



Brass Notes

Hathern Band's Newsletter

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Proms in the Park



Saturday 6 June turned out to be a cloudy but fine evening so that this year we were able to sit outside, enjoy our picnics and listen to the band - and the Sing It Happy Choir.

The concert featured film music. The Raiders' March by John Williams is from the 1981 film Raiders of the Lost Ark. Composer Ennio Morricone is famous for the scores to the three spaghetti westerns of the 1960s. Wild West is a medley of his music

Cabaret is one of the most well-known films of the early 1970s with a score written by John Kander and Fred Ebb. The band played the title track.

As usual the the concert featured the familiar Proms music culminating in a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory.



Training Band in Big Week

Once again on the Monday of Hathern's Big Week the Training Band held an open practice in the marquee for family, friends and visitors. This year we had the largest audience ever as over fifty people came along to see our youngsters perform.

Dave Newman explained how the band is split into groups of similar ability and this has proved very successful in bringing the youngsters through quicker - as can be seen by the number of young people now playing with Youth and Concert Brass and the Senior Band

There are now 52 youngsters going through the "system" - an all time record - and a couple of youngsters came along to give it a go, but as we say every year, there's always room for more.





Siblings Violet (tenor horn), Louis (trombone) and Phoebe (cornet) gave us a rendition of When the Saints Go Marching In. Unfortunately Phoebe is hidden on the photo so here is the trio at their school concert.

Trinity College Grade Exams

- Grade 2** Oliver Mackew (Cornet) – passed with merit
- Grade 3** Lucy Quirck (Cornet) – passed with merit
- Grade 4** Beba Atkin Barrett (Cornet) – passed with merit
- Grade 6** Mikael Tristante (Tenor Horn) – passed with distinction*
Calum Aird (Baritone) – passed with distinction*
Inigo Tristante (Tenor Horn) – passed with distinction*
- Grade 7** Charlie Hambleton (Cornet) – passed with distinction*
Hugh Jinks (Baritone) – passed with distinction*
Sophie Drewitt (Cornet) – passed with merit

Zoli Vincze, Music Leader, Leicestershire Music
Piano accompaniment Jill Hepple

Summer Concerts



On 9 August the Senior Band played at the desert which used to be Cutts Close Park in Oakham. It was very hot and we're told that the only bit of breeze came from Dave Newman waving his arms about! Refreshment was supplied by a passing camel train.



It was just a little bit cooler, thank goodness, at Stafford Park, Quorn on 16 August.

Farewell Nick

We've said farewell to Nick Peat who played bass in Youth and Concert Brass and the Senior Band. Nick said, "I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has been part of my last four years playing at Hathern. It's been a pleasure to get to know everyone on Thursday night and the odd times I've stepped in to play in the Senior Band too. Special thanks to Chris, Dave and Lesley for all their work as well as my fellow bass players who put up with my repeated failure to navigate Codas! I'm moving back north to the green pastures of god's own country (Yorkshire) for work but hope to continue playing with the band at York RI Band. I've got great memories of the last four years - gigs, one contest, the formation of Hathern Band's running club and perhaps the greatest brass band film score arrangement in history - Chicken Run. All the best for the future and hopefully see you soon."

A bevy of bass players - Geoff, Nick, James and Mary



Hannah



Hannah is on the right

Band Manager and euphonium player Hannah Peak is a member of the Great Britain Dragon Boat team.

"I was invited to trial for the team in February this year. Trials took place in Milton Keynes, they consisted of five timed or measured activities. 200m dragon boat pull, 500m single row, pull ups, bench press and five minutes on the row erg (indoor rowing machine).

There were 26 paddlers in the team, two drummers and three helms. From that group we had a standard boat, 20 person mixed team, a small boat, 10 person men's team and small boat, 10 person ladies team. I took part in all the mixed and ladies races.

We had weekend training camps up and down the country every other weekend from March, London/Wraysbury, Midlands/Rutland Water and North/Manvers lake. We had three training sessions on the Saturday and three on the Sunday, they covered on land training and technique sessions as well as on water sessions.

We had a set 'homework' training program which consisted of weights/gym work, row erg machine interval and long distance training and single boat water sessions with all your data.

To spend so much time with a group of people that support, push and inspire you was incredible. Competing for your country internationally is quite an experience and the European Championships in Munich at the beginning of July is something I will never forget. We came back with silver and bronze medals across different distances. I am so proud to have paddled with such an inspirational group of people.

It's Hong Kong for the Worlds next year which I hope I'll be able to attend after the trials in October."



Hathern Band 170

Our celebratory booklet commemorating 170 years of Hathern Band will be launched at our Patrons' Evening on 26 September. The booklet contains good wishes and memories from players past and present and friends of the band, plus a little bit history.

To begin the celebration we would like anyone, player or not, to let us know their top three pieces of music played by Hathern Band.

I'll kick this off. It has been a difficult choice but here are my top three

1. Concierto de Aranjuez (Rodrigo) with Lesley Bentley, flugelhorn soloist.
2. Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves (Verdi) with Loughborough Male Voice Choir.
3. Bells Across the Meadow (Ketelbey)

Do have a go! Contact Lesley at lesley.bentley@btinternet.com or Dave at daveneville1947@gmail.com



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200 Club Results

June	July	August
£30 Dave Neville	£30 Lucy Ruddy	£30 Jim Gisborn
£24 Mike Hale	£24 Vanessa Harvey	£24 Louise Haworth
£15 Jeremy Pratt	£15 Michael Pearson	£15 Lesley Bentley
£12 Andy Bestwick	£12 Mike Jones	£12 Mel and Steve Hope
£5 Ken Powell	£5 Margaret Sandham	£5 Jeremy Pratt



Senior Band Engagements

September 2026

Patrons' Evening

Saturday 26 September, 7.00pm

Hathern Church

October 2026

Brass and Voice

Saturday 10 October, 7.30pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough
with Loughborough Male Voice Choir

Youth & Concert Brass Engagements

October 2026

Autumn Concert

Saturday 17 October, 7.00pm

St. Lawrence Church, Gotham

Remembrance

On Sunday 8 November the Senior Band will be playing at Hathern Church at 11.00am and at Glenmore Park, Shepshed at 3.15pm.

Youth and Concert Brass will be playing at Queen's Park, Loughborough at 10.00am.