



Winterley Methodist Brass Band also runs a Trainer Band, directed by Georgina Buckler, for brass and percussion players of all ages. We have a selection of instruments for those without their own, or for players keen to try their hand at something different! We also provide tutoring in small groups for beginners.

The Trainer Band also performs regularly at local concerts, fetes and other events, which ensures we have a wide and varied repertoire right throughout the year.

We're always keen to welcome new members, so if you're free on Thursday evenings between 6.30 and 7.15pm, why not come along? If you'd like more information, please call Kim French, the Band Secretary, on 01270 509180, or email us at winterleybrassband@gmail.com.

Let's meet some of our young (and not so young) players...



Edward



Age

11

Which school do you go to?

Malbank High School, Nantwich

What do you play?

Cornet

How long have you been playing?

3 years

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

18 months. After Easter I will be rehearsing with the Senior Band too

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Sister Act (I will follow him) and Bambi's Theme

Do you play with any other bands?

I play in the School Orchestra and Brass Group

What are your hobbies?

Football (I'm in a team), Scouting, Music and PS3 gaming

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

Everyone is so friendly and I have fun and learn to play as part of a group

Georgina (Musical Director)



Age

26

Where are you from?

Originally from Sandbach, now Warrington

What's your role at Winterley?

Trainer Band Musical Director and solo trombonist for the Senior Band

Which instruments do you play?

Trombone. I can also play Baritone. I used to attend rehearsals when my dad and brother both played, and I liked to watch the trombones as they looked more exciting! The solo trombone player at the time, Debbie, asked if I would like to learn and offered to give me lessons for free. The first trombone I had was borrowed from the band, and Debbie started me off

How long have you been playing and conducting at Winterley?

I have played there for around 12 years, and conducted the Trainer Band for about 6 years

Do you play in any other bands?

For a complete change I also play handbells with the Brereton Handbell Ringers

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Anything with a catchy rhythm or that is tricky. I have particularly enjoyed Singing in the Rain, and a piece called Knock Knock

What are your hobbies?

Music... I enjoy arranging the music for the handbells. I also love a good book, tapestry,

jewellery making, spending time with my bestie (who unfortunately isn't a musician but is amazing at handicrafts)

What's the best thing about conducting Winterley Trainer Band?

I have always enjoyed helping and supporting people; even through school I looked after people who struggled with work, so when it was mentioned about starting a Trainer Band I wanted to be part of it. The band made such a difference to my life growing up that I think people should be able to share that. My brother, Ben, originally started the ball rolling, as they say, and we were going to share the conducting but there were no trombone players needing support back then, and he was better with valves than me, so he coached while I conducted and I guess I just never moved... It is rewarding seeing people young and old progressing throughout the band, although sad when they move on.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Music has always been a special part of my life, and it does make a difference. They often say that only 40% of children learn to play an instrument but 90% of adults wish they had.

Jakob



Age

9

Which school do you go to?

Gainsborough Primary School, Crewe

What do you play?

Drums and trombone

How long have you been playing?

Drums since January 2014

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

2 years

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

When Johnny Comes Marching Home; George of the Jungle

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

Jill helping me to play the pieces

Callum



Age

13

Which school do you go to?

Sandbach School, Sandbach

What do you play?

Tenor horn

How long have you been playing?

6 years

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

6 years

Do you play with any other bands?

I play in the Lions Youth (Junior) Band, Foden's Youth Band and Audley Brass Band

What are your hobbies?

X-Box and camping

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

Helping others to improve

Ian (Tutor)



Age

45

What do you play?

B ♭ Bass

Do you play with any other bands?

Audley Brass Band

Phil



Age

81

Where are you from?

Sandbach, originally Nottingham. I went to Sandbach School.

What do you play?

Cornet

How long have you been playing?

4 years

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

4 years

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Jamaican Rumba

What are your hobbies?

Bowls, gardening and crosswords

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

There's a friendly atmosphere, and they put up with my imperfections!

Nadia



Age

10

Which school do you go to?

Berkeley Primary, Crewe

What do you play?

Cornet and djembe

How long have you been playing?

Cornet 3 years, djembe 1 year

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

Nearly 3 years

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Bambi's Theme and Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again

Do you play with any other bands?

I play with Winterley Main Band, in the Cooperative Junior Wind Band and in Foden's Youth

What are your hobbies?

Drawing, music, baking and writing. And I love rabbits!

Tell us a joke!

Why did the girl take a pencil to bed?

Because she wanted to draw the curtains

Meredith



Age

10

Which school do you go to?

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary

What do you play?

Trombone

How long have you been playing?

2 years

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

1 year

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Can You Feel The Love Tonight

Do you play with any other bands?

I play with Lions Beginner Band

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

The nice relaxed atmosphere

What are your hobbies?

Swimming, netball, music and gymnastics

Tell us a joke!

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No-eyed deer!

Tell us anything else you'd like us to know about you

My mummy and daddy are both musical and that's where I get it from. I am First Trombone in Lions Beginner Brass Band.

Madeline



Age

11

Which school do you go to?

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary

What do you play?

Cornet

How long have you been playing?

3 years

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

1 year

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Hymns (Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind)

Do you play with any other bands?

I play with Lions Junior Brass Band

What are your hobbies?

Swimming, netball, music and reading.

Tell us a joke!

I've just bought a dog from the blacksmith's. As soon as it got home it made a bolt for the door!

Tell us anything else you'd like us to know about you

I used to be First Cornet in Lion's Beginner Band but recently I have moved up and am now playing with the Juniors

Andy



Age

48

Where are you from?

I'm originally from Liverpool. I work at Springfield Special School in Crewe

What do you play?

Euphonium

How long have you been playing?

I played at school as a child

How long have you been playing with Winterley?

About a year

What are your favourite Winterley pieces?

Singing In The Rain, Can You Feel The Love Tonight

What are your hobbies?

Classic cars, classic rock music

What's the best thing about playing in the Trainer Band?

Lovely people, and a great atmosphere

Tell us a joke!

I used to play in a band on the moon, but there was no atmosphere...

I recently went to a wedding of two aerals. The service wasn't up to much, but the reception was superb...

Tell us anything else you'd like us to know about you

My daughters play in the band also, it's one of the activities that we do together (which is nice).