



Winterley Methodist Brass Band



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Where Are They Now?

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'My Dad, Ken Sandlands, had played with Winterley Methodist Brass Band for as long as I could remember. He practised his Euphonium regularly . . . upstairs I hasten to add.

'I was presented with a cornet at the age of 10. The cornet wasn't my first instrument; I had been learning to play the piano from seven years old and so could read music to a point. However, I'd never experienced playing in a Brass Band and, with the encouragement from Cliff Barnett and Dave Newton, I soon picked it up. My sister Dawn started learning to play the Flugel Horn along with my cousins, so it became a real family affair. When I had braces on my teeth I switched to the Tenor Horn and was pretty pleased to move from 1st Cornet because, as a 12 year old girl, I was fair game for the likes of Simon Lewis!

'I looked forward to Thursday rehearsals. My favourite pieces were the marches and hymn tunes such as The Chieftain and Slaidburn. My highlights throughout the year were the 'Banding rounds' especially Christmas morning. The banter in between stops was highly entertaining even if the playing was sometimes a bit dodgy!! People like Alan Warburton and Derek Antrobus were key players.

'I left home in 1985 to study Occupational Therapy in Liverpool. My first job took me to Watford General Hospital and then to Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury where I specialised in working with patients who had had strokes and head injuries. My speciality led me into training for a while taking me travelling and teaching all around the UK.

'In 1998 I married Tim and moved to Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Tim studied Timpani and Percussion at the Royal Academy of Music. We have been blessed with two children; Lucy (12) who plays the Flute and James (11) who plays the Trombone. James played at the local theatre in December, and Lucy under the Christmas tree in Marlow High Street for the switching on of the Christmas lights.

'We all play in the worship band at Marlow Methodist Church – although I play bass guitar - so music is still alive and well in my life.

'Last year I returned to work at Marlow community hospital after a seven year break. I work with elderly people helping them to get home following recent injury or illness. In my spare time I present on the local radio station Marlow FM and go for the occasional jog. My Tenor Horn sadly doesn't get out much at the moment, but there are a couple of local brass bands I may look up in the future. In the meantime Mum (Hazel Sandlands) keeps me up dated on the latest news from Winterley Methodist Brass Band. I'm looking forward to the 75 Years Celebrations in November.'