



Winterley Methodist Brass Band



Founded 1938

75 Years Celebrations – Newsletter No.5

WINTERLEY 'BRASSED' AND PRESENT

Do you know of a group which is looking for a new idea to include in their programme of speakers? Look no further! Neil is offering talks about the band in return for a donation to band funds.

Winterley 'Brassed' and Present is an entertaining presentation containing a number of historical and musical highlights from the story of our rare, if not unique brass band. Neil will explain how and why a small group of teenagers founded the band, and share with the audience a flavour of the wide range of music it plays, together with some amusing anecdotes from the history of the band.

For more information or to book a talk please email us at winterleybrassband@gmail.com

IS THERE A CARTOONIST IN THE HOUSE?

We are in the process of planning and designing a band calendar for 2013. It will probably include photos of the band, but we also want to add other features. Can you draw cartoons or do you know someone who can and might be willing to help with the production of the calendar. We have some ideas but need the services of a gifted cartoonist. Please let Neil or Jenny know a.s.a.p. if you can help.

ALUMNI – Is everyone on the list?

A list of all band members (past and present) appears at the end of this newsletter (APPENDIX 1). Have you been missed off? Is your name spelt correctly? Do you think you know of someone whose name should appear on the list?

Please note that the list does not include people who have helped us as 'deps' and we are hoping to compile a similar list for the Trainer Band.

During the coming weeks we will need your help as we attempt the mammoth task of compiling a list of everyone's contact details in preparation for sending out invitations to the re-union event on Saturday 23 November 2013 at the Oakley Centre, Crewe.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW MUSIC

We have now approached Adam Taylor and Kevin Birch with a view to them composing / arranging some new music for the band. Both have kindly agreed to undertake commissions and we look forward to playing the pieces in 2013.

FUNDRAISING

The target is £2000 by December 2012

‘Winterley’s Got Talents’

Thank you to Rev Pauline Basterfield for launching the talents scheme during the AGM and to all of you who have taken on the challenge to ‘grow’ your £5 during the year.

Some of the activities you are planning include a quiz, sponsored walk, football cards, a tea and cakes club, a steam gala, buying some hens and selling their eggs, selling coffee, selling cards, selling handmade jewellery, giving away tubes of Smarties and asking people to fill them with coins, and a garage sale.

Good luck with all of your schemes and enjoy sharing your talents. Please remember that the scheme ends on Band Sunday 2012.

STEAM GALA (32 MM GAUGE)

Joanna, George & family are kindly holding a Steam Gala on Saturday 14TH July 2012 from 13.00 – 16.00 at 3 Melford Close Wistaston, Crewe CW2 6TU to raise money for the 75 Years Celebrations.

Admission: £1 (Children Free)

Tea, Coffee, Squash, Cake and Ice Creams will be on sale.
Train rides for persons under 9cm tall (e.g. Playmobil Figures)

SPRING CLEAN BRING AND BUY SALE

A big thank you to everyone who donated and / or purchased items from the Bring and Buy table during rehearsals in March. With one more week to go we have already raised £30.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH TWO KEY EVENTS

Looking ahead to June – we have two important fundraising opportunities:

2ND JUNE – HASLINGTON FUN DAY Location: Village Green, Haslington

The Main Band and Trainer Band will be providing music and having fundraising stalls.

28TH JUNE – COFFEE EVENING 6.30 – 8.30pm Hollowford House, 15 Coppice Road, Winterley CW11 0RN
(*by kind permission of Mrs & Mrs W McArdle.*)

Both bands will play and there will be games and refreshments.

Please help by donating items which can be sold at either of the above events. Offers of help to staff the stalls would also be welcome.

Next Planning Meeting

The last planning meeting was held on Tuesday 13TH March 2012.
Thanks to Hazel for hosting the meeting and to Jill, Jenny (& Neil) for attending.

Next planning meeting: Tuesday, 15TH May at 7.30pm at 12 Newtons Lane.

“Many hands make light work”.

Please remember that all the planning meetings are open to any member.

Best Wishes

Neil Barnett - 75 Years Planning Group Chair

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