



We're Back in the First Division



The band competed at the Midlands Finals, Championship Section in March playing Seascapes by Ray Steadman-Allen. Despite our best efforts we have been relegated to the First Section from 1 January 2020. This is equivalent to being relegated from the Premiership to the Championship for those of you who are football fans. However despite this, the band is in great spirits and looking forward to fighting our way back over the next couple of years. We have made a number of changes during 2019. It was the first area concert with Dru Sparks and Hannah Peak in their new principal roles - cornet and euphonium, Rob Fairlamb on second baritone, Jack Browne on second horn, Ben Grace on third cornet and Sam Edwards on Bb bass. Along with many others, they are products of our training system which goes from strength to strength. There are many fine young players coming through and this can only be good for the future of Hathern Band.

Dave Newman

Back to School Again



With several of our young players moving through the organisation, we have reinstated our schools visits programme. We were invited to the assembly at Sutton Bonington Primary School in April and gave the youngsters a taste of brass band music and a go at the instruments.

One of our fine young players in Training Band is George Powell who is a pupil at the school. So when Dave Newman asked the children if they'd like to come to the front and have a go, he chose George "at random" from the sea of hands. As George came to the front Dave said, "We've never met before now, have we?" George replied, "No, Dave", and proceeded to play for his schoolmates. Every youngster who wanted a try had a go at an instrument - cornet, baritone, trombone and bass, and most played a note at the first attempt.

The six players, Stuart Morgan, Lesley Bentley, Dave Newman, Rob Fairlamb, John Baum and Andrew Haworth played a few numbers, and for British Grenadier, George borrowed Dave's cornet and played with the Senior Band members.



George plays at his school

Well Done, Leo!



Solo cornet player Leo Parry won the Loughborough Endowed Schools Under 18 Brass Competition in February playing trumpet. Leo played Morceau de Concert by J G Pennequin.

The competition was judged by the principal trumpet from Opera North, Murray Greig and the prize was a £100 gift voucher from Windblowers in Nottingham.

Well done Leo!

More Success!

And there was more success for our brilliant youngsters at the Leicestershire Brass Band Association Spring Solo/Duet/Quartet Festival in April.

George Powell - Second - 10 years and under

Ashton Peat - Third - 11 & 12 years

Brady Herring - Third - 13 to 15 years

Amadea Tristante - Third - 16 to 18 years

Brady Herring - Third - 15 years and under sight reading

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Junior Hymn Tune Quartet - Third - Jack Browne, Inigo Tristante, Ashton Peat and Brady Herring

Well done to everyone who took part.

Help Us Help the Young Players

Hathern Band is unique in the area for providing free instruments and tuition to youngsters. For many, this is their only opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. Could you please help us to help them? If you're not already a patron, please consider joining their ranks and ensure the band's continued success.

It costs a minimum of £25 per year, less than 50p a week.

Recent Concerts



The concert season is upon us and the Senior Band has played at several so far in 2019. The annual visit to St. Andrew's Church in Kegworth took place on 23rd March when the band performed their popular Proms concert.

The Senior Band was at Hathern Church on 6th April for the annual concert in support of church funds and Concert Brass also played at the church two weeks previously.

The Senior Band has been working on some new material this year for these and future concerts. These are some of the numbers.

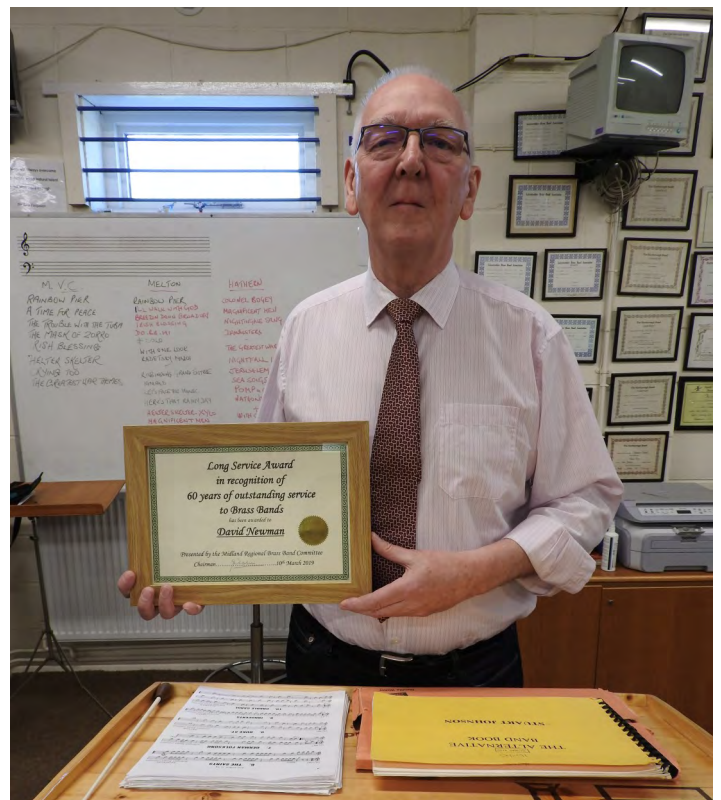
Let it Go - proving to be a popular song from the Disney film Frozen and a selection of music from The Greatest Showman, the musical about P T Barnum. The haunting melody A Time for Peace features Dru Sparks on solo cornet, and Irish Blessing is played by the quartet of Mike Wood, flugelhorn, Neil Williams, solo horn, Hannah Peak, principal euphonium and Adrian Drewitt, principal trombone. Just a selection of the band's substantial and growing repertoire.

Presentation to Dave Newman

Dave Newman's contribution to the brass band movement was recognised by the Midlands Brass Band Association at the Midlands Finals in March.

Dave has been 40 years as Musical Director of Hathern Band, but before that he was an accomplished cornet player. Learning to play at five years old with Ratby Band, Dave went on to play soprano cornet with the National Youth Orchestra. He was then invited to play for the City of Coventry Band by the legendary Harry Mortimer and stayed for five years before returning to Ratby where he conducted the junior band before becoming joining Hathern.

Dave was presented with a long service award certificate in recognition of 60 years of outstanding service to brass bands.



Welcome Adrian and Alex



**Adrian and
Sophie**



Alex

A warm welcome to new Senior Band members, Adrian Drewitt has joined the band on solo baritone. Adrian lives in Loughborough and was for many years solo baritone at Derwent Brass. His daughter Sophie is learning with our Training Band.

Principal trombone, Alex Bland recently completed his masters degree in Marine Biology at Heriot-Watt University and has moved back home to Leicestershire. His last band was Kirkintilloch, so Scotland's loss is England's gain!

Hathern's Commemorative Banner



Hathern 2018 was a series of events to commemorate the visit of King Edward II to the village in 1318, the casting of the oldest church bell in 1618 and the end of World War One in 1918. One of the activities was the production of a quilted banner with 33 panels illustrating organisations and places in Hathern. Many crafters were involved and the impressive Hathern Band panel was made by patron Liz Perse. The banner is permanently hung in Hathern Community Library.

Hathern Band 1890



The above photo was in a collection handed over to Hathern History Society by Maureen Spencer. So often with old photos it's hard to determine when and where they were taken. Not in this instance! Thanks to detective work by Anthony White of the History Society we know a lot about this photo. The Leicester Chronicle reported;

"On Monday 14 July 1890, the members of the New Sick Club held their anniversary in a field kindly donated by Mr. J Cooper, Anchor Inn. About 11 o'clock a procession was formed, headed by the Hathern Brass band, with the officers bearing the flags and members carrying their wands. The band played some excellent music as they marched through the village. On returning to the field, dinner was provided. Dr. O'Meara, assistant to Dr. G.C.Still, surgeon of the club, presided and was supported by Mr. F Fuller and Mr. A Cooper. In the evening the band played for dancing which was indulged in by a very large number."

The photo was taken in front of part of the Anchor Inn now demolished. Probably originally stables, these stood at right angles to the inn, to the south side. We know the names of some of the bandsmen in the photo. Thomas Fisher is behind the drum, to his left is Charles Moody, then Thomas Bailey. To his right is Thomas Miller senior and then probably William Mitchell.

Band historian Geoff Fletcher says this was taken just before Thomas Miller left to form a second rival band in the village probably in August that year. More information about this episode, which involved a court case, can be found in Geoff's history on the website. It was another 27 years before the bands amalgamated.

Engagements

June 2019

- Melton Mowbray Summer Concert
Saturday 8 June, 7:30p.m. *St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray*

Hathern's Big Week 8 - 15 June

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- Gala Concert
Saturday 29 June, 7:30p.m. *School Lane, Birstall, Leicester*

July 2019

- Concert Brass at Queen's Park
Sunday 21 July, 2:30p.m. *Queen's Park, Loughborough*

August 2019

- Quorn Park Concert
Sunday 18 August, 3:00p.m. *Quorn Park*

September 2019

- Concert Brass at Bands on the Park
Sunday 8 September, 3:00p.m. *Evington Park, Leicester*

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Hathern's Big Week 8 - 15 June

June 2019

HATHERN VILLAGE FÊTE

AND VINTAGE CAR PARADE

Saturday 8th, 13:00 - 17:00 | FREE ENTRY

Hathern Park, Pasture Lane

Now an annual event, this fun-filled day is a treat for the entire family.

The Marquee In The Park will be filled with table-top games for you to try your hand at, plus side-stalls thanks to Pastures New Playgroup.

There will also be the It's A Knockout games, bouncy castles, food vendors, Hathern Concert Brass and live acoustic music. Plus the Pub In The Park will be open and trading all day.

June 2019

YOUTH & TRAINING BAND WORKSHOPS

WITH HATHERN BAND

Monday 10th, 18:00 - 21:00 | FREE ENTRY

The Big Marquee, Hathern Park, Pasture Lane

Training Band (18:00 - 19:00), Youth Band (19:15 - 20:45)

Instruments, music and tuition are provided free of charge to young people learning to play brass or percussion instruments. Beginners receive one-to-one tuition, then progress to the Training Band. The band is directed by the Musical Director with experienced players assisting with tuition.

Hathern Youth Band is for players graduating from the Training Band. The aim is to improve musicianship and have fun! Many players progress to our Concert Brass Band or the main Band. Come along and find out more!

PROMS IN THE PARK: WWII

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

Saturday 15th, 19:30 | FREE ENTRY (collection for Hathern Training Band)

Hathern Park, Pasture Lane

Join Hathern Band with special guests the Loughborough Theatre Choir as they present Proms In The Park - a night packed full of music from WWII and a Last Night of The Proms sing-along section. Songs include I Vow To Thee My Country, Jerusalem, Land of Hope And Glory, You'll Never Walk Alone and the National Anthem.

Bring your picnics, chairs & flags (a limited number of flags will be supplied) and we'll provide the bar, teas & coffees.

Food will be available if you don't wish to bring your own.