



The Bradwell Bugle



Newsletter of the Bradwell Silver Band

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From the Editor

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the June edition of the Bradwell Silver Band's monthly newsletter.

In May the Band had just one public performance, but this month promises to be busier with three contrasting engagements, two at the very beginning and then a charity concert on the 22nd June for a great cause. We have aimed to give you as much information as we can about these and you can read all about these inside this issue. Let's hope the weather is kind to the Band for the outdoor gigs as it has the opportunity of reaching hundreds of people around the Milton Keynes who would not normally have the opportunity of hearing a brass band.

As always I would welcome articles or photographs for inclusion in future editions of The Bugle.

Sarah-Jayne

Arrangements for Playing Members Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June

SATURDAY

We are playing on Newport High Street, just outside the Medical Centre and the Crown Pharmacy. The High Street will be closed to traffic from the Medical Centre roundabout, so you will need to park up and walk down. I would advise car sharing where possible.

We start playing at 12.45, however we are borrowing chairs from the Mead Centre which is a short walk away. We are responsible for transporting these, so please could I ask you to be there for 12pm in order to help collect chairs and set up. Similarly, PLEASE don't all shoot off straight away as we will need to return them afterwards.

Straight ties please, assume jackets but make sure you also bring fleeces, snorkels, thermals and sun cream to make sure you're covered no matter what.

SUNDAY

We're playing on the Millfield in Stony (where we were last year). There is no parking on site so again, you will need to park up nearby and walk through. There is a lot happening in Stony that day so again, I would advise car sharing where possible. We're playing from 12.30, so please be there by 12pm latest. Uniform is the same as Saturday - Assume Jackets but please also have alternatives with you. If it's an absolute scorcher like last year please be mindful there is no shade so you may also want a hat.

I think this about covers everything - if you need anything on the day my mobile is 07368 628974.

Thanks, Sam

Engagement Report

Monday 6th May May Day Fun Day New Bradwell

The earlier of the two Bank Holiday Mondays in May saw the Band performing their first outdoor engagement of the year at the New Bradwell Sports Association May Day Fun Day. This has become a popular local event with lots of stalls, kiddie rides, entertainment and live music which attracted a large number of people with all proceeds going to Willen Hospice.

As usual the Band had the privilege of opening the afternoon's events with a one hour slot starting at 1:00 p.m. It had been a mostly overcast morning and although there were a few spots of rain we came through the session relatively unscathed. Unfortunately it did rain quite heavily later on which was a shame for the organisers and the many stallholders.

The Band under the leadership of Musical Director Brian Keech played a varied programme of music that attracted lots of people, some choosing to sit in front of the Band.

We opened with "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" followed by "The Impossible Dream" which featured principal cornet Tug and his flugel player wife Karen. As always the duo gave a polished performance which received well deserved applause. Then in quick succession came "Let's Face The Music and Dance", "The Trap", and the lively "Tritsch-Tratsch Polka". Next up was Fraser with the euphonium solo "Myfanwy" followed by "The Floral Dance" and "Despacito".

The percussion section were let loose for an exciting performance of "Sing Sing Sing" after which came "Eye Level" and the final soloist of the afternoon with Louis on trombone with "Love Is All Around".

To conclude our almost non-stop playing for the afternoon we played "Viva La Vida" and finished off with "Highland Cathedral".

It had been a good afternoon of music making with a good band sound maintained for most of the session despite being short of a few players. The featured soloists all maintained their high standard of performance and the Band were pleased to be at the heart of the local community at this event being held for such a deserving charity.

From the New Bradwell Sports Association Facebook page:

Well, despite the weather not really being on our side we still had another amazing May Day Fun Day yesterday in aid of Willen Hospice Milton Keynes.

There are so many people that make this event the success that it is and so many thank yous owed. Firstly thank you to the team/sub committee that put in so much time and hard work for this event to go ahead year in year out. Thank you to all the volunteer bar staff that worked their socks off throughout the day.

Thank you to the musicians/bands/DJs who from the goodness in their hearts gave their time to entertain us all day.

Thank you to all the companies that donated prizes for the raffle.

Thank you to all the stall holders and attractions that came despite the weather not really being on our side.

And thank you to you all, our members, friends and local community that turn out to support this event. We really are grateful to you all.

It costs approximately £13 per minute to keep the hospice running and I know there are many of us that have been so deeply touched by the amazing work that they do. So the final thank you goes out to all the wonderful, caring, supportive staff at Willen Hospice.

Robin Celebrates 50 Years Of Banding!

The Band's rehearsal on Tuesday 14th May was ended early to allow members to help celebrate long serving member Robin Allen's 50th anniversary to the day when he joined his first brass band. Robin kindly supplied cakes and drinks for his colleagues to mark the occasion.

The picture shows a youthful Robin with his first band Sundon Park. Robin had been an absolute stalwart of Bradwell Silver Band for a considerable amount of his 50 years of brass banding, many of them as the Band Secretary. We're very lucky to have him in our ranks.

Happy Anniversary Robin!



Depping!

Bradwell Silver Band currently enjoy an almost full complement of players but from time to time is very grateful to have players from other bands step in as deputies covering for members who are not available for an engagement. When we do have depts join us please make them feel welcome and remember to thank them afterwards. A number of our players are pleased to reciprocate by accepting invitations to help out other local bands.

Depping is a mostly enjoyable experience, meeting players from other bands and often sight reading pieces of music which we do not have in our repertoire. It can also be fun to be supplied with a loan uniform jacket to wear, providing they have one in your size!

The latest member to join this list of depts is percussionist and joint secretary Gareth Mitchell who helped out the Luton Brass Band as they performed their first indoor concert since being formed in 2019.

These are Gareth's own observations on guesting with another band. This involved an afternoon rehearsal followed by an evening concert...

I recently undertook my first ever depping gig with Luton Brass Band. I accepted the offer as others in the band had told me what a positive experience it can be to play with other groups. Although I'm musically trained (I know , wasted on a percussionist!) and have sung in church choirs for years in the past, apart from playing a borrowed kit with some mates in one of our bedrooms until joining BSB in 2021 I'd never had the privilege of playing percussion with any proper band (and I do consider playing with BSB a privilege and something i wished I'd done years ago.).

Playing with Luton was a great experience. A friendly bunch, who were glad to have me. As a learning experience, I saw how another band arranges itself, how another MD manages and leads the band. Moreover, I must've made a good impression as they've already asked back!

For anyone playing who's not ever depped, I'd encourage you to do it. You're doing someone a big favour AND doing something you enjoy.



Gareth can be seen on the extreme left of the picture doing his best Phil Collins impersonation!

Music For Camphill - Joint Concert

Two local, well-loved musical groups are collaborating to organise a fundraising concert in support of the Camphill Milton Keynes Community who provide supported living accommodation and meaningful work for adults with learning disabilities.

On the 22nd of June, the Musica Charity Choir and the Bradwell Silver Band will perform an evening of live music at Camphill MK's timber-clad Chrysalis Theatre, seating up to 200 people in its rake. The Chrysalis is more than just a theatre; it is a performance, events and community creative hub based in Milton Keynes. Established in 2004, the venue is a multi-function space built to meet the needs of the Camphill Milton Keynes Community.

The Chrysalis Theatre is used for a wide variety of workshops, performances, conferences and events. It offers users, partners and hirers raked seating for 200, cabaret-style tables for 150, refreshments facilities and catering, excellent technical facilities for lighting, sound and projection and more! Volunteering their time for the special evening, the Musica Charity Choir and the Bradwell Silver Band hope that every penny of the concert will ensure that Camphill MK benefits from all ticket sales.

The Musical Director for Bradwell Silver Band, Brian Keech shared, "The programme we have put together is a celebration of joy and positivity – an evening of songs that will make you want to sing along or at least tap a foot!"

Adding, "Across the band's 125-year history, we have received help along the way. We are proud to be able to support Camphill MK as they undertake such a worthwhile project."

The MD of Musica Charity Choir MK Ken Storry explains: "Founded in 2018, our small choir and accompanist perform 12 concerts a year in and around MK, helping charities to raise funds. Audiences say they enjoy our varied 'something for everyone' programming of songs in different styles. We're delighted to be entertaining Camphill MK supporters alongside Bradwell Silver Band and look forward to a great evening together."

As a charity, Camphill MK aims to raise £15m to build new accessible housing for adults with disabilities, and the Music for Camphill concert will be one of many initiatives planned this year to raise awareness and essential funds.

Your support is crucial. Organisers encourage the public to buy tickets in advance and be a part of this meaningful event: [Music for Camphill MK | Camphill MK Communities \(Powered by Donorbox\)](#)

Our very own Lucy Davies is Head of Development at Camphill and appeared on MKFM radio discussing the concert and her playing in the Band (podcast available!)

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 22 June 2024

Time: 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm for refreshments)

Location: Chrysalis Theatre, MK15 9JY

Car Parking: There is onsite parking for 60 cars (+4 disabled), with 25 spaces on either side of the gates in the Parks Trust car parks. Additional parking is available over the dual carriageway, which is pay-and-display (RingGo) and £3.50 for three hours.

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Forthcoming Engagements

Playing members are reminded that they should use Muzodo to indicate their availability.

If you have any questions about engagements or your availability, please speak with Sam as engagement secretary, Gareth as co-secretary, Brian or your section leader as appropriate.

The earlier Sam and Gareth know deps are needed the better. Of course, if you can provide your own deputy that really helps but we know that some of us don't have a ready list of contacts making this difficult.

Please remember everyone is valuable, any missing part impacts on the performance, making deps important for all.

If you have any problems accessing Muzodo let us know (Sam & Steph). As administrators they can re-set passwords and add in responses on your behalf.

Saturday 1 st June	Newport Pagnell Vintage Day (see poster!)
Sunday 2 nd June	Stony Stratford Big Lunch (see poster!)
Saturday 22 nd June	Charity Concert for Camphill (see poster!)
Saturday 13 th July	New Bradwell School Carnival
Sunday 21 st July	Patronal Service St. James
Sunday 28 th July	Bands On The Green, West Bletchley
Sunday 18 th August	St. James Churchyard Concert
Sunday 15 th September	Songs Of Praise, Willen Tree Cathedral
Sunday 29 th September	Special Event - <i>Details TBC</i>
Saturday 12 th October	St. James Autumn Concert
Saturday 7 th December	St. James Christmas Concert
Saturday 14 th December	Newport Pagnell Singers Christmas Concert
Sunday 22 nd December	Side Club Christmas Concert

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Bradwell Silver Band

Vacancy Bass (Eb or Bb)

Spm Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Contesting
- Community Performances
- Concerts

Contact Robin 01908 616463
secretary@bradwellband.co.uk
for an informal chat

We have a vacancy for a new player to join our main band.

We are looking for a bass player Eb or BBb. This is a rare opportunity to join the Band as many of our seats are filled by the progression of players through our Development Group.

If you are interested drop us a line now for a chat.



The day includes:

- Organised parking available at riverside meadows £4 for the day
- A whole town dressed for the event
- Staged entertainment
- Dozens of vintage stalls
- Anderson shelter
- Indoor displays from the period
- A living history museum
- A vintage fashion show
- Outdoor displays
- Re-enactors including the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill PM
- Singers and dancers from the period
- Vintage car and military vehicle show
- Live swing band
- Dancing - dance floor Bury Common
- Bike show
- Silver band
- Petting Zoo
- Bike show

The Band will be performing two 45 minute slots in the High Street starting at 12:45pm!



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PLEASE SCAN
TO BOOK
YOUR TICKETS



Music FOR CAMPHILL

JOINT CONCERT FEATURING
**Bradwell Silver Band and
Musica Charity Choir MK**
In support of Camphill
Milton Keynes

**SATURDAY 22nd
JUNE 2024 - 7.30PM**



**Musica
Charity Choir MK**

**CHRYSALIS THEATRE
JAPONICA LANE,
WILLEN PARK,
MK15 9JY.**



BRADWELL SILVER BAND

TICKETS COST: £12.50

Scan the code above or visit
the café to purchase tickets
in person.

All ticket sales go to Camphill MK.
For more details please email:
fundraising@camphillmk.co.uk