

Rushden Town Band Newsletter

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MD's musings

In my last musings I finished off with "Thank you all for the time & effort which you have given over the last few months. Let's hope that the Contest & Christmas season can be just as successful & more importantly – enjoyable."

Well, that was probably the understatement of the year! The LBBA contest in November was a great day out, an excellent performance on stage, no nerves & very musical. An unfortunate placing, but the signs were very encouraging.

So to the Christmas engagements, Keysoe, Bede House (twice), Irchester Bowls Club, Rushden WMC and of course Waitrose. Plenty of mince pies, mulled wine & silly hats - definitely all very successful & enjoyable. The 2010 Area Contest loomed & hopes were high for a top 10 finish – but no

one imagined a trip to the finals after being placed 3rd out of 24 bands! What a fantastic result, what a fantastic day! The only downside was that some of our players had decided to take a break from playing due to other commitments which leaves us short of personnel. Work is underway by myself & the commit-

tee to fill the chairs with reliable & competent players – not only to successfully represent the town of Rushden at the National Finals in Harrogate but to aim for promotion to the 3rd section in 2011.

Let the journey begin!
Peter Vine



Sue Wilton & Kathryn Hill—Rushden Town Band Bandspersons of the Year!

Beginners go from strength to strength

Wow! What a start to the year. Firstly, the Beginners entered into the Young Musician of the Year run by the Rotary Club. Most of them entered into the solo section with Emma, Nathanael and Matt playing in the Under 11 section. They all did very

well with excellent comments. Kathryn and Kieran entered into the 13 and under section and we were delighted when Kathryn won the section and went through to the Regional Semi-Finals at Thrapston. The Beginners then entered into the 13 and

Under Group section and came first in that section too with, again, some excellent comments made about their playing. At Thrapston, Kathryn competed against a pianist and a clarinettist. The adjudicator made a comment that she was the only

Diary Dates

Saturday
12th June 12noon
Titchmarsh Fete

Saturday
26th June 7.30pm
Veteran's Day Concert
St Peters Church,
Rushden

Sunday
25th July 2pm
Blenheim Palace

Saturday
11th September 1.45pm
Dean & Shelton Flower Show

Saturday
18th September 2pm
Brixworth Flower Show

Saturday/Sunday
25th /26th September
National Finals Contest
Harrogate

Sunday
5th December 5pm
Keysoe Christmas Concert

Tuesday
7th December 7.30pm
Bede House Concert

Wednesday
8th December 7.30pm
Bede House Concert

Saturday
11th December 7.30pm
Irchester Bowls Club
Christmas Concert

Saturday
18th December 9.30am
Carolling-Waitrose

Friday
24th December 9.30am
Carolling-Waitrose

Sunday
13th March 2011
Midlands Area Contest
Bedworth

one who played unaccompanied and did so very well with probably the most difficult instrument out of the three. However, this time, she didn't make it through to the next section, but we were delighted when the Group made it through to the Finals at Melton Mowbray. This time, the children came up against a group of violins (who were all much older than our children) and unfortunately, did not win. The main idea of entering was to get the Beginners known and I think we have certainly done that! Next, the Beginners went on to compete at the Oxford contest. All the brass players competed in solos and did us proud. We were delighted when Nathanael won his first trophy in the 10 and under solos. A well deserved prize. Emma, William and Matt also competed and had some very nice comments made about their playing. Kathryn and Kieran competed in the 13 and under section and both again did us very proud. They then all competed in the duet section. William and Emma, Matt and Nathanael and Kathryn and Kieran. Last year, Matt and Nathanael had been so busy



Kieran, Kathryn, Nathanael, Matt, William, Emma & Josh

playing outside, they didn't hear the result that they came third. This time, however, they were not going to miss out on it and duly came second (a result that Nathanael had predicted!). Kathryn, William, Matt and Nathanael then went on to compete in the Junior Hymn Quartet. They have been playing well together for some time and finally they were rewarded with a 1st Place with a beautiful rendition of Eventide. We are delighted with the progress of the Beginners. They have created a group

with a tremendous atmosphere and camaraderie. We are delighted that Kathryn and Kieran are both playing in the senior band and hope that Kieran will come out on some of the fete jobs with us this summer. We now need to encourage some of the others, in particular Nathanael, who is speeding through his grades at the rate of knots (Grade 5 this summer!) to come and play with the seniors.

Hilary Hill

Money for nothing!

On the Home page of our website we have 2 banners for "webshops". Clicking on these will take you through to www.fundappeal.com/rushdentband or www.buy.at/RushdenTownBand. Both sites link to some famous "on line" stores & if you buy anything from them they make a donation to the band. It is an incredibly easy way to make money for our organisation—so far they have sent us cheques for £131.65. For further information—speak to Marion!



Rushden Town Band at the Leicestershire Association Contest November 2009

Raising money for charity

Every year the band chooses a nominated charity & donates a proportion of our carolling money to that. Last year we raised £350 for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. This year we chose Cancer Research as our nominated charity because so many of our players & their families have been affected by this dreadful disease lately. As usual 10% of our carolling money went into the fund but we also made a collection at the WMC Christmas concert & our MD played at a wedding where he was given a donation. We

were also invited to Rushden & Diamonds final game of the season (against Luton) where we held a bucket collection before the match & during the interval. Our grand total is £810 which will shortly be sent to Cancer Research by our Treasurer. Many thanks to everyone who has helped us support this very worthwhile cause.



Band of collectors!

