

The Bradwell Bugle



Newsletter of the Bradwell Silver Band

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From the Editor

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015! A very Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas. Well done to all of our playing members for their efforts over the busy December period and a special "Thank You" to the collectors. We know from the feedback that the audiences and local residents enjoyed hearing the Band during the build up to Christmas Day. A full report of all the engagements follows and pictures of some of these can be viewed on the Band's website and Facebook page.

We make a special mention of our appreciation for Brian's dedication as Musical Director. Brian has been in a lot of pain and discomfort with a serious leg injury sustained on holiday in the Summer, but has still been able to lead the Band at all of the concerts and most of the outdoor engagements. We trust that Brian's condition continues to improve in what will be a lengthy recovery period.

As always, any submissions towards the newsletter will be welcome be they Band or non-Band related.

Sarah-Jayne



Notes For Your Diaries

Remember that the first practise of the New Year is on Tuesday 6th January at 8:00 p.m. with the Development Group re-starting on Thursday 8th at 7:00 p.m.



The Fourth Section of the 2015 Area Contest will be taking place at the Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre on Sunday March 22nd.

Notes From The M.D

I would like to thank everyone associated with the Band for a Fantastic Christmas! We played at 12 events and brought a great deal of enjoyment to many, many people. It has been an excellent Team effort both on and off the stage to make sure everything was done to the best of our ability. Can I please thank all band members families for their understanding and support at this busy time and it was sad that they all couldn't get entry to the Side Club Concert. A massive thanks to Robin who again has made sure we have all been in the right place at the right time with the right kit. The weekend before Christmas was even tougher as it was difficult to access the Trailer, but Robin being Robin made sure everything was sorted. Also a big Thank You to Karen who has carried, counted and banked nearly £1000 of cash from Carolling events as well as dealing with funds from all the other engagements. I'm sure she will be glad Christmas is over and can relax for a few months! A big Thank You to our collectors who made the fantastic effort of collecting all this cash over Christmas.

A personal Thank you to Keith who conducted the band in my absence, we are so lucky to have someone with so much knowledge and musical ability within our band to cover this role. Finally Thank you to the band, our three soloists made many new admirers every time they performed with the band performances at a level we should all be very pleased with.

We would also like to say a massive Thank You to Edwina (Keith's wife) for creating the band's Christmas Tree at the St James Festival. It was wonderful to see and many nice comments were made about it on the day and later on Facebook. Many thanks Edwina!

Finally, I'm sad to inform you all about the death of Alan Jenkin. Alan for many years was Head of Brass music for the Milton Keynes Music Service and was responsible for teaching the majority of youngsters learning Brass in this area. Many of our Band members would have been taught by Alan and realised what an excellent teacher he was. Alan was also Musical Director of Stantonbury Brass for a long period and gained much success with the band both on the Contest and Concert platforms. Alan had been poorly for sometime but attended our WW1 concert at Stantonbury and was in good form that night. I attended Alan's funeral as a representative of the band. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

Brian



Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Monday 1st December

Bradwell WI Carol Concert

St James Church, New Bradwell

For well over twenty years Bradwell Silver Band has taken part in the annual Carol Concert organised by the Bradwell WI. The Church was almost full with WI members and friends from around the Milton Keynes area, including Bradwell, New Manor (Wolverton), Two Mile Ash, Shenley & Loughton, Great Linford and Central Milton Keynes.

After a short introduction and welcome, the evening started with the customary singing of the WI Anthem "*Jerusalem*". Under the leadership of Musical Director Brian Keech the programme followed the usual pattern of a carol sung with Band accompaniment followed by a reading from a representative from some of the branches present. These seasonal readings provided a balanced mixture of the humorous, the thought provoking and the religious. The carols sung in the first half were *Once In Royal David's City*, *Away In A Manger*, *Silent Night* and *In The Bleak Mid-winter*.

Then there was a break from singing carols for a couple of items from the Band. The first was "*Frosty The Snowman*" which featured Luke Colvin on Eb Bass. Luke had dressed appropriately for this item which amused the audience who showed their appreciation for his playing with prolonged applause. We followed this with our first public performance of "*Christmas Scene*" written by Gavin Somerset. This is a festive number that sees an original theme interspersed with many festive favourites appearing in an unfamiliar manner. This would make for a good "Spot the carol" quiz. If you listen carefully you will hear among the tunes. O Come All Ye Faithful, Here We Come A Wassailing, Angels From The Realms of Glory, Deck The Halls, Little Drummer Boy, and Jingle Bells. There is a definite feel of the Christmas spirit to be found in this work and it gives the percussion section plenty to do.

Back to the readings and carols with the Band accompanying *Joy To The World* and *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night*. There was then an interval during which drinks and mince pies were made available.

The second half opened with *The First Noel*, *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* and *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*. For the Band's feature in this half it was the turn of our second soloist for the evening with Fraser Cousins playing "*Lonely This Christmas*". Arranged as a euphonium solo by Darrol Barry, this is a more modern popular Christmas song by the English glam rock band Mud and was a number one hit for them at Christmas 1974. This was another first time performance for the Band and with music written in the style of a Elvis slow ballad Fraser gave a great performance which again was appreciated by the audience.

We followed this with the traditional "*Schneewalzer*" in which the audience and Band swayed from side to side in time to the music. Composed at the beginning of the 20th century by Thomas Koschat, the Snow Waltz is one of the most famous melodies in German folk music. Despite the reference to snow, André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra perform this throughout the year and it always gets a great reaction from his audiences.

There were further readings either side of the last carol *O Come All Ye Faithful*. We were thanked for our involvement in this curtain raiser to the Christmas season and everyone had seemed to enjoy the evening. We conclude the concert with *Jingle Bells* and of course *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*. We are grateful for playing help this evening from Tug and Liz.



Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Concert with Two Mile Ash School

Stantonbury Theatre

The collaboration between Bradwell Silver Band and the Two Mile Ash school choir has become my personal favourite concert of the whole Christmas season. The sounds of children's voices and a brass band in a full theatre never fail to get me into the festive spirit. The choir now performs under the title of Harmonize and are led by their very capable head of music Emily Marshall and her colleague Sally Scriven. This choir is simply a group of people singing together, and that's what they love to do. Harmonize are all about three things – singing, performing and developing skills. Their members have a wide variety of singing backgrounds and performing experience. There were some Stantonbury Veterans in their midst and lots of the current members had the tremendous experience of singing with Young Voices at the O2 Arena back in January. They all share a common goal in developing their amazing vocal talents. Some of the children on the stage have been committed to singing at Two Mile Ash for four years, which is an incredible achievement.

The concert got off to a great start with the Band accompanying the choir in *"Merry Christmas Everybody"*. The choir then sang *"Sparkle & Shine"* before we surprised everybody with Luke appearing in his snowman costume for *"Frosty the Snowman"*. The kids loved this and Luke responded with an excellent performance. The choir sang *"Tell Me A Story, Shining Star"* before being joined by the Band for *"Christmas Candle"* which is based on an old Russian folk song. The Band played *"Christmas Scene"* and the choir came back with *"Love Shone Down"*. Our horn section were featured on *"It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year"* before the first half ended with the Band and choir combined for *"All I Want for Christmas is You"*.

After the interval the second half opened with choir and Band performing *"It Feels Like Christmas"*. This is a song from the Muppet Christmas Carol which was a 1992 American musical fantasy-comedy film and an adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic book. It had Michael Caine starring as Ebenezer Scrooge and although it is a comedic film with contemporary songs it followed Dickens's original story closely. This song was sung by the ghost of Christmas Present as he takes Scrooge through London. John Lee had written the Band arrangement for this and it went extremely well. It begins with the melody first heard as a solo on the Tenor Horn which was faultlessly played by Louis. Louis had stepped up to the challenge of playing solo horn for all of the Christmas engagements with Steph enjoying promotion to first horn. Both did a super job throughout the month and I am sure this experience will have been invaluable as they continue to make excellent progress as players.

The next item was a much more reflective song with John Rutter's *"Christmas Lullaby"*. We then introduced our second soloist of the night with Fraser playing *"Lonely This Christmas"*. The choir sang *"Mary Had A Baby"* before Brian invited the choir and audience to join in with *"Schneewalzer"*. The whole theatre swayed in time to the music and was a great sight to watch.

The choir's last unaccompanied song was *"Holly & Mistletoe"*. The audience were then invited to join in with choir in the singing of *"Jingle Bells"*. A group of the Band's youngsters comprising Orla, Adam, Sophie, Daniel, Louis and Luca took to the front of the stage to accompany the senior Harmonize singers in *"Away In A Manger"*. This was followed by *"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"* and to bring the concert to a close *"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"*. After words of thanks and presentations the choir performed an encore with another rendition of *"Sparkle and Shine"*. The Band played *"Jingle Bells"* as the excited youngsters left the stage. It had been an excellent evening of festive music making with the choir performing brilliantly.

"Thank you so much, once again, for everything yesterday evening. It was fantastic, and the children really, really enjoyed themselves. We had brilliant feedback from all the parents I spoke to at the end. Please could you also pass on my thanks from all of us to all of the band, who I didn't manage to get to after the concert to thank properly. All in all, it was amazing once again." - Emily Marshall Head of Music

Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Friday 5th December

Bucks WI

Aylesbury

It is some years since we were performed in Aylesbury so it was nice to be invited as guests of the Buckinghamshire Federation of WIs for A Christmas Musical Evening. It was a cold but dry night and the journey to Aylesbury was much smoother than we had anticipated. The event was being held in the Oculus Room at the Gateway conference centre in Aylesbury. Oculus is Latin for eye and the name was chosen because of the distinct design of this modern and unique circular meeting room, which showcases a floating feature roof with a huge glass lens placed on top to reflect natural light back into the building. We had been allocated the luxury of a side room for changing and storage of instrument cases which is always appreciated.

After a welcome from the chairperson of the Board of Trustees, the evening commenced following the pattern of the Bradwell WI concert with alternate readings and carols. For our first half feature Luke donned his snowman outfit for another performance of "*Frosty The Snowman*". This was well played by Luke and received much applause from the audience who appreciated this fun performance. We followed this with "*Christmas Scene*". We were then treated to two songs from the Bucks Federation of WIs own choir The Joyful Divas under their conductor Jacqueline King. After a few more readings and carols it was time for an interval during which refreshments were being served. This also gave our "cute" younger members the opportunity of selling copies of the Band's CD so well done to them.

The second half opened with a keyboard duet and then after a carol the Joyful Divas took centre stage for their selection of five festive songs in a variety of different styles. For our second half spot we featured Fraser with "*Lonely This Christmas*". This was well played by Fraser but the eyes of most of the audience seemed to be on Toby who was providing some excellent percussion accompaniment! The Oculus room then burst into life with everyone swaying from side to side with our rendition of "*Schneewalzer*". Several more readings and carols followed to bring an enjoyable evening to a close. All the readings tonight had been carefully selected and were well presented with a lot of gentle humour.

There were thanks from the organisers for the contributions from the Band and the Joyful Divas and for the audience who had turned out to enjoy the evening. Our playing had been good and the audience particularly enjoyed seeing the younger members of the Band perform.



The Board of Trustees
invites you to join them for



A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING

at The Gateway, in the Oculus Conference Room,
Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF

on Friday 5th December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Featuring

'The Joyful Divas' conducted by Jacqueline King,
and the Bradwell Silver Band conducted by Brian Keech



Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Saturday 6th December

Christmas Tree Festival

St James Church, New Bradwell

As part of this year's Christmas Tree Festival held in the Parish Church of St. James, Musical Director Brian Keech had an extremely well balanced group of 17 players at his disposal to perform a programme of music from this year's repertoire. We opened with "Merry Christmas Everybody" and followed with our first public performance of "Somewhere Only We Know" with Karen playing the solo with great style. We played some carols from the book and then "Ding Dong Christmas", "Christmas Scene", "Christmas Lullaby", "Christmas Candle", "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and finished with "All I Want For Christmas Is You".

Special mention and thanks for today go to Jess who was leading the cornet section, Adam for switching to Bb cornet and Luke for shedding his snowman outfit to play euphonium. These changes help the Band to produce a great sound and the detail could be heard in all of the music played. This was a marvellous effort at the end of a busy week that included four concerts and a rehearsal.

"We have had a wonderful weekend at the Christmas Tree Festival. Lots of people have visited St James in the last 2 days. It was great to see NB School choir yesterday as well as many more musical talents. Our cafe carols time this evening rounded off the festivities beautifully. Thank you all who made this the success it was".

St James' Church, New Bradwell

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December

<p><i>Saturday</i> Opening with Bradwell Silver Band, followed by various local musicians.</p> <p>10.00am - 12.00 Tea and Coffee with Festive biscuits will be served</p> <p>12.00 - 2.00pm Homemade soup, Ploughman's and mulled wine</p> <p>2.00pm - 6.00pm Mince pies, homemade cakes and mulled wine Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.</p>	<p><i>Sunday</i> A variety of local Musicians will be playing and singing.</p> <p>12.00 - 2.00pm Homemade soup, ploughman's & mulled wine</p> <p>4.00pm - 5.30pm Cafe Carols, a selection of popular carols in a relaxed atmosphere with afternoon tea and cakes.</p> <p>Close at 6.00pm All donations for refreshments will go to the upkeep of the Church</p>
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**Entrance
£1.00
children free**

Tuesday 9th December

Street Carolling

New Bradwell

We started our street carolling on a wet and windy night. Our first stop was the High Street where we apparently upset one lady because we had managed to wake her sleeping baby. It got better after that as we played in School Street, Glyn Street, North Street, Thompson Street, and Harwood Street and over the canal to Chipperfield Close. We then had a long trek back to Newport Road where a family had very kindly laid on some warming drinks and seasonal food. They had also displayed a poster inviting other locals to join them and listen to the Band and there were a good number of people there despite the terrible weather. Time was getting on so we headed back towards the school finishing up near the Cuba. Despite the weather it had been a good effort with 18 players. We thank our collectors for the evening Ann, Peter, Lorenzo and Jonathan. Also it was good to have Jack and Luke playing with us, just like the old days! Robin was left to take the carol books home and get them dried out ready for the following evening and Karen was looking forward to going home to count the collection.

"It was brilliant - you played right outside our house. Thank you so much for still doing it in the rain"

Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Wednesday 10th December

Chadwick Drive, Eaglestone

A new adventure for us this evening as a group of 16 players gathered in Chadwick Drive in the middle of a development of retirement homes and sheltered accommodation. On a cold but thankfully dry night a good number of residents had braved the elements and were ready to sing and be entertained. We played some of the livelier carols from the book before inviting the residents to sing along to the carols we were playing. Robin had kindly supplied some carol sheets at short notice so they were able to sing such favourites as *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*, *While Shepherds Watched*, *Away In A Manger* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

We had a sufficiently balanced group to play "*Ding Dong Christmas*" and "*Merry Christmas Everybody*" from the pads and invited a guest conductor to lead us through "*Jingle Bells*". We concluded our one hour of playing with *O Come All Ye Faithful* and a couple of verses of *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*. Members of the audience thanked us before making their way home to get warm. It had been a different type of evening but had been enjoyable. We thank Tug for his playing help this evening and Robin for providing some lighting so that we could see the music a bit better in the rather dim conditions.

Friday 12th December

Big Local Carol Singing

Conniburrow

Big Local is a ground breaking Local Trust programme, funded by the National Lottery, aiming to achieve lasting change in 150 small areas across England. Conniburrow is one of these areas and has been awarded £1m over the next 10 years to make the area an even better place to live. Big Local Conniburrow is run by residents who alone decide how to spend the grant. The Carol Singing is one of their most popular events and residents were encouraged to take part in the Lantern making workshops in the weeks leading up to this. The evening started with Christmas Stalls Inside Southwood School Hall. This was followed by a colourful lantern parade up to Germander Park to light the newly planted Christmas tree and sing Carols with the Bradwell Silver Band and the Community Choir.

The Carols were introduced by the Reverend Andy Jowitt, Major Carol Babstock of the Salvation Army and John Moffoot who is the leader of the community choir. We provided the accompaniment for the singing of *O little town of Bethlehem*, *Joy to the world*, *Once in royal David's city*, *Hark! The herald angels sing*, *Away in a manger*, *While shepherds watched*, *Silent night*, *The First Noel*, *Ding dong! Merrily on high*, *The holly and the ivy*, and *O come, all ye faithful*. The band played *Jingle Bells* as the procession headed back to the Southwood School hall for hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream, mince pies and more delicious treats!

There was a very good turn out by the locals and all the carols were sung with enthusiasm. We had a very youthful front row of cornets this evening with Orla, Adam and Sophie who did an excellent job.



Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Tuesday 16th December

Street Carolling

Bradville

On a cold night and with an excellent turnout of 20 players we walked the streets of Bradville as part of our annual carolling effort. Once we got going the collectors made excellent progress so we were able to cover a lot of ground in the period of time we had available. Starting in Bradwell Road, we made stops in Stanton Avenue, Edwards Croft, Bradvue Crescent, Abbey Way and Mercers Drive. We used a lot of the livelier carols and tunes from our books and only repeated a couple. The evening ended with Luca leading us in an entertaining rendition of "*Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer*" and then Adam taking over "*We Wish You A Merry Christmas*".

We finished at 9:00 just as the first few spots of rain appeared, this later turned very heavy so we were indeed fortunate to have got round before this started. It had been a good evening of music making and there was a lot of encouragement for our efforts from local residents. Many thanks to collectors Carol, Peter, Lorenzo and Karen, also thanks for playing help from Tug and Luke.

Saturday 20th December

Christmas Concert

St James Church, New Bradwell

There was a large audience waiting for us as we performed our annual Christmas Concert in the Parish Church of St. James. Musical Director Brian Keech had selected a programme of music to suit most musical tastes and we opened with "*Merry Christmas Everybody*". Our first soloist of the evening was Karen with a lovely rendition of "*Somewhere Only We Know*". The Band followed this with "*I Believe In Father Christmas*" and then "*Christmas Scene*". The audience were invited to join in with the singing of some well known carols before our second soloist of the evening was introduced. Luke had changed into his special outfit for another great performance of "*Frosty The Snowman*". The first half came to an end with "*Fairytale of New York*" and "*Ding Dong Christmas*".

After the interval the Development Band under the direction of Luke Colvin took centre stage and performed three festive pieces, "*Jingle Bell Boogie*", "*Three Kings Rock*", and "*Merry Christmas Calypso*". Each piece was played with confidence and a great sense of fun. It was great to have all but one of the development group with us this evening and it included some youngsters who had only been coming for a few weeks helping out on percussion. The group stood at the end of their performance to receive the applause from the audience which included a very good number of their parents, relatives and friends. Making their debuts tonight were Finley, George, Mabel, Pedro, Teresa and Elliot.

This was Luke's last engagement as conductor of the Development Group as he is taking time off from his playing commitments in the New Year as he continues to work towards qualification as a school teacher. Brian publically thanked Luke for his dedication to the Band and the Development Group.

After the results of the raffle were announced the second half started with "*I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day*" followed by our final soloist of the evening which was Fraser with "*Lonely This Christmas*". There was much to admire in the performance and afterwards one member of the audience was to tell Fraser how much they had enjoyed his playing. The horn section was featured in "*It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year*" before more carols were sung. The Band's programme continued with "*It Feels Like Christmas*" and then the Church came alive with the ever popular "*Schneewalzer*". Our final published item was "*Savoy Christmas Medley*" and after words of appreciation from the Vicar the Reverend Paul Smith, the Band played "*Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer*" and finally "*We Wish You A Merry Christmas*". It had been a good evening with some fine playing and a receptive audience. We thank our front of house team Carol, Peter and Ann. We also thank our guest players Tug and Alan.

Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Sunday 21st December

Christmas Concert

Stantonbury Sports & Social Club

It is not often that we can claim to play in front of a full house! Tonight saw the Social Club absolutely bursting at the seams for our traditional Christmas concert. All tickets had been sold before the event and although some extras were fortunate to be allowed in others were turned away at the door. Sadly this included some of our band members' family and we are sorry that they were not able to share a fantastic night. The Band was warmly greeted and our Musical Director Brian Keech got the evening off to a great start with "Merry Christmas Everybody". The programme of music was almost the same as used the previous evening with its mixture of Christmas favourites, carol singing and solo features. All three of the soloists Karen, Luke and Fraser played extremely well against the background of constant chatter and movement that makes this concert so different from our normal concert performances. After a break the second half saw the early arrival of Father Christmas ably assisted by Mrs. Christmas. The traditional costumes are far superior to the usual Santa suits that are usually worn and it was great to see people queuing to have their photographs taken with him.

We played some more carols and the audience joined in "Schneewalzer" with great enthusiasm. We ended up with the finale of "Savoy Christmas Medley" and stood to take the applause for our efforts. It had been another evening of fine playing Thanks for playing help from Tug, Jack, Alan and Liz and to Father Christmas and his good lady.

After the concert Tug and Jack Wilson delighted the audience with their post horn performance.

"Fantastic night as always.... It wouldn't be Christmas without Bradwell Silver Band."



After his final performance as Frosty The Snowman, Luke went to wash his hands....

Engagement Reports - Keith Jones

Wednesday 24th December

Street Carolling

New Bradwell

Christmas Eve in New Bradwell saw the Band meet at the school for their tour of the local streets. Starting in Bounty Street, we weaved in and out of Queen Anne Street, King Edward Street, St. James Street, St. Mary Street, Newport Road, Wood Street, Caledonian Road and Wallace Street. We had a veritable army of collectors and thus ensured swift progress and finishing playing before the 9:00 p.m. deadline.

It was slightly disappointing that we only had 15 players out tonight which was the lowest number of the whole Christmas period, but the players we did have produced an excellent balanced sound. We were pleased to welcome back Dan who is currently studying at University. A special mention to Orla and Adam who were our solo cornets for tonight and did a fantastic job. Thanks to our collectors Ann, Peter, Lorenzo, Carol, Rebecca and Alan. Thanks also to the lovely lady who supplied us (and half of her street) with mulled wine!

Christmas Day

Street Carolling

New Bradwell/Bradville

We had to scrape the ice off the car before we headed for the traditional Christmas Morning tour of the streets of New Bradwell and Bradville. Meeting at the Clock Tower, Musical Director Brian Keech had 20 players to lead through the traditional carols including "*Christians Awake*". We had lots of people looking out of windows and standing in their doorways to wish us a Merry Christmas. When we reached Bradville, Fraser's Dad came out with a tray of drinks to help us on our way. The morning got lighter and we were no longer dependent on street lighting to read the music although we seemed to be strangely attracted to gathering around lamp posts! Our president Peter added atmosphere to the proceedings by appearing in full Dickensian costume. To see this figure looming out of the darkness is a sight to behold!

We reached our final spot in Bradvue Crescent and there were further liquid refreshments ready for us as promised by one local resident who always looks forward to the Band playing outside his house. The Christmas playing ended on a high note as we were heard live on BBC Three Counties Radio following an interview our secretary Robin had with radio presenter Gareth Lloyd. Gareth's morning show was celebrating Christmas morning with the listeners in Beds Herts and Bucks and in his interview showed a lot of interest and knowledge about banding. Robin talked about the tradition of the Band playing on Christmas morning and the activities over the rest of the year. You can catch up with the interview on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02ddfzq> forward to 01:33:00.

And so ended our playing for another year. Over the Christmas period we have been seen and heard by hundreds of people and received a lot of positive comments on our playing especially on social media. Hundreds of people have been treated to "*Schneewalzer*" as performed in the Side Club and more than 1900 people have viewed a clip of the band playing "*Hark The Herald Angels Sing*" on Christmas morning. If you watch this clip you will see the street light switching off halfway through the rendition. I have included some of the comments in the engagement reports and it is great to see how much the Band's efforts at playing and maintaining the traditions are appreciated. Long may it continue.

"It's not Christmas till I have heard the band. I love this and appreciate every member of the band that comes out on their Christmas morning regardless of what the weather is doing just to make our Christmas day special. Thank you all"

"We love being woken up to the sound of the band on Christmas morning. Never stop coming! Thank you"

"This morning at 6am you guys sounded beautiful!!! Thank you so much"

Festive Fun!

Christmas Song Quiz Answers



- 1 **All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth**
Yonder in the haystack
- 2 **Away In A Manger**
Assemble, everyone who believes
- 3 **O' Come All Ye Faithful**
Decorate the passage with branches of evergreen sprigs.
- 4 **Deck The Halls With Boughs Of Holly**
Ancient benevolent despot
- 5 **Good King Wenceslas**
Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
- 6 **Hark The Herald Angels Sing**
I spied my maternal parent osculating a fat man in red
- 7 **I Saw Mummy Kissin' Santa Claus**
Fantasies of a colourless December 25th
- 8 **I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas**
It's starting to appear extremely similar to December 25th.
- 9 **It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas**
Exuberance directed to this planet
- 10 **Joy To The World**
Hallowed post meridian
- 11 **O Holy Night**
Miniscule hamlet in the far east
- 12 **O Little Town of Bethlehem**
Bopping while circling the Tannenbaum...
- 13 **Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree**
Quadruped with crimson proboscis
- 14 **Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer**
5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise
- 15 **Silent Night**
Percussion instruments jingle, are you harking...
- 16 **"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?" - Walking In A Winter Wonderland**
A dozen 24-hour Yule periods
- 17 **The Twelve Days of Christmas**
Once upon a misty night prior to Christ's birthday.
- 18 **"Then one foggy Christmas Eve..." - Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer**
Monarchical trio
- 19 **We Three Kings**
Ourselves bid yourselves a joyous Noel and a cheerful neoteric 365 days...
- 20 **We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year**

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