



Winterley Methodist Brass Band



Founded 1938

75 Years Celebrations – Newsletter No.15

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! + EXCELLENT TOTAL RAISED FOR CHARITY IN 2013!

CELEBRATIONS ON 23rd & 24th NOVEMBER

A very Happy New Year and welcome to the last edition of the 75 Years Celebrations newsletter. The purpose of this edition is to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for all their hard work, which ensured that we enjoyed such a successful and memorable birthday year.

Special thanks must go to the members of the planning committee who have met regularly since the first 'ideas' meeting on 24 May 2011. Caroline, George, Hazel, Jenny, Jill & myself thank you for supporting all the fundraising events in 2012 and the celebrations in 2013.

170 people, including relatives of some of the founder members, attended the reunion event at the Oakley Centre on 23rd November. The very enjoyable meal was followed by some first class entertainment from the Lions Youth Brass and our very talented guest soloist, Mark Landon.

Band Sunday on 24 November was another milestone event and included the first performance of two pieces specially commissioned by the band to mark the anniversary. Having Kevin Birch present to introduce his piece 'To Praise Thy Name' was one of the special highlights of this memorable service.

MESSAGES OF THANKS

Many messages of thanks and support have been received during recent weeks. Some of the good wishes received in advance of the reunion event were shared during the Band Sunday service, but many have also been received since 24 November – here is a selection:

Thank you doesn't seem enough for all the thought, effort and hard work which was put into the 75th Anniversary celebrations . . . it was great to renew acquaintances with people whom we hadn't seen for years.

Sue Belcher
(Sue is the daughter of founder member, Eric Barnett)

Many thanks indeed for a most enjoyable evening . . . Anne and I were really pleased to have been there to meet old friends again. Well done.

Rev. David Westhead

We write to express our appreciation of the wonderful 75th celebrations on Saturday . . . the whole evening was very enjoyable and a credit to the organizers.

Robert & Doris Hall

We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Band's 75th Celebrations. Saturday was a superb evening . . . Dad would have been in his element – especially when Deep Harmony was played. Thank you for helping a marvellous tradition to continue and flourish!

Dave, Glenys, Helen & Emma Kerr
(Glenys is the daughter of founder member, Bill Newton)

We want to say thank you so much for a wonderful evening. The Lions were amazing – so talented and disciplined . . . The weekend will long be remembered – it was a privilege to be involved.

Rev Frank & Rev Sheila Bishop

A big thank you for the dinner and concert . . . we both thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening – very memorable.

Bill & Nada McArdle (Hosts of the Coffee Evening in 2012)



THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you visited the special 75 Years Celebrations Gallery to view the 51 photographs?

The link to the special gallery can be found at the top of the HOME page of the band website www.winterleybrassband.org. Our sincere thanks to John Denton for taking all the photos on both evenings and to Ian Hawkes for adding them to the website.

THANK YOU FOR RAISING MONEY

Philippines Red Cross

On Saturday, 7th December, seventeen members played carols at Wheelock Hall Farm Shop from 11.00 – 14.00. Our thanks to George, Sheila and Tom (Woollam) for collecting donations.

A total of £145.81 was raised which has been shared between the Philippines Red Cross and the band. Thanks to the generosity of the Sanofiespoir Foundation (Holmes Chapel), the first £100 raised for the Red Cross appeal was matched £1 for £1. The result is that the Philippines Red Cross has received £200 and the band £45.81.

Farming Community Network - Update

The Charity Concert at Audlem Methodist Church on Saturday, 28th September, raised £415 for The Farming Community Network (FCN). Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the concert a success.

We are pleased to report that Barclays Bank have provided 'matched funding' (ie. £1 for every £1 raised). This means that the charity has received a final total of £830.

TOTAL RAISED FOR CHARITY IN 2013 = £1030.00

Middlewich, Warmingham, Winterley & Haslington

The band received £100 for playing carols in Middlewich on 30th November. We also received a donation of £100 for taking part in the recording at St Leonard's Church Warmingham on 5th December for Hospital Radio (Leighton Hospital).

Special thanks to our stalwart collectors who supported the band rounds in Winterley on 22nd December (£294.94) and Haslington on 25th December (£600.11). The magnificent total of £895.05 was raised for band funds.

'Jingle Bells' at 12 Newton's Lane on 22nd December

Following lots of coffee, tea, squash, sausage rolls, mince pies, and biscuits, everyone sang, "*We Wish You A Merry Christmas*" before moving onto the back lawn for the annual photograph and rendition of "*Jingle Bells*". On this occasion the collecting boxes doubled up as 'shakers' during the 'performance'.

Thanks to Hazel once again for hosting the refreshments stop and for the photo.



Refreshments on Christmas Day

Our sincere thanks to Brenda & Seamus for providing the delicious refreshments on Christmas Day.

Christmas Tickets & Party

Our special thanks to Caroline and David for printing 500 Christmas band round tickets, and for hosting the band party on Friday, 3rd January. What would we do without them?

New Band Logo

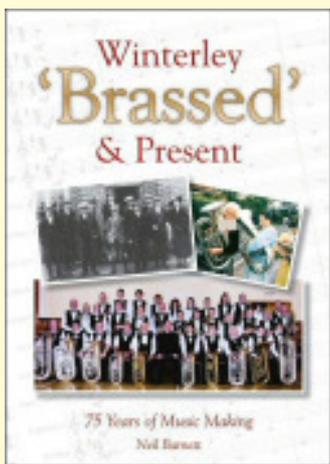
Many thanks to George Laycock for designing and sourcing the two new vertical banners (one of them can be seen in the background of the photograph on page one).

The new logo is now available for the band to use on letterheads, band round tickets, etc.

Anyone intending to use the design should obtain a "proper" copy from the band secretary, to ensure a consistent and accurate representation - the illustration here is for information only and will not be of good enough quality to be copied and pasted.



WINTERLEY 'BRASSED' & PRESENT – 75 Years of Music Making



Copies of the book are priced at only £5 (Special offer – 2 for £10!) All the profit will go to the band.

Please, please, do your very best to sell some copies and/or promote the book. They make unique birthday or Easter presents.

186 copies of the book have been sold so far, however we still have plenty of copies in stock.

N.B. We also still have plenty of magnets for sale – price £1 each.

To purchase either item, please order through the band's website, as usual, www.winterleybrassband.org. Your orders will be speedily despatched.

IN MEMORIAM - GEORGE TOMLINSON



George was one of the five young 'lads' who joined the band in 1943, when he was aged just 10. As a lifelong supporter of the band, it was he who suggested the building of the present band storeroom, which was completed in 1999.

After a very long illness, George sadly passed away on 24th November, aged 80. The instrument he played whilst he was in the band (a marching E_b Bass) was alongside his photo at the front of the church during the service of thanksgiving, which was held at Winterley Methodist Church on 16th December.

Thank you to the band members (past and present) who attended the service.

In the accompanying photograph (left) from 1943, George is situated front right.

BEST WISHES

Every good wish to Tim Bennet as he moves away at the beginning of 2014 to commence working in Surrey. We thank him for his loyal service to the band over many years and hope to see him occasionally in the future when he returns home to visit his family in Crewe.

DID YOU VISIT THE BAND WEBSITE OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD?

The animations and seasonal greetings on the Home page throughout December and early January raised many smiles. Our continued thanks to Ian Hawkes – webmaster.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 9 January First rehearsal of 2014
- 6 February AGM & rehearsal
- 15 March CONCERT at Warrington
- ? CONCERT at Sandbach
- ? CONCERT at Willaston

AND FINALLY a thought for 2014:

"Many hands make light work." - John Heywood

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it." - H E Luccock

"Teamwork divides the tasks and multiplies the success." - Unknown

"TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More." – Anon.

If the band is to continue to flourish, it needs your skills, energy and ideas. Please seriously consider how we can make the best use of all your talents in 2014. For example, could you help with any of the following?

- ◆ Setting up the rehearsal room at 6.15pm each week.
- ◆ Becoming a member of the committee. (We particularly need to recruit people who can represent the younger half of the membership)
- ◆ Organizing the transportation of equipment to concert venues.
- ◆ Producing a twice yearly newsletter.
- ◆ Providing information and articles for the webmaster.
- ◆ Becoming a tutor with the Trainer Band.

Very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2014, and thank you for all you do for the band.