



GWYB NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

St Andrews Church, Moredon – Swindon SN25 3DF



Rehearsal Dates:

Every Saturday *with the following exceptions:*

- 12th March - No rehearsal
- 26th March - No rehearsal (Easter Holidays)
- 2nd April - No rehearsal (Easter Holidays)
- 9th April - Rehearsal – Rodbourne Methodist Hall (tbc)
- 22nd – 24th April - Residential Weekend – Lydiard Park Conference Centre

Residential Course:

- Course Leader – David Hirst – back for more after doing course with us back in 2013!
- Fees (*to be finalised*)
- GWYB Member - £120.00
- 2nd and additional members - £80.00
- Rising Stars / Percussion Ensemble - £20.00 each (for Sat & Sun morning session and including swimming)

Please advise as soon as possible if you are not able to attend

Payment deposit of £50.00 required by 15th March 2016 – if any difficulties arise with payment of these fees please just drop me a note, speak with me at rehearsal or contact me via mobile on 07793 066030. Please speak to a committee member if you require any different arrangements.

Payment by BACS – bank details same as always – please quote “Residential” to clarify.

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Upcoming Engagements:

Aside from the Residential weekend, the following are being discussed with the Committee – so please pencil them in at present:

- 5th June - Concert in Town Gardens (Old Town, Swindon) – 15:00 (*Youth band only*)
- 25th June - Armed Forces Day – Swindon Rugby Football Club – (*Youth band only*)
- 9th & 10th July - Isambard Brunel Celebrations @ Steam – (*limited players - tbc*)
- 15th October - RWBA Swing Band (*to be confirmed*)

Attached is a flyer about the National Youth Band of GB (NYBBGB) and their upcoming concerts and open day. Tickets to the concerts are available at a discounted price from Alan Campbell during rehearsals. Luke Campbell will be on his 3rd course with the NYBBGB having previously completed 5 courses with the NCBBGB (National Children’s Brass Band) and would be happy to talk to any interested members of the GWYB about membership of either Band.

If anyone is interested, auditions for both NYBBGB and NCBBGB take place from June onwards and the venues and dates are listed on the website - <http://www.nybbgb.com>

Christmas Carolling:

A big thanks to all of you that took part in playing and collecting – we estimated that we raised in excess of £1,000 with Gift Aid – so well worth the effort.

The Christmas concert grossed around £700 which was in line with previous years. The decision as to where to hold 2016 concert is currently under discussion – either Christchurch or St Andrews – thoughts welcome.

Gift Aid & Easyfundraising

Gift Aid: As most of you will know, we recover significant income from "grossing up" your donations and collections on an annual basis. Should your personal circumstances change and we are no longer able to recover Gift Aid please advise Carynne or myself going forward.

Easyfundraising: This website is really easy to use and manage – easyfundraising.org.uk – simply register and quote Great Western Youth Band. Shop through the site to make purchases and a donation will be made to the band, paid quarterly. You can buy from lots of different shops including Amazon, Debenhams, M&S to name but a few, plus lots of travel and insurance companies. This is currently very under-utilised so please investigate and see if you can finish at the top of the Supporters League Table!

easyfundraising
.org.uk

New Players

You may not be aware but we are always looking for new young players to take up a brass instrument – we have the music, the instruments, the tutors and a place to rehearse. We just need people willing to learn!

If you know of anyone interested or who may have contacts in local schools – please let me know and we can discuss approach etc.

Exam Success

Congratulations to the following players on recent exam success:

Henry Phillips	– Grade 4 Cornet	William Tong	– Grade 6 Euphonium
Holly Foulds	– Grade 4 Tenor Horn	Thomas Bilkey	– Grade 4 Baritone
Willow Maddock	– Grade 4 Tenor Horn	Cofi Nash	– Grade 1 Baritone
David Fordom	– Grade 1 Cornet	Wilbur Hudson	– Grade 1 Horn
Rowan Maddock	– Grade 5 Soprano Cornet		

Apologies if we have missed anyone – please keep us informed of any exam success.

Player / Band Photographs:

To enable us to get some more up to date photographs on the website, if you have any photographs or recordings of the band / your children that you would be happy to put on the website, please email them to me.

Membership Forms / Fees

We would like to update all our membership forms with current details so will be asking you to complete a new form in the near future. Also, just a reminder that fees are due quarterly or if you prefer you can spread the cost monthly. You can also overpay at any time to build up a pot of money to help cover additional costs, e.g. residential. Fees remain the same at £25 per term for one child and £40 per term for two children. Any other children are free.

Committee Members

Since the AGM, the committee members have changed and there are some new members of the team.

Chair Person – Paul Austin

Treasurer – Carynne Walton (taking over role in the near future)

Musical Director – John Winterflood

Minutes Secretary – Zoe Phillips

Welfare Officer – Claire Foulds

Player Representative – James Phillips

Committee Members – Alan Campbell, Tracey Fordom, Dave Whetham, Candrika Singh, Mike Clarke, Venice Marriott-Webb

GWYB Chair Person

Paul Austin

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National Youth Brass Band of GB to be led by Halle conductor



It has been announced that the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain (NYBBGB) is to be guest conducted for its annual Easter course by Jamie Phillips, the Associate Conductor of the Halle Orchestra. The charismatic young conductor (above) is also the Music Director of the Halle Youth Orchestra, as well as being heavily involved in many of the orchestra's education programmes and concerts and is the Dudamel Fellow of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Band will hold its Easter residential course at Taunton School, Somerset, from 25th March to 1st April.

Concerts

The annual Easter course will culminate in two end-of-course concerts at Wells Cathedral on 31st March and Cheltenham Town Hall on 1st April, where the featured guest soloist will be Besson tenor horn virtuoso, Owen Farr.

Open day opportunities

The Band will be hosting a free open day on Tuesday 29th March to help inspire the next generation of budding players - enabling talented youngsters from across the UK to experience the NYBBGB for a day. It is open to young brass and percussion players between the ages of 8 and 18, music teachers and parents. The youngsters will have the opportunity to play with the band, receive coaching from top musician tutors, as well as audition for a place in the band should they wish to. Drawn from some of the UK's leading brass bands and ensembles, these include Mark Wilkinson (cornet), Elaine Williams (cornet), Paul Young (cornet), horns (Owen Farr), David Childs (euphoniums), Chris Jeans (trombones), Les Neish (tubas) and Andrea Price (percussion) Lunch will also be provided.

Jewel in the crown

Philip Biggs, the NYBBGB's administrator told 4BR: "The band is the jewel in the crown of the brass band world, and one we should all be rightly proud of. To have Jamie Phillips at the helm promises to be something extra special and something we are all looking forward to. Performances by the band are always nothing short of spectacular, and I encourage everyone to come to our concerts and Open day."

Tickets

Tickets for the two concerts are priced £13 and £11 for concessions. These are available by calling 01223 234090 or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/nybbgb Those interested in the Open Day, e-mail: johnmaines@btinternet.com

Please see Alan Campbell – GWYB for tickets at a concessionary rate.