

RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BRASS BAND

AUTUMN & WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

CONCERT & CONTEST PROGRAMME 2010/2011

Sept 11 th	Phil Plant Memorial Concert Groby Community College	ALL
Sept 17 th	Thornton Church Concert. 7.30pm	SB
Sept 19 th	Concert. Braunstone Park Walled Gardens 3.00pm.	JB
Sept 28 th	Inter Band Solo Contest. 6.00pm Bandroom Taverner Drive,Ratby.	JB TB
Oct 3 rd	Contest. L.B.B.A Contest . Groby Community College.	ALL
Oct 3 rd	Contest. Bolsover Entertainment Contest.	SB
Oct 22 nd	Concert. Celebration Concert. 7.30pm Braunstone Civic Centre.	SB
Nov 28 th	Contest. L.B.B.A. Open Contest, Loughborough.	SB MB JB
Dec 3 rd	Concert. St Mary de Castro Christmas Concert 7.00pm	MB
Dec 3 rd	Concert. John Brunt Concert. Kirby Muxloe Village Hall 7.30pm.	SB
Dec 10 th	Concert. Carol Concert, Kirby Muloe Village Hall. 7.00pm.	MB
Dec 12 th	Concert. Band Christmas Concert.Bosworth College,Desford. 7.00pm.	All
Dec 17 th	Concert. Christmas Concert. Braunstone Civic Centre. 7.30pm.	MB
Dec 19 th	Concert St Stephens Carol Service De-montford Street,Leic. 6.00pm.	JB

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Feb 12 th	Concert. New Year Concert. Ratby Parish Church. 7.30pm	SB
Mar 12 th /13 th	Contest. Midlands Area Contest ,Bedworth,Nuneaton.	SB MB
Apr 2 nd	Concert. Youth Section Birthday Concert,Braunstone Civic Centre. 7.30pm.	JB TB

BRADGATE LIONS CONCERT 24th APRIL 2010.

The Ratby Co-operative Mid Band received an overwhelming response to their concert for the Bradgate Lions Concert.

The Kirby Muxloe Village Hall was packed and rocking to the sound of Ratby in its increasingly popular 'Big Band' mode in the first half of the concert. An augmented trombone section which included Fran Skinner,our principal euphonium player swapping to join James,Jamie.Michael and Richard as they swung fast and loose with 'Just Another Walk' and 'Swinging Trombones' while 'Tuxedo Junction' had feet tapping and the audience only just managing to control themselves from jumping up to perform dances from this popular era. James Campion delighted listeners with his own version of 'Concert Variations'a la Don Lusher and 'All that Jazz'had an impromptu chorus line singing from the floor.

The second half had a more traditional 'Proms' feel with the usual renditions of 'Jerusalem',Pomp and Circumstance, and the ever popular 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs'-all guaranteed to tempt even the hardest heart into signing and stamping along but the quiet 'Irish Tune from County Derry a.k.a 'Danny Boy' proved to much for some and they just had to hum with us even if the didn't know all the words.

An obviously much enjoyed concert as the band was booked before they had even left the building for a return concert next year.

(Many thanks to Fran Skinner for this article.)

BRAUNSTONE TOWN AWARDS CEREMONY

On Friday 16th April 2010 Braunstone Town held their awards ceremony at the Civic Centre.

The Town Council promotes the arts by working in partnership with local groups and good causes. Arts events are held in Autumn/Spring each year and the Council underwrites the cost of each event and passes 100% of the net profits to a local group or good cause.

To collect the cheque on behalf of the Senior Band for their concert on 6th Nov 2009 was Becky Moss and to collect the cheque on behalf of the Mid Band for their concert on 19th Dec 2009 was Malcolm Pounder.

The Ratby Co-operative Band are very grateful to Braunstone Council for all the support they give to the band and look forward to holding more events in 2010 and 2011.

PHILLIP PLANT MEMORIAL CONCERT.

On Saturday 11th September the Ratby Co-operative Band is holding a memorial concert in memory of Phil Plant who sadly passed away in January 2009.

Phil had been associated with the Ratby Band for many years not as a player but one who has worked behind the scenes fundraising for the Band of which the bandroom on Taverner Drive is a testament to all his work. He also held the office of band secretary for 30 years and was elected president in 1996 which he held until his death.

Amongst other things Phil was credited for was the friendships he forged with bands not only in this country but bands in Holland, Germany, and Spain all of which remain friends of Ratby Band to this day and this is reflected in the groups from Brass Band Middleburgh, Holland attending this concert.

The concert is being held at Groby Community College and starts at 6.00pm and there will be a social following the concert. Taking part are the Ratby Co-operative Junior Band the Mid Band and Senior Band, Heart of England Chorus, The Seaforth Highlanders, as well as the band from Holland.

Tickets are priced at £8 and this includes a buffet and can be reserved by tele Malcolm Pounder on **0116 2386749**. Tickets are strictly limited.

200 CLUB NEWS.

Here is the latest list of 200 club winners.

April. £50 No 118 Pam & Mick Pollard.
May £50 No 146 Mary Sibson.
June £50 No 17 Mrs S Anderson.
July £50 No 146 Mary Sibson.

If you would like to join the 200 Club there are still some numbers available and the annual subscription is only £18 per year (£1.50p per month) also our bumper Christmas Draw is fast approaching with a top prize of £500. For more information please Tele **Malcolm Pounder** on **0116 2386749**. who will be pleased to help you



Mid Band at The Bradgate Lions Concert at Kirby Muxloe Community Centre.



Becky Moss and Malcolm Pounder with Mr Widdowson Braunstone Town Mayor.