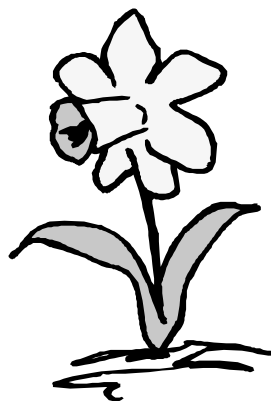


The Bradwell Bugle

The newsletter of the Bradwell Silver Band



March 2006



From the Editor

Welcome to the March edition of the Bradwell Bugle. This month's edition is a little on the short side as this is our quiet time of year but, rest assured, we'll have lots to report next month!!

The Band is now in the final run-up to the Regional Contest on Saturday 18th of March, at Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre. This is the most important contest in the Band's year, and we will try our hardest in Stevenage.

London and Southern Counties, the region in which we play, has the largest number of bands entering this year's contest out of all the regions in the country, which goes to show the dedication of our region's players.

A quick count up of all the bands playing in this year's contest estimates that there will be around 13,325 players taking part nationally. This year, 15 bands will be entering the third section in our region. There is more information about timings for the actual day on page three.

Apologies to Mike Sanders for omitting him from the membership list last month - this was a genuine mistake and I'm sure that we'd all like to welcome Mike to the Band. Mike, who previously played with Wolverton Town Band, has joined us for the contest on Second Cornet and his presence is greatly appreciated!

In some more player news, Rod Pakes, who has been a member of Bradwell Silver Band for over 50 years, is finally hanging up his trombone. Rod, who received a glass bowl from the Mayor of Milton Keynes last year as recognition of his long service with the Band, has decided to call it a day and I'm sure that we all wish him our warmest wishes for the future and that we thank him for his tremendous commitment over the last 50+ years.

The Band traditionally holds it's a Spring Concert in St. James Church, New Bradwell in April, but this year the date has been moved to the **11th March**. This is to allow the Band to perform the Regional Contest test piece 'Entertainments' before the actual contest itself. The annual presentation of awards will take place at this concert, and voting for Bandsman of the Year award will begin shortly. Contact Robin Allen for tickets and further information (see page three for contact details).

An invitation for any items you may have for the April edition of the Bradwell Bugle - humour (not necessarily band related!), competitions or recipes are all gratefully received - contact details on page three. All items to be submitted by Mon 20th March please!

Guy Drury

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Competitions

Previous competition:

How many words can you make from:

'BRADWELL SILVER'

The winner was Norman Keech with over 265 words!! Well done Norman, a prize will be coming your way shortly. There were some other very good answers, congratulations to all that took part.

This month's competition:

This month's competition is a caption competition. Just write in with a humorous caption for the picture on the right of one of our Bass players, Ron in a phone box on Christmas Morning.

The postal address is 'March Bugle Competition', 4 Longleat Court, Great Holm, Milton Keynes, MK8 9HD or by e-mail: guydrury@btinternet.com.

All entries to be in by March 20th please!



Humour - Ten things you'll never hear your conductor say coming up to a contest

Courtesy of Capricornia Silver Band

1. Gee, that's a boring hymn. Let's play another one
2. Well played, everyone. Let's go home early.
3. I wasn't much of a player, myself.
4. Nicely played, trombones. So tuneful.
5. If you can't play it, don't worry about it.
6. What do you think?
7. I never wanted to be a conductor. I wanted to be a bin man.
8. Of course you can miss rehearsals. We're so fortunate that you choose to play with us.
9. Sorry, I lied. We have absolutely no chance of winning anything - ever!
10. I was wrong

Forthcoming Events and Engagements



Events appear on this page once they have been confirmed. Further details of times, venues and prices can be obtained from Robin.

- **Saturday 18th March**
London and Southern Counties Regional Championships, Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre. The coach will leave the bandroom (New Bradwell Combined School) at 7.15am. We have a rehearsal room booked for 8.30am, and the draw for the third section is at 9:00 am. The competition commences at 10 am
- **Saturday 11th March**
Concert and Annual Presentation of Awards at St James Church, New Bradwell 7.30pm
(please note date changed from April to March)
- **Saturday 22nd April**
Concert at Stantonbury Theatre, MK with guest soloist Steven Mead, starting 7.30pm. There will be a 'Brass Masterclass' hosted by Steve before the concert.
- **Monday 1st May**
May Day at New Bradwell Windmill 1-2 pm
- **Sat June 24th**
Dunstable Priory Gardens (not Grove House as previously) 2.00 pm - 3.30pm
- **Sun July 2nd**
Leighton Buzzard - Parsons Park (pm)
- **Sun 9th July**
Bletchley British Legion 11.15 am
- **Sat 15th July**
New Bradwell School Carnival 1.30pm
- **Sun 19th Aug**
Bedford Bandstand (Mill Meadows) 3-5pm



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Bradwell Silver Band Membership List

Committee

Chairman:	Norman Keech	Playing Members:	David Harris
Secretary:	Robin Allen		David Huckle
Treasurer:	Ron Snape		Nick Davy
Bandmaster:	Luke Colvin	Junior Rep:	Sam Allen
Librarian:	Dave Sanderson	Non Playing:	Mavis Harris
			Paul Harris

Playing Positions

Principal Cornet:	Nick Davy
Solo Cornets:	Clive Keech
	Karen Wilson
	Sue Snoxall
	Gary Morris
Soprano Cornet:	Ralph Tatum
Repiano Cornet:	Graham Huckle
2nd Cornets:	David Sanderson
	Mike Sanders
	Alison Drury
3rd Cornets:	Sam Allen
	Guy Drury
	Cheron Li
	Jack Wilson
Flugel Horn:	Adam Keech
Solo Horn:	Keith Jones
1st Horn:	Siân Haseldine
2nd Horn:	Luke Colvin
	Luke Wilson
1st Baritone:	Liz Keech
2nd Baritone:	Roy Lack
Euphoniums:	David Harris
	Fraser Cousins
1st Trombone:	Lisa Huckle
2nd Trombone:	Joshua Tatum
Bass Trombone:	Nick Dytham
E♭ Bass:	Robin Allen
B♭ Bass:	David Huckle
	Ron Snape
Percussion:	Stephen Osborne
	Position Vacant*

Non Committee Positions

President:	John White
Musical Director:	Chris Johnston
Publicity Officer:	Guy Drury
Magazine Editor:	Guy Drury/Alison Drury
Fundraising:	Norman Keech
Quartermaster:	Dave Huckle

Honorary Members

Chris Coull	Brian Keech
Malcolm Hills	David Wilson
Jim Whyte	

Learners Group

Sam Allen	Jez Billingham	Amanda Blunda
Emily Tilley	Emily Colvin	Luke Colvin
Tara Cowel	Alison Drury	Guy Drury
Callum English	Harry Gibbs	Cheron Li
Aston Scales	Damian Tilley	
Jack Wilson	Luke Wilson	

*If you are interested in this position, or would just like to come along for an evening, feel free to contact the Band's secretary, Robin Allen - see page three for details.