



Winterley Methodist Brass Band



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75 Years Celebrations – Newsletter No.4

The third planning meeting was held on Wednesday 25 January 2012.

Thanks to Hazel for hosting the meeting and to Jill, Caroline, Sylvia, George (& Neil) for attending the meeting.

HAVE YOU BOOKED THE 'BIG' DATES IN YOUR DIARY?

The highlight of our 75 Years celebrations will be the last weekend in November, 2013. We have booked the **Oakley Centre**, Crewe, for the main celebration event on **Saturday, 23rd November**, and **Band Sunday will be on 24th November, 2013**.

WEBSITE

The website now has a new page - **75th Anniversary Celebrations**. To access it please click on the link at the top of the **Home** page. All the information about the special celebrations and related fundraising events will now appear on this separate page. This will also ensure that the **Events** page is less busy and therefore make it easier for visitors to the website to locate the diary of band events, etc. Thank you to Ian Hawkes for his continued help with managing the band website.

ALUMNI

Using documents from the band archive, Neil has drawn up a comprehensive list of band members (past & present). Have you been missed off the list? Is your name spelt correctly? Do you think you know of someone whose name should appear on the list? Please take a look at the Alumni page of the website.

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 email the band website.

HISTORY

We are hoping to compile a history of the band. Do you have any old band photographs, press cuttings, concert programmes, etc? Please forward any information and pictures to Caroline – 01270 750852 candd@uwclub.net

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to design a band calendar (with photographs) for 2013. If you have a flair for design, we are urgently looking for offers of help with this project – we would love to have some younger members as part of the design team. We are also still looking for more offers of help with designing a Christmas card.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW MUSIC

We are planning to ask one or two people to compose / arrange some new music for the band to play in 2013.

FUNDRAISING - The target is £2000 by December 2012

Carols in Middlewich

Thank you to everyone who played in Middlewich on 3 December – we received a fee of £100 and several very welcome offers of free refreshments!

New Year Raffle

Our special thanks to Hazel for selling raffle tickets at the Christmas party and during rehearsals in January. The lucky winners were drawn during the rehearsal on 26 January. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes. The good news is that the raffle has raised £60.

'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 towards our 75 Years celebrations in 2013. Rev Pauline Basterfield – Band President will launch the scheme at the AGM on 2 February. Each member of the band will be given £5 to try and 'grow' during the year. Please let Jill know as soon as possible what your 'project' will be, in an effort to avoid ideas being duplicated. The scheme will end in November – so you have plenty of time to think of an idea to generate some funds.

A list of everyone's project will be available on the band website. We are also very happy to advertise events, etc. on the website eg. a coffee morning. Please drop a line to:

www.winterleybrassband.org

Please enjoy sharing your talents.

THE NEXT KEY EVENT:

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 eg the Coffee Evening on 28 June or a car boot sale in the Summer.

Next planning meeting – **Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm**

Best Wishes

Neil Barnett - 75 Years Planning Group Chair