

Ratby Co-operative Brass Band

August 2007 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Ratby Band's latest newsletter. The Youth Band went to France; Brass & Voices are about to sound out, and we playing for the BBC Ruby Rainbow Appeal – read on for more details, and we look forward to seeing you soon !



“We met Minnie Mouse, the trip was fab!”

The Youth Band had a great time in Euro Disney this summer – read a full report of their exciting trip from one of the players overleaf.

Concert Programme, 2007

1 Sep	7.30	Summer Brass & Voices *	M/S
2 Sep	2.00	Ashby Bath Park	M
9 Sep	3.00	Braunstone Walled Park	Y
16 Sep	tbc	Rainbows Charity Event	Y
16 Sep		Wychavon Contest	M
22 Sep	7.30	Joint Concert, Barber Shop Grand Chorus, M Mowbray *	S
6 Oct	7.30	Celebration Concert, Desford *	S
27 Oct	7.30	BBC Ruby Rainbow Appeal * St Margaret's Church, Leicester	S
3 Nov	7.30	Stage & Screen Concert, Braunstone*	S
18 Nov	various	Leicester Contest, Wigston	Y/M/S
21 Nov	tbc	Co-op Concert, Oadby	S
1 Dec	6.00	Youth Section Carol Concert, Ratby	B/T/Y
2 Dec	6.00	All Saints Carol Concert, Somerby	S
7 Dec	7.30	John Brunt Concert, Kirby Muxloe	S
9 Dec	7.00	Band Christmas Concert, Desford	All
14 Dec	7.00	Carol Concert, Kirby Muxloe	M
16 Dec	10.00	Carols around Ratby village	All
16 Dec	6.00	St Stephens Carol Concert, Ratby	Y
22 Dec	7.30	An Evening of Christmas Music, Ratby	M
12 Jan	7.30	New Year Concert, Ratby Church	S

Call **Malcolm Pounder** on **0116 238 6749** for more details

* see reports

Summer Brass & Voices Spectacular

Following the great success of Brass & Voices two years ago, we're doing it again. If you were there then, you'll remember the huge sound of the massed choirs and bands.

This time, the Heart of England Chorus, Ratby Co-operative Mid Band, Newtown Linford Choral Society and the Ratby Co-operative Band will all be at Groby Community College on Saturday 1st September at 7.30 pm for another exciting concert (tickets £7, Concessions £6).

It really is one not to miss with individual performances and a joint finale that will have the hairs on the back of your neck standing on end ! Tickets available from Malcolm Pounder (0116 238 6749) – see you there.

Carols and Mince Pies in October ?

Your chance to be a BBC Radio Leicester star!

Yes, Christmas is coming early to Ratby Band, to BBC Radio Leicester – and to you too? We are delighted to help celebrate Radio Leicester's 40th (Ruby) birthday at St Margaret's Church, Leicester on Saturday 27th October, to raise money for an extension at the Rainbow's Hospice, Loughborough.

Radio Leicester DJ Dave Andrews (who compered for us at De Montfort last year) will be hosting the festivities – the first half a regular concert, the second half a Christmas concert complete with carol singing, and then mince pies and mulled wine to finish. And it'll be recorded for broadcast on the oldest BBC local radio station in the country during December – so you could hear yourself singing away !

Book tickets (£7.50) soon with Malcolm Pounder, as they're sure to sell out double quick. Get into the Christmas spirit early – and help a very worthy cause while you're at it.



Melton Mowbray here we come

There's a brand new concert from the Seniors on 22nd Sep at Melton Mowbray Theatre.

The band is teaming up with the Grand Central Chorus and the Jac-L Band, so expect Gospel, a Military march or two, Blues, and entertainment galore.

MC for the evening is Len Matthews, with stories guaranteed to delight, and tickets (£10, concessions £7) are from the Theatre box office on 01664 851111.

You've got E-mail...

Don't forget – if you'd rather receive this through the ether, we'll arrange it if you email sfrankham1108@aol.com.

Have you got an Instrument?

We're rounding up old instruments that ex members might have – the number of beginners we take is limited only by the number of instruments we have to give out.

If you've got one lurking in your loft (an instrument not a beginner!), we'd appreciate it back. Contact 0116 238 6954, many thanks in advance.

Autumn Extravaganzas

The Senior Band's annual **Celebration Concert** takes place at Bosworth College, Desford, on 6th October at 7.30. Player of the Year and Bands-person of the Year will be announced – be there to hear it first.

And a month late it's **Hits from Stage & Screen**, also from the Senior Band – at 7.30 on 3rd November at Braunstone Civic Centre. Expect showstoppers aplenty and favourites old and new.

Tickets from Malcolm Pounder, below.

A Youth Band Player Reports from Euro Disney

Youth Band conductor Becky Moss asked the players to write reports – and here is percussion player Sarah Smith's :-

On Saturday 14th July, Ratby Youth Band and supporters met at the band room at 5 am, to travel to Paris to play at Disneyland because we were fortunate enough to be selected to play there. On the journey we picked up our guide, who told us about where we were staying and the attractions. On the bus we watched films, did quizzes and played many games of bingo! We arrived at the hotel in the early evening.

The following day we travelled to the park and went in the staff entrance, so we got to see behind the scenes. We could go on many rides with family and friends. We played our instruments at 6.00 pm in an open front theatre. Quite a lot of people listened. We played for half an hour, then we could go back on the rides for a few hours, then we had tea at Planet Hollywood.

After tea, we watched the parade led by Mickey Mouse, with Minnie Mouse, the Chipmunks, Pluto, Goofy, and The Little Mermaid. Then fireworks with candles on the castle because there was a 15 year anniversary. The next day we had the choice of the Park or Studios. Me and my family went to the Studios and thoroughly enjoyed it. My personal favourite rides were "Rock-n-Roller Coaster" based on Aerosmith, and "Crushes Coaster" based on Finding Nemo. We had tea at Annette's Café and the staff invited the diners to dance with them, so Andrew Robbins, Gillian Smith and Lynne Harris all joined in very enthusiastically!

Everyone made friends with someone they haven't talked to before, both parents and players. I'd like to thank Becky Moss and everyone else who organised the trip, and everyone who made the trip so friendly. It was a great experience and has encouraged me and hopefully a lot more players to carry on playing at Ratby Band. And I hope we can do something like this again soon!

Concert News

Since last time the Youth Band had a very good Birthday Concert and the Senior Band was very well received (as always) at Thornton Church in early June. The end of June saw a highly enjoyable Musik Fest, with Youth, Mid and Seniors joined by Choirs, Choruses, Ensembles – and of course bagpipes – all of which went down very well.

Coming up we've got absolute corkers – read about Brass & Voices, Melton Mowbray Barbershop, Ruby Rainbow Carol Concert and Stage & Screen concerts elsewhere.

But before you know it, it'll be December, where the highlights include the **Youth Section's Carol Concert** in Ratby

Church on 1st December, the **Bands' annual Christmas Concert** – all 120 musicians playing – on 9th December at Braunstone and carols around Ratby at 10 am on Sunday 16th December. That night the Youth Band are back at St Stephen's for another **Carol Concert**, followed on the 22nd by the Mid Band with their "**Evening of Christmas Music**" – another busy Christmas with the Ratby Bands !

And by then we're ready to start off 2008 with the Senior Band's annual **New Year Concert** at Ratby Church. Details are listed on page 1, and **Malcolm Pounder** on **0116 238 6749** has more info and tickets. We look forward to seeing you at many of these exciting events!

See you at the :

Summer Brass & Voices, 1st September, Groby Community College
Grand Chorus/Jac-L Blues Band/Ratby Senior Band, 22nd September, Melton Mowbray Theatre
Celebration Concert, 6th October, Desford Community College
BBC Radio Leicester Ruby Rainbows Appeal, 27th October, St Margaret's Church, Leicester
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