

RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BRASS BAND

Spring 2009 Newsletter

Here we go again for the start of what will be another full year of concerts and contests for all the bands.

Concert Programme 2009

15 th March	Contest		Midland Area, Bedworth SB/MB
4 th April	Concert	7.00pm	Spring Proms, Bosworth College, Desford All Bands
5 th April	Concert	7.30pm	Hinckley Concordia Theatre SB
9 th May	Contest		Senior Cup, Winter Gardens Blackpool SB
6 th June	Concert	7.30pm	Leicester Cathedral SB
14 th June	Concert	7.30pm	The Curve SB
19/20 th June	Concert	7.30pm	Musik Fest, Groby College All Bands
11/12 th July	Contest		Kerkrade, Holland SB

200 Club

Here are the 200 Club winners to date

October	No. 26	K & D Price
November	No. 73	G Frearson

These are the lucky winners in our bumper Christmas draw

1 st Prize £500	No. 183	D Lambourne
2 nd Prize £200	No. 123	S White
3 rd Prize £100	No. 168	R Dodd
4 th Prize £50	No. 34	K Hurd
5 th Prize £25	No. 179	Mrs J Squires
6 th Prize £25	No. 181	Mrs V Blick
7 th Prize £25	No. 185	G Wood
8 th Prize £25	No. 179	J Langley

January 2009	No. 166	G Newman
February	No. 160	K Richards

200 Club

There are still some numbers available for the 200 Club so if you would like to become one of the lucky winners please contact Malcolm Pounder on 0116 238 6749 and he will give you all the information.

Concert News

As you can see from the concert programme the Spring Proms Spectacular has changed venue to **BOSWORTH COLLEGE, DESFORD**. As all the bands will be taking part tickets will be limited so please reserve your tickets to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced at £7 adults £6 concessions and can be reserved by telephoning Malcolm Pounder on 0116 238 6749

Hinckley Voluntary Action Group

Tickets for the concert on 5th April at the Concordia Theatre are available from the box office. Telephone number 01455 620766

MUSIK FEST JUNE 19TH/20TH

Please see press nearer time for more details

CONTEST NEWS

2008 saw successes for all of the bands taking part in the various contests throughout the year. Firstly the Senior Band who took second place at the Shirebrook Entertainment contest held on 5th October and to add to their trophies they came 1st at the Leicestershire Brass Band Association Contest held at Loughborough on November 16th.

At the same contest congratulations must go to the Junior Band who again came 1st in the unregistered section, they were competing against bands from other parts of the country.



PHIL PLANT

On January 6th 2009 Phil Plant sadly passed away. Phil was not only a father, grandfather and great grandfather but also the president of the Ratby Band organisation. His commitment and drive has gone a long way to make the Ratby Band the success it is today. Not only did Phil have many friends in the banding community of the UK but he made many friends with bands in Europe organising trips to play concerts in Holland, Germany and Spain, and for this he will be greatly missed.

Ratby Co-operative Band Christmas CD

Last October the Ratby Co-operative Band recorded a Christmas CD with all four bands taking part in the recording. The recording of this CD was made possible with a grant from Youth Bank of which we were able to produce 2,500 copies and these were distributed free to every household in Ratby. Such was the popularity of this CD we had requests to purchase extra copies with some going to Canada.

Inter-band Solo Contest 2008

In September the Youth Section held their inter-band solo contest. This contest is open to all members of the Beginner Band and Junior Band. The adjudicator was Steve Greenall, bass trombone player from the Senior Band and Chairman of the Band. The contest attracted 30 players and the results were as follows:

Beginner Band

GOLD AWARDS	Ben, James, Lauren
SILVER AWARDS	Evie, Chloe, Sam, James, Eddie
BRONZE AWARDS	Matthew, Evelyn, Austin, Elizabeth, Victoria, Chloe, Ben

Junior Band

GOLD AWARDS	(section 1)	Isabel, Harriet
SILVER AWARDS	(section 1)	Vincent, Georgia, Joseph, Emily
SILVER AWARDS	(Section 2)	Harry, Gregory, Luke, Thomas
GOLD AWARDS	(section 3)	Ellie, Tom, Emily
SILVER AWARDS	(section 3)	Emily, Devon
BRONZE AWARDS	(section 3)	Jamie, Rebecca

Congratulations to all the winners and very big thank you to all who took part.

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