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## Where Are They Now?

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DANIEL KEEN

*“After leaving Winterley Band I went to Leeds College of Music where I graduated with a 2:1 Honours degree in music. Whilst at LCM I conducted a number of ensembles, including stints with the West Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra and Amadeus Orchestra, as well as lots of Musical Theatre work.*

*On leaving LCM I took part in the BBC2 documentary ‘A Band for Britain’ as a conducting contestant, and was subsequently appointed the conductor of Bunbury Singers, where I have been for nearly 5 years. I have recently been appointed conductor of Biddulph Male Voice Choir, and ran a staff choir at Alton Towers last year. My connection with Alton Towers comes from 2011 when I left my PGCE course and was in need of work. I went to work at Alton Towers for a year whilst I found something else, but ended up falling in love with the place and never left. I am now responsible for operating Rita and Thirteen as well as a number of children’s rides, and train the new staff in the safe operation of the rides.*

*I founded the Alsager Arts Festival in 2010 after organising concerts with big name singers at the Victoria Hall in Hanley for a number of years. What I consider to be the crowning glory of my life so far happened last year when I performed in the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics, it was a lot of hard work, but was an amazing experience that I loved every minute of.*

*As you can tell I am constantly busy doing lots of different things and am very happy with the balance I currently have between my day to day working life and my musical life. Although my musical life is mainly conducting now, I do still play for Rode Hall Silver Band when time allows and regularly dep for orchestras and brass bands in Yorkshire from my time at university.*

*I am also a columnist and reviewer for The Sentinel newspaper and have my own weekly Radio Show. As of 2013 I also run the Alsager Carnival and will be a fully accredited local preacher in the Methodist Church by the end of the year. If you want to know any more about me you can check out my website: [www.danielkeen.co.uk](http://www.danielkeen.co.uk) this is still under construction, but will hopefully be fully up and running soon!”*