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RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BRASS BAND

Spring 2011 Newsletter



We welcome **Richard Kenney** as our new **Band President**. As a player in the Mid Band himself, and with his son Neil and daughter Julie in the Senior Band, and his grandson (Christopher) in the Junior Band, Richard is a familiar face at virtually every band event throughout the year.

We hope he thoroughly enjoys his position

GREAT START TO THE YEAR Midland Regional Contest Finalists !!

The **Senior Band** achieved **3rd place** in the **1st Section** of the **Regional Contest** held at **Bedworth Civic Centre** on **March 13th**.

This means that they will be representing the organisation at the **National Finals** to be held in the **Autumn**.

Well Done to Mike Fowles and the players!

NEW Players in the Mid Band

This year's Regional Contest saw **Hannah Taylor** and **Dave Gilmore**, our new members on its stage with us.

We wish them a hearty welcome and hope they enjoy their banding with us.

WOT'S ON, WHEN & WHERE?

Latest listings www.ratbyband.com/events

March	25th	1940s Charity Gala. Big Band and 40s music.	Broughton Astley.	Mid Band
April	2nd	Birthday Concert. Braunstone Civic Centre		Youth Band
	8th	MusikFest. (night 1) Groby College		Bands & Guests
	9th	MusikFest (night 2) Groby College		Bands & Guests
	15th	Leicester and Rutland W.I. Bosworth College		Senior Band
April	16th	Bradgate Lions concert. Groby College		Mid Band
	May	14th	Senior Cup Contest. Winter Gardens, Blackpool.	Senior Band
May	21st	Leicester Cathedral Concert		Senior Band
	25th	Co-op Concert. Wheatsheaf Theatre, Knighton Fields		Senior Band
June	11th	Markfield Churches Together. Markfield Community Centre		Mid Band
	25th	Ratby Church Fete		Senior Band
July	1-3rd	Quorn Hall.		Youth Section
	10th	Summer Proms Concert. Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen		All Bands
Aug	21st	Bands in the Park. Aylestone Hall Gardens		Mid Band
Sept	10th	Ratby Pre-school Fete		Junior Band
	10-11th	Hardraw Scar Contest. Yorkshire		Mid Band
Oct	28th	Brassamatazz Celebration Concert. Braunstone Civic Centre		Senior Band
Dec	2nd	John Brunt Concert		Senior Band
	3rd	Christmas Celebration Concert. St Mary's De Castro, Leicester		Mid Band
	16th	Festive Concert. Braunstone Civic Centre		Mid Band
	18th	St Stephen's 'Carols by Candlelight'		Junior Band

CONCERT TICKETS can be booked, and paid for - if required, in advance. Just speak with any member of the band.
Booking by email is possible via www.ratbyband.com



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200 CLUB WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2010

Prize £50.00 No. 23 Winner V. Stewart

DECEMBER 2010

1st Prize £500.00	No 128	G & E Root
2nd Prize £200.00	No 172	D & G Root
3rd Prize £100.00	No 66	Maureen Callis
4th Prize £50.00	No 178	Pete Gimson
5th Prize £25.00	No 166	G Newman
6th Prize £25.00	No 162	J Smith
7th Prize £25.00	No 17	Mrs S Anderson
8th Prize £25.00	No 70	Mrs W Gates

JANUARY 2011

Prize £50.00 No 195 G Aucott

FEBRUARY 2011

Prize £50.00 No 39 K Brown

BRADGATE LIONS CLUB

PRESENT A

ST. GEORGES CELEBRATION CONCERT

PERFORMED BY

RATBY CO-OPERATIVE MID BAND

AT
GROBY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
on
SATURDAY 16 APRIL
at
7.30PM

TICKETS £8.00
INCLUDING SUPPER



PROMS STYLE FINALE

BAR

WITH LOTS OF

RAFFLE

FLAG WAVING &
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO
BRADGATE LIONS CHARITIES

JERUSALEM

Charity Trust Fund Reg. No. 1032825

LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY

TICKET ENQUIRIES.

RULE BRITANNIA

RING:- 01530 242912

MUSIK FEST 2011

Friday 8th April

Ratby Co-operative Junior Band/Training Band

Ratby Co-operative Beginner Band

Enderby Wind Band

Soclose - Barber Shop Quartet

Groby College Village of Schools Choir

Soar Valley Music Centre Swing Band

Saturday 9th April

Ratby Co-operative Mid Band

Glenfield Co-operative Ladies Choir

Groby College Family of Schools Wind Band

The Heart of England Chorus

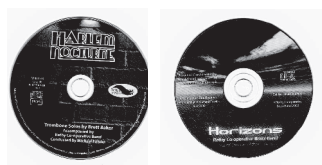
Ratby Co-operative Senior Band

Tickets: £10 for both concerts or £6.00 per evening

See anyone in any of the bands, or via the website. 'Waiter Service' for Refreshments (food and drink brought to YOU!)

GROBY COLLEGE. DESFORD. LEICESTERSHIRE

Disabled parking and facilities



SPECIAL OFFER!!

You can purchase these two fabulous Cds at a combined price of £15.00 inc. p&p (Normal price is £10.00 each) Please make cheques payable to *The Ratby Co-operative Band* and send your order to Steve Plant, 21 Torcross Road, Glenfield, Leicester. LE3 8AP



CHRIS HOLMES 1956 - 2011

The Mid Band manager, player and father of Paul, Matthew, and Rebecca (all Mid band players) died, surrounded by his family on 12th January, after a long and brave battle against cancer.

Chris (centre) managed, despite the condition, to take part in the October Mid Band trip to Belgium and Holland, and played in the *Festive Concert*, 17th December.

Ratby Band, under Geoff Newman, played at his funeral, along with his brother Steve Holmes (a former Ratby Member), and many other bandsmen wishing to give their tribute to a remarkable man. He is greatly missed by his friends and the banding movement.

BONUS BALL COMPETITION

This month sees the return of the BONUS BALL.

See Ben Newcombe in the MID Band for details.