



GWYB NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2016



St Andrews Church, Moredon – Swindon SN25 3DF

Rehearsal Dates & Upcoming Engagements:

Rehearsals every Saturday *with the following exception:*

- Saturday 28th May (half term)

The last Youth Band rehearsal before the summer holidays will be on Saturday 2nd July but Rising Stars will have their final rehearsal on Saturday 9th July.

We will be back after the summer on Saturday 3rd September (Rising Stars only) with Youth Band back the following Saturday, 10th September.

Upcoming Engagements:

Key dates for your diary:

- **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*)
- **25th June** - Brunel Brass Quiz Night – Cricklade Memorial Hall – 19:00
- **9th & 10th July** - Isambard Brunel Celebrations @ Steam – (*limited players - tbc*)
- **16th July** - Bradenstoke Fete – 12:00 (*Rising Stars only*)
- **24th September** - Open Day / Bring a Buddy + 10th Anniversary Celebrations! (*details tbc*)
- **15th October** - RWBA Swing Band with Brunel Brass (*to be confirmed*)
- **10th December** - Christmas Concert (St Andrews Church)
- **December** - 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th - Carolling dates at M&S Orbital (*to be confirmed*)

Residential Course:

Hopefully everyone who attended the Residential Weekend at Lydiard Conference Centre had a great time. Our thanks go to David Hirst for coming along and spending time with us and for everyone involved in organising the weekend.

Please complete one of our feedback forms at rehearsal to help us plan for future events.



If anyone has any photographs from the weekend please let us know so we can add them to our website.

Help Wanted!

If any parents or children have any skills or expertise in Marketing, Design & Printing and Publishing, or you know someone who does, we are in urgent need of some help producing new advertising material. Please speak to any of the committee members at rehearsals on a Saturday morning or via email if you are able to help in any way. We are also keen to get publicity in local schools and groups to help promote the band and encourage new players. Again, if you have any suggestions for this or fundraising ideas please let us know.

New Players

We are always keen to welcome new young players to take up a brass instrument – we provide free instrument loan and have tutors on hand to help. We just need people willing to learn!

The committee are currently planning an Open Day in September and this will be a great opportunity to bring along a friend to show them how much fun it can be to join a brass band. More details to follow.

The band is also always on the look out for new adult helpers/tutors so if you know anyone who may be interested in helping please let us know.

Website:

We are currently in the process of updating our website so please visit us at www.greatwesternyouth.com and let us know what you think! Please also let us know if there is any other content you think we should include. We will be adding information to the calendar so please check regularly as it will be updated with forthcoming events. The website will also be updated with current information about rehearsals etc so please do visit often and encourage friends and family to have a look too.

Exam Success

Congratulations to James Phillips for passing his Grade 7 Trombone exam.

The next round of Trinity exams is in June so watch this space for more success stories!

Player / Band Photographs:

We are always looking for up to date photographs so if you have any photos or recordings of the band / your children that you would be happy to put on the website, please email them to Paul Austin or Claire Foulds (email details below).

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 – www.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, such as 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

Membership Forms / Fees

Please always inform us of any changes to your personal details, e.g. change of address or telephone number so we can keep our membership forms up to date.

Also, just a reminder that fees are due termly (x3) or if you prefer you can spread the cost monthly. Fees are £25 per term for one child and £40 per term for two children. Any other children are free.

Committee Members

Below are the current committee members:

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, Mike Clarke & Venice Marriott-Webb

GWYB Chair Person - Paul Austin

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