

WORLD MUSIC CONTEST.

On Saturday July 11th the Senior Band took part in the world music contest which was held in Kerkrade, Holland. They were competing against bands from Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, and UK, a total of 10 bands in the section. The bands had to play a test piece as well as their own chosen composition. At the end of the section the results were announced and the Ratby Band came second to receive the silver medal which was presented to Becky Moss the following day by the Mayor of Kerkrade. Congratulations to the Senior Band on their success.

MID BAND ON TOUR 28/08/09 TO 31/08/09

At 4am the Mid Band and supporters arrived at the Bandroom to board the coach for the journey. 14 hours later they arrived at their destination the German village of Rachtig for their wine and street festival. A friendly welcome was followed by dinner, much appreciated after a long day.

On a sunny Saturday morning most took the opportunity to explore the village and surroundings. The afternoon concert involved moving through the streets to play at various venues, ensuring that everyone at the festival got to hear us.

Sunday's lunchtime concert also went down well, with a particularly rousing rendition of "Country Roads", before everyone enjoyed the boat trip down the Mosel River to Bernkastel, famous for its medieval market square and German architecture

Monday's return home offered a much needed rest for everyone and we arrived back late at night, bringing to close a very enjoyable trip.

200 CLUB

Here are the latest winners in the 200 CLUB.

JUNE	No 180	MRS K PEEL
JULY	No 1	JESSICA MOSS
AUGUST	No 77	KAREN GORDON
SEPTEMBER	No 5	GEOFF NEWMAN

If you would like to join the 200 CLUB there are still some numbers available. The cost is £18 per year (£1.50 a month) and you stand a chance of winning £500 in our bumper Christmas draw in December. For further details Tele **Malcolm Pounder** on **0116 2386749**. or e-mail **malcolmpounder@hotmail.com**

ANDREW GARDNER

The Ratby Co-operative Mid Band is sad to announce the sudden and tragic passing of its principal cornet player Andy Gardner, on Friday 14th August 2009. Andy was a much loved member of the organisation, also playing with the Senior Band on numerous occasions and supporting his son James in the Junior Band. He will be well known to many across the region following time at Jaguar Coventry and Bedworth Bands.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Annette, the children, and their family and friends at this very difficult time.

CONCERT TICKET INFORMATION.

Tickets for the following concerts are only available through the Ratby Band.

"BRASSAMATAZ" FRIDAY 6th NOV **7.30pm** Braunstone Civic Centre **Tickets £7** (also available from civic centre)

CAROL CONCERT TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER **7.00pm** **Tickets T B C**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER **7.00pm** **Tickets £7 Adults £6 Concessions**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (MID BAND) DECEMBER 19th **7.30pm** Braunstone Civic Centre **Tickets £5** (also available from civic centre).

For any ticket information and ticket reservations please Tele **Malcolm Pounder** on **0116 2386749** or e-mail **malcolmpounder@hotmail.com**

RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BRASS BAND

AUTUMN 2009 NEWSLETTER

Concert Programme 2009

Oct 4th	LBBA Solo & Quartet & Solo Contest. <u>Groby College</u>	ALL
Oct 4th	Contest Bolsover Entertainment Contest	SB
Oct 31 st	Inter Band Solo Contest <u>Bandroom</u>	JB TB
Nov 6 th	Celebration Concert <u>7.30pm</u> Braunstone Civic Centre	SB
Nov 18 th	Co-op Concert Parklands Leisure Centre,Oadby.	SB
Nov 29 th	LBBA Contest Loughborough	SB MB JB
Dec 1 st	Carol Concert <u>7.00pm</u> Ratby Parish Church	JB TB
Dec 4 th	John Brunt Concert <u>7.30pm</u> Kirby Muxloe Village Hall	SB
Dec 5 th	Anstey Christmas Gala <u>5.00pm</u> Anstey Churches	MB
Dec 13 th	Christmas Concert <u>7.00pm</u> Bosworth College,Desford	ALL
Dec 19 th	Concert <u>7.30pm</u> Braunstone Civic Centre	MB
Dec 20 th	Candle Lit Service <u>6.00pm</u> St Stephens, De Montford St, Leic.	JB
Jan 16 th <u>2010</u>	Concert <u>7.30pm</u> Ratby Parish Church	SB
Feb 20 th <u>2010</u>	Concert <u>7.30pm</u> Markfield Methodist Church	MB

YOUTH SECTION NEWS

Congratulations to members of the youth section who have achieved a 100% success rate in their recent music exams.



Bronze Music Medal: Elizabeth,Matthew,and Victoria.

Copper Music Medal : Matthew



Emily: Grade 2,Izzy:Grade2,Joseph:Grade2, Vince:Grade 3,Harry:Grade3,Jamie:Grade5, Harriet:Grade3,Georgia:Grade3.

Training Band.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Laura White as the new conductor of the Training Band.Laura has been through the ranks of the Ratby Band from the beginners through to the Senior Band which she is now a bass player.We would like to wish Laura all the very best in her new position.

Its A Boy

Another important announcement we have to make is the the safe arrival of a baby boy Ethan Phillip to Julie Plant.Many of you who have attended our concerts will know Julie as the former conductor of the Training Band.