



Winterley Methodist Brass Band



Founded 1938

75 Years Celebrations – Newsletter No.3

The second planning meeting was held on Monday, 28th November, 2011. Thanks to Hazel for hosting the meeting and to Jill, Caroline, Sylvia, Joanna, Jenny, George (& Neil) for attending the meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The highlight of our 75 Years celebrations will be in November 2013. Please block **Saturday, 23rd November and Sunday, 24th November, 2013**, in your diary now.

ALUMNI

As we look ahead to 2013, when we will be celebrating 75 years of music making, we invite all members (past and present) to help us compile a comprehensive list of band alumni.

Please email the address on the new Alumni website page, stating your name, instrument, position and the years you have played in the band. If you can help by providing details of former members (including those who have died) or you have some information relating to the band's history, please include it in your email.

We are also hoping to compile a history of the band and therefore offers of old photographs, press cuttings, concert programmes, etc would be very welcome.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to design a band Christmas card for 2012 and a band calendar (with photographs) for 2013. If you have a flair for design, please offer your help with this project – we would love to have some younger members as part of the design team.

FUNDRAISING IN 2012

New Year Raffle

In order to subsidise the cost of our celebrations in 2013, we have planned a series of fundraising events in 2012. The first is a New Year Raffle. Hazel will be selling tickets at the Christmas party on 29th December and during rehearsals in **January**. The lucky winners will be drawn during the band rehearsal on Thursday, 26th January 2012.

Our thanks go to the five people who have already offered to donate prizes.

'Winterley's Got Talents'

- * Do you ever have surplus garden produce?
- * Do you make jam or craft items?
- * Could you offer some spare time in return for a donation?
- * Could you make a quiz sheet and sell it?
- * Could you organise a coffee morning?
- * Could you???

This is your chance to use your own ideas to help raise some money for the band. In **February** we will be launching a *Talents Scheme*. Each member of the band will be given £5 to try and 'grow' during the year. You will

be asked to let Jill know what your 'project' will be in an effort to avoid duplication. The scheme will end in November – so you will have plenty of time to think of an idea and generate some funds.

Spring Clean Bring and Buy Sale

Do you have any unwanted items, unused gifts, items that someone in the band might wish to buy? During every rehearsal in the month of **March** there will be an opportunity to purchase donated items. Anything which is unsold at the end of the month will be sold at future events, e.g. the Coffee Evening on 28th June, or a car boot sale in the Summer.

Next planning meeting – **Wednesday 25 January at 7.30pm**

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Neil Barnett - 75 Years Planning Group Chair.