainment Contest, for his performance on the Xylophone.

Joanna and Gregory Graves won the Brass Class at the recent Saltash Festival of Music and Drama for their euphonium duet, Deep Inside the Sacred

Temple and Gregory won a special Award for the most promising young musician. Ellie Joy was presented with the Goff Richards Award by Sue Richards at the SWBBA Mid Winter Brass Workshop in North Devon.

BECOMING A FRIEND OF CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND

Cornwall Youth Brass Band 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.

Due to major changes in government funding of music, we have suffered a substantial reduction in the support we receive from Music Cornwall. Please help us to overcome this financial set back by becoming a Friend of Cornwall Youth Brass Band

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 Spring 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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