



Band News

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Thank You Once Again to Our Patrons



On 15 September, we held our annual concert for patrons who were entertained by an excellent varied programme and lots of humour from Dave Newman. Well worth £25 per year! Stephen Barnwell wasn't able to make it but sent his apologies and thanks to the patrons. We look forward to seeing him next year.

The concert is a great time to catch up with friends and acquaintances and also to get to know the band members. Inevitably there are changes to personnel, and the concert gives the opportunity to introduce each member of the band to the audience.

We said one temporary farewell - to George Baum, our brilliant young percussionist who is off to Cardiff University. George gave us his last rendition for a while of Helter Skelter on the xylophone. How does he do it?

Good luck for the future, George.



Patrons' Evening Awards



Congratulations to Lesley Bentley voted Players' Player of the Year, and to John Baum, stalwart of the trombone section who was Dave Newman's choice for Bandsman of the Year

Heaven on a Plate

A great Patrons' Concert and a truly sumptuous spread thanks to band members Adrian and Jenny Drewitt. The couple run the local Heaven on a Plate catering business. Adrian explained, "Jenny did the catering at Moors Farm Nursery and was always being asked to do catering at events. A couple of years ago we decided to set up our own business."



Jenny does the cooking and baking with Adrian looking after finance and admin. They currently supply four tea rooms as well as catering for all sorts of events and supplying individual meals for your freezer. Their website is www.heavenonaplatecatering.com

Adrian is principal baritone in the Senior Band, having played 20 years for Derwent Brass. Jenny, also a baritone player, used to play with Oddfellows until ten years ago, but is now playing for Hathern, standing in for Rob Fairlamb who has injured his finger in a work accident. There is a real musical family, daughter Sophie plays cornet in Training Band, and Jenny's son, Daniel Parker-Bates learnt cornet with the band and plays for us whenever he's up from Bristol where he now lives.

Hathern Band and Thomas Cook

Did you see the Band on The BBC One Show on 23 September? We took part in a recreation of Thomas Cook's first excursion from Leicester to Loughborough by train in 1841. It was broadcast because of the sad demise of the Thomas Cook company. If you thought that the band looked a bit unfamiliar, this was because the item was recorded and first broadcast in 2011.

Thomas Cook was born in 1808 and was raised as a strict Baptist. In 1841, with the opening of the Midland Counties Railway, he arranged to take 485 temperance supporters for a shilling return from Leicester to a rally at Southfields Park, Loughborough. That was the start of a company that expanded rapidly as travel became easier as a result of the railways.

So why was Hathern Band there? Well the report of the excursion said they were accompanied by an excellent band! We don't have any information about the band except that they played the National Anthem (twice), the Teetotal National Anthem and during tea at the park they played "several lively tunes". We hope that our performance in 2011 was as lively as 170 years earlier.

Dave Newman remembers that the TV crew didn't want him blocking the view of the players, so he had to conduct the band from the next carriage behind the film camera. One band member said that Dave must have had a good face for radio!



Presenter Angellica Bell with the Band at the Great Central Railway

D Day Remembered at Quorn

In the early hours of 6 June 1944, D Day, young men of the United States 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment were on their way to France - their mission was to take the town of Sainte-Mère-Eglise. Just a week earlier they had been stationed at Quorn Camp on the Farnham estate at Quorn House. Stafford Orchard was used for training exercises - and the occasional game of baseball.

The "Yanks" had been popular in the village where they enjoyed the social life in the pubs of the village. It was a long way from life on the farm back in the US. Apparently they were

a big hit with the village girls, as many of the young Quorn men were away in the services. All that must have seemed a long time ago as they prepared to jump. They knew they were the first wave and chances of survival weren't great. Then they jumped. It was a disaster. Some of the marker flares fell directly into the town square, setting fire to buildings, and the Germans picked off the parachutists as they descended. Four days later the 505 took Sainte-Mère-Eglise and a month later they returned to Quorn victorious, but at what a cost. 220 of the 2000 young men were killed in action.

Today, Stafford Orchard is a public park. There is a memorial garden and an avenue of lime trees planted in memory of those who didn't return.



75 years later Hathern Band held its annual concert in Stafford Park, and this year it was special in commemorating D Day. Stephen Barnwell conducted the band. He paid tribute to the US serviceman who had been stationed in Quorn and 75 years ago, exercised right where the concert was being held. It was particularly moving for Stephen as he has conducted military bands in the cathedrals and cemeteries of Normandy over many years.

The programme included Hymn to the Fallen from the movie Saving Private Ryan which included a depiction of the assault on Omaha Beach on D Day. Nightfall in Camp is an arrangement that combines the hymn tune Unto the Hills with The Last Post played brilliantly as ever by Dru Sparks on cornet.



Some other numbers that had a WW2 connection included Ron Goodwin's 633 Squadron and of course the Dam Busters March composed by Eric Coates for the 1955 film. Richard Todd who starred as Guy Gibson was himself part of the D Day invasion being one of the force who captured and defended Pegasus Bridge over the Caen Canal. He played the part of his own commanding officer in the 1962 D Day film, The Longest Day.

Music around at the time of WW2 included the evergreen Stardust composed by Hoagy Carmichael in 1927 featuring soloist Alex Bland on principal trombone, and Irving Berlin's Let's Face the Music and Dance from 1936.

The programme came right up to date with numbers such as Let It Go from Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Pirates of the Caribbean and the Greatest Showman.

Another great concert much appreciated by the people of Quorn.

Au Revoir, John

We have said farewell for now to our Australian front row cornet player John Moore. John comes over from Brisbane every couple of years to spend a few months with his son, daughter in law and grandson. Back home, John plays with two Salvation Army bands plus a retirees band called Ye Olde Brass which plays concerts in retirement homes.

John is truly one of the Hathern Band family and we marked his last rehearsal with lots of chocolate cake. (No, we're not sure why they are caterpillar cakes, perhaps kangaroo ones weren't available).

We are all looking forward to John's return in the future by which time we may have forgotten about the Ashes.



And More Cake!

Dave Newman celebrated his birthday at band rehearsal on 17 September with a trayful of Leicester City cakes made by Jenny Drewitt.

We were unsure how old Dave was but the cakes gave it away and just in case you can't spot it on the main photo, we've helpfully enlarged one of the cakes.

No, the number isn't upside down!



And Even More Cake!

We had cake sales on band nights during the week of 7 October in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was the idea of tenor horn player Jack Browne with mum Sarah helping with the organisation. One of the Training Band asked if there were going to be chocolate buns every week now!

A big thank you to Jack and Sarah and to members and supporters of all our bands for both producing and then buying so much mouth watering cake.

A grand total of £400 was raised for the charity.



Recent Concerts



The Senior Band has been out and about over the summer. On 8 September, Stephen Barnwell conducted the band at Cutts Close Park, Oakham (above). Again, this was a concert to commemorate 75 years since the D Day landings, so some of the numbers were repeated from the Quorn Concert. The concert included a sing along (with song sheets provided) to Songs of the Great War, a medley arranged by Stephen and ended in Last Night of the Proms style with Pomp and Circumstance.

On 5 October the Senior Band played at Oadby and this programme had a distinct flavour of show music. Alex Bland was trombone soloist for All I Ask of You from Phantom of the Opera and other show numbers included Excerpts from Les Misérables, All That Jazz from Cabaret and Don't Cry For Me Argentina from Evita.

Finally we mustn't forget our stupendous Training Band who played four hymns at the Harvest Festival at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Hathern on 6 October. We can't say it enough. We have a tremendous group of enthusiastic young players who are progressing very well. The bandroom is bursting at the seams on a Monday evening with the number of youngsters learning to play. They've been practising the hymns for many weeks and gave a brilliant performance on the day. Well done!

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Getting Together (without Instruments!)

We've had some social activities this summer. On 3 August we enjoyed a BBQ outside the bandroom. Then on 30 August, the Three Crowns was the venue for a supper and skittles evening. A big thank you to all who made these happen especially Mike (Mouse) and Chris Sturgess for organising and cooking the BBQ food, chairman John Worsfold for the keg of beer and Sam and Hannah Peak for organising the skittles event. It was good to get together outside of concerts, contests and rehearsals. We must do this again!



Great food thanks to Mouse and Chris. Yes, Viv, we can see you!



Wow, did you see that? Lesley knocked a skittle down!

Hathern Band Forthcoming Engagements

- Armistice Service

Sunday 10 November, 10:30am, *Hathern Church*

- Armistice Service and Parade

Sunday 10 November, 3:00pm, *Glenmore Park, Shepshed*

- LBBA Open Contest

Sunday 24 November, 10:00am, *Hodson Hall, Loughborough Grammar School*

- Melton Mowbray Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 1 December, 6:00pm, *St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray*

- West Leake Carol Service

Friday 6 December, 8:00pm, *West Leake Church (GROUP)*

- Hathern Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 8 December, 4:30pm, *Hathern Church (GROUP)*

- Carols at Stanton

Sunday 8 December, 7:30pm, *Village Hall, Stanton under Bardon (GROUP)*

- Hathern Band's Christmas Concert

Saturday 14 December, 7:00pm, *Hodson Hall, Loughborough Grammar School*

- Carols Round the Streets

Sunday 15 December, 10:30pm, *Hathern Village*

- Carols at the New Inn

Monday 16 December, 7:30pm, *The New Inn, Coleorton (GROUP)*

- Loughborough Hospital

Tuesday 17 December, 7:00pm, *Epinal Way, Loughborough (GROUP)*

- Carols at the Needle and Pin

Tuesday 17 December, 8:30pm, *The Rushes, Loughborough (GROUP)*



Hathern Band Forthcoming Engagements cont.

- Masonic Hall Carols
Wednesday 18 December, 9:15pm, Ashby Square, Loughborough (GROUP)
- Quorn Carol Concert
Saturday 21 December, 7:30pm, Quorn Village Hall (GROUP)
- Lessons and Carols
Sunday 22 December, 6:00pm, Hathern Church
- LOROS Concert
Saturday 11 January, 7:00pm, Hathern Church



Concert Brass Forthcoming Engagements

- Armistice Parade
Sunday 10 November, 10:00am, Queen's Park, Loughborough
- Carols at the Brewery
Friday 6 December, 7:30pm, Charnwood Brewery, Loughborough
- Carols at the Brewery
Saturday 7 December, 7:30pm, Charnwood Brewery, Loughborough
- Beaumanor Hall Christmas Fair
Sunday 8 December, 3:00pm, Beaumanor Hall
- Woodhouse Eaves Christmas Lights
Friday 13 December, 4:30pm, Woodhouse Eaves
- Hathern Band's Christmas Concert
Saturday 14 December, 7:00pm, Hodson Hall, Loughborough Grammar School
- Carols Round the Streets
Sunday 15 December, 10:30pm, Hathern Village

