



The Bradwell Bugle

Newsletter of the Bradwell Silver Band



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From the Editor

Hi Everyone!

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

We are into the final days of the long school summer holidays and I trust that those of you who have been away managed to have a relaxing break.

With the Band having taken a two week break from rehearsals there was only one engagement in August, a report on this can be found inside this issue. This month the Band will be taking part in two special Church services and you can read about these in these pages.

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

Sarah-Jayne

Upcoming Engagements

September will see the Band taking part, weather permitting, in a open air service as the invited guests of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, This family service is to be held at the Tree Cathedral, Newlands and the invitation is extended to Join friends and neighbours, along with vocalists, guitarists and the Band on Sunday 15th September and will explore the theme of what it means to be the light of the world. The service starts at 3:00 p.m. and the Band due to play from 2:30 p.m. We were due to take part last year but a ferocious thunderstorm caused it to be cancelled at the last minute.

The Tree Cathedral can be found off the V10/H5. The Tree Cathedral Car Park is off Livingstone Drive MK15 0DT. Please note parking charges apply.

Contact: Revd Dr Sam Mthueloe, Minister at Cross & Stables and Willen for more details.
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Two weeks later the next Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership wide service will be for the farewell of Rev Dr Paul Smith's as he enters retirement. It will be held at St James' Church, New Bradwell Sunday 29th September at 3pm and will be led by the Archdeacon of Buckingham The Ven Guy Elsmore. The Band has been invited to be part of this special service which starts at 3pm.

Engagement Reports

Sunday 18th August

St James Churchyard Concert

New Bradwell

Having just enjoyed a well earned two week break from playing and rehearsals, today saw the Band performing in the grounds of the Parish Church of St. James for their only engagement in August. This took the form of an open air concert which was something we first did back in 2021 to celebrate the lifting of restrictions imposed due to the Covid pandemic.

The weather today was warm and sunny and the Band was sat down ready to play in well before the advertised starting time. The Churchyard as will be understood considering it's original usage is a bit uneven and playing members chairs were positioned in the best positions that could be achieved given the limitations. A good number of locals had gathered to enjoy an afternoon of music making bringing their own fold up chairs and availing themselves of refreshments which were kindly being made available inside the Church.

The programme of music selected for this afternoon was from our current summer repertoire and under the leadership of Musical Director Brian Keech we opened with the lively "Breezin' Down Broadway". This was followed up with "The Impossible Dream," a duet featuring Tug and Karen. Next came "Mr. Blue Sky" made famous by ELO (and a personal favourite of the Vicar!) before the familiar theme tune of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". As Brian mentioned in his introduction, the film was based on the book about a flying motor car written by Ian Fleming who is much better known for writing the James Bond novels.

A summer concert never seems complete without including "The Floral Dance" and it is always received with enthusiasm by the audience. Louis Wilson was then introduced as the soloist for "Love Is All Around" which was followed by "Despacito".

The concert continued with "Let's Face The Music and Dance" which incidentally is the only piece that has featured in every engagement so far this year. Our principal euphonium player Fraser was next up with the solo "Myfanwy". In announcing this item Brian said the Band was dedicating this to the memory of Dianne Jenkins who recently passed away. Her husband Tony was for many years the Band's principal cornet player and Dianne has always been a great supporter of the Band attending all of our local concerts as well as most other events organised by the Church.

Coming towards the end of our one hour programme we played a version of the modern popular song "Viva La Vida" which had the audience tapping their feet before a moving rendition of "Highland Cathedral". The final piece was the lively "Kalinka" during which the audience had been invited to clap along as the music gets faster and faster.

There were words of thanks from the Vicar, the Reverend Paul Smith who commented on the variety of music performed this afternoon.

Engagement Reports

We were extremely grateful for playing help this afternoon from Rachael of Secklow Brass who was covering one of the trombone parts and Luke Colvin on Eb Bass.

Our featured soloists were again all excellent and the consistency of their performance throughout the summer season has received many appreciative comments from members of the audiences.

We thank the Church for organising this enjoyable concert at the heart of the New Bradwell community and for providing refreshments.



Player News

We are delighted to hear that Daniel and Jayden both achieved excellent results in their A Level examinations. They are both due to continue their education at University and we wish them well as they begin their further studies this month.

Their imminent departure has meant a re-shuffle in the cornet section. Ellis has now been elevated to the front row cornets and Alison is moving up to 2nd Cornet. Having played at a number of engagements during the summer, we are very pleased to have a mother and daughter combination accepting the invitation to join us on a full time basis. Erin has made her way up through the Development Group and is settling in nicely in the Baritone section while experienced player Rachael is currently sitting in with the Trombones.

We were very happy to have Tania visit us before a recent rehearsal. Tania is making a steady recovery after undergoing surgical procedures in Stoke Mandeville hospital and we send her our very best wishes as she continues to make progress.

Development Group

Having taken a long summer break, the Development Group will be resuming their weekly rehearsals on Thursday 5th September starting at 7:00pm prompt. They will be looking at the music that will hopefully be part of the programme to be performed at the Autumn Concert on the evening of Saturday 12th October in St. James Church New Bradwell.

As this concert is earlier than normal this year it means the group will have just six rehearsals to work on a new set of music but we are confident that the players will rise to the challenge.

Looking slightly further ahead, the group is looking forward to featuring in the Christmas Concert at St. James on the evening of Saturday 7th December.



National Brass Band Championships Of Great Britain

This month sees the national finals of the 1st to 4th Section taking place at Cheltenham over the week-end of 14th and 15th September. This brings together the bands that qualified from the eight regional contests held earlier in the year.

Bradwell Silver Band has had the privilege of taking part in two finals in the recent past and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of competing against the best bands at our level from around Great Britain. We send our best wishes to our friends at Milton Keynes Brass who will be competing in the 1st Section Final and Towcester Studio playing in the 3rd Section and to all the other bands taking part. We hope you all have a great day out in Cheltenham.

We were delighted to learn that Joe, one of our former playing members will also be at Cheltenham in an exciting opportunity.

The Association of Brass Band Adjudicators (AoBBA) and Kapitol Promotions are pleased to announce the four participants who have been selected to take part in the jointly promoted Adjudicators' Experience Day on Saturday 14th September at the Section 1-4 National Finals at Cheltenham.

Melissa Brown, Joe Galuszka, Jen McCausland and Andy Wareham will join mentor Martin Heartfield, taking part in a workshop covering score preparation, the PAC (Performance Assessment Criteria) code, contest paperwork and how an adjudicator prepares for a contest.



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Additionally to this, the participants will do their own adjudications for the first half of the Section 1 contest, meeting one of the official adjudicators and partaking in a de-brief Q&A session.

Melissa Brown is a trombone graduate of Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance with professional orchestral experience including the Aurelian Ensemble, Anglo Indian Music Productions Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Orchestra Vitae. Joining Melissa will be

Joe Galuszka; a Masters graduate of Bristol University where he studied Composition of Music for Film and Television. Joe is a tutor, support staff member and arranger for the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain and has played percussion for Flowers Band.

Alongside both Melissa and Joe will be Jen McCausland – a tuba graduate of Birmingham Conservatoire and current Principal Tuba of GUS Band; a position she's held for six years. Prior to this, she was Principal Tuba with Reg Vardy Band for seven years. Finally, Andy Wareham will complete the quartet; a former Young Composer in Residence with Black Dyke Band where he worked closely with Philip Wilby and graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama where he studied brass band conducting.

Joe most recently played with the Band at the West Bletchley "Bands In The Park" event at the end of July. Joe is a very busy lad, composing, arranging and conducting several wind and concert bands as well as the Bristol Military Wives Choir. He is also a bit of a character and for this month's "All Our Yesterdays" we go back to 2009 we show him modelling some rather unseasonable headgear he picked up at a summer engagement.



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.

Sunday 15th September Songs Of Praise at the Tree Cathedral, Willen
Parking is available but be aware that all of the car parks around Willen operate with an Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR) and you need to pay on arrival.

Sunday 29th September Reverend Paul Smith Leaving Service
 St James Church, New Bradwell @ 3pm

Sunday 6th October Stony Stratford Autumn Fayre

Saturday 12th October St. James Autumn Concert

Wednesday 4th December Two Mile Ash Christmas Concert

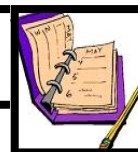
Saturday 7th December St. James Christmas Concert

Saturday 14th December Newport Pagnell Singers Christmas Concert

Sunday 22nd 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
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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.

Jesus, Light of the World

Tree Cathedral Service

Sunday 15 September 2024 3.00pm-3.45pm

You are invited to this special outdoor family service at the Tree Cathedral, Newlands. Join friends and neighbours, along with vocalists, guitarists and the Bradwell Silver Band on Sunday 15 September, 3pm, as we explore what it means to be the light of the world.

When: Sunday 15 September 3.00pm-3.45pm

Where: The Tree Cathedral, MK15 (off the V10 H5)

Who: All are welcome

The Tree Cathedral Car Park can be found off Livingstone Drive MK15 0DT
Please note, parking charges apply.



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