



# Hathern Band

## Newsletter

Summer 2015

## Welcome

Welcome to our first regular newsletter for patrons and friends of Hathern Band — a bumper edition to start off with. We intend to provide news and information about our bands, and go behind the scenes to show aspects of band life in future editions. Do let us have any feedback and your ideas for future articles.

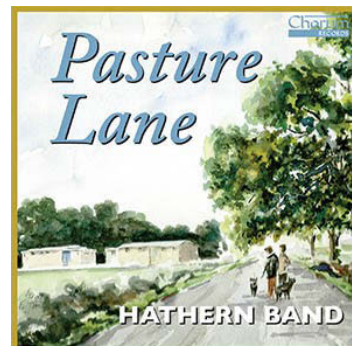
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Have you caught up yet with our latest recording? "Pasture Lane" includes the title track written by ex-band member Richard Sandham. The CD contains a mix of old and new, from Jerusalem to Lord of the Dance. Four numbers feature international soprano Jenny Saunders. If you would like a copy, please contact Lesley. Cost is £10.



## Training Band -- is fun !!

Classical pianist, James Rhodes recently drew attention to the situation of music in schools. Whether it is because of funding, national curriculum or competing activities, the number of children learning a musical instrument is going down. This means that bands such as ours have an increasing role to play in teaching music. Our training band provides great opportunities for young people to learn a brass or percussion instrument. Instruments and teaching are provided free of charge and children start with one to one tuition from a senior band member. Musical director Dave Newman runs the band with help from Lesley and other band members. Learning takes place in a relaxed and fun environment with loads of witty banter

Hathern Band is keen to encourage more young people to take up an instrument and we are producing publicity cards for distribution to schools. If you have any contacts in schools who might take publicity material, or promote the training band, please let us know.

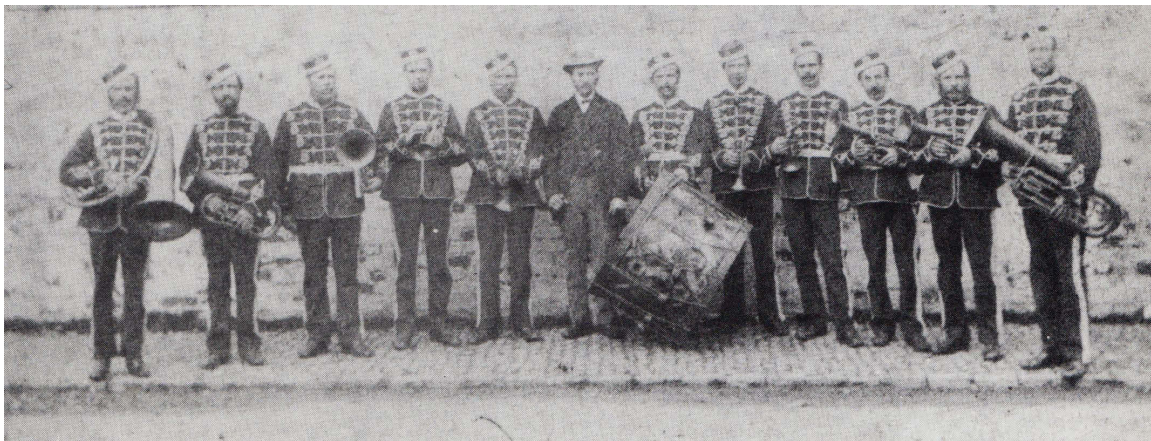


Some young players quickly progress to be members of the Main Band and Concert Brass

# We're Older Than We Thought!

Until recently we thought that the earliest reference to a brass band in Hathern was 1867. Then Anthony White of Hathern History Society took on the unenviable task of searching the British Newspaper Archive on line for references to Hathern. He found articles about the band that pre-date 1867. The earliest is 5 June 1860 when the Longwhatton Young Men's Club attended church at Whitsun and was accompanied by Hathern Band. The next engagement was at Hathern's Temperance Festival on 20 July 1860. In 1863 the band played at "Hathern's wedding of the year" when Richard Cheatle who was in his eighties married Anne Ratcliffe a widow of 45. Over 1000 people attended and this was a less than temperate affair as it was reported that the crowd paraded around the public houses and became "more merry than wise."

There are some fascinating items of Hathern news in the archive, such as the day in 1796 when a hare strayed into the Three Crowns and was eaten by the customers, all on the Hathern History Society website. ([www.hathernhistory.co.uk](http://www.hathernhistory.co.uk)).



Hathern Band ca 1880. That's Harry Mitchell in the centre, not Dave Newman

## Don't Give Me Hathern Band!

Did you know that the band has a claim to fame which bands like Black Dyke and Grimethorpe can't match? It features in the Thesaurus of Traditional English Metaphors by P.R.Wilkinson, and the Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English by Eric Partridge, and maybe others. "Don't Give Me Hathern Band" was a saying at one time meaning "don't keep repeating yourself" – apparently because the village band of Hathern knew only one tune! How times have changed. The references only give a date as twentieth century. Does anyone have any more information about this less than complimentary saying?





## **Concert Brass Annual Concert**

June 20<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Concert Brass Annual Concert was held on a beautiful early summer evening and it seemed that the weather was a theme throughout the show. Included in the performance were Singing in the Rain, Adele's Set Fire to the Rain and the Morecambe and Wise classic, Give Me Sunshine. Gardeners like a bit of sun and rain, though Andrea admitted to a total hatred of gardening. Nevertheless, Concert Brass played the theme to the TV programme, Ground Force and Andrea reminded us that the female presenter, Charlie Dimmock was particularly popular with male viewers. Whatever did she mean??

Andrea drew attention to the age range of the band, pointing out that the youngest was only 12. There was hearty applause when she thanked Hathern Band Musical Director Dave Newman for the work he puts into the Training Band which results in so many talented youngsters coming through to Concert Brass and the main Band.

Old rockers like me were delighted to hear Jackie Wilson's Reet Petite performed by the flugel and horn section. Sadly I'm now too old to jive in the aisle. Other numbers included the jaunty Bandology, Gabriel's Oboe from the film The Mission, Andrew Lloyd Webber's With One Look and the rousing March of the Cobblers from Brassed Off.

The concert ended with Pharrell Williams' Happy which summed up how we all felt. Another great performance from our outstanding Concert Brass.

## **We'll Meet Again.**

July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

On 4<sup>th</sup> July, Hathern Band teamed up with Christchurch Theatre Club to provide an evening celebrating 70 years since the end of World War II. And what an evening! Rousing pieces from the band contrasted with a range of nostalgic numbers from the talented Christchurch singers who were dressed in period costume. Hathern's irrepressible Ben Hardy, a member of the Theatre Club acted as MC. Ben's brother Jack played repiano cornet on the night, and there was a further family connection as Ben revealed to the audience that the idea for the event came from his father, Jeff.

Numbers by the Band included Colonel Bogey, The Dambusters March, A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square and a Glenn Miller medley which sounded really authentic despite the absence of saxophones and clarinets. The Band reprised their acclaimed version of Nightfall in Camp – a clever arrangement of the hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save together with The Last Post. For this the front row cornets played at the other side of the church whose acoustics gives the piece such poignancy and feeling. The Band and singers combined for a medley from Carousel and Keep Smiling Through.



The Christchurch men gave us a Wartime Medley and Ben performed Who Do You Think You Are Kidding and Goodnight Sweetheart. Solos from the singers included Some Enchanted Evening by Lyndon Perry, Julie Easter with I Only Have Eyes for You and a moving rendition of I Vow to Thee My Country from Laura Barlow. Holly Easter sang Somewhere Over the Rainbow with the Band and Laura and Holly duetted with When You Wish Upon a Star. Then we had a trio when those of us old enough to remember the Andrews Sisters were given a treat as Laura, Julie and Anita Benson became Patty, Maxene and LaVerne and sang Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.



The finale gave us a flavour of The Last Night of the Proms as the band powered through Pomp and Circumstance and led by the Christchurch singers, we all gave a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory followed by Jerusalem and God Save the Queen. The concert was aptly named, as we were all hoping that we would meet again at another joint concert between the Band and the Christchurch Theatre Club.

## Patrons

Hathern Band is a non-sponsored organisation and relies on the continued support of its patrons. Every year the band says thank you by giving patrons their own concert in Hathern. It costs a minimum of £25 per annum to be a patron.

If you're not already a patron, could you consider supporting us in this way?

## **Hathern Band Engagements      August to November**

August 2015

### **Quorn Banks Concert**

Sunday 16 August, 3:00p.m.    *The Banks, Main Street, Quorn*

September 2015

### **WI Concert**

Friday 18 September, 8:00p.m.    *Charnwood College, Loughborough*

### **Patrons Evening**

Sunday 20 September, 7:30p.m.    *Hathern Community Centre*

### **Concert with Stanley Opera**

Saturday 26 September, 7:30p.m.    *Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough*

October 2015

### **Festival of Remembrance Concert**

Saturday 31 October, 7:00p.m.    *The DeMontfort Hall, Leicester*

November 2015

### **Armistice Service**

Sunday 8 November, 10:30a.m.    *Hathern Church*

### **Shepshed Remembrance Service**

Sunday 8 November, 3:00p.m.    *Glenmore Park, Shepshed (group)*

## **Concert Brass Engagements      August to November**

### August 2015

#### **Bands on the Park - Braunstone Walled Gardens**

Sunday 9 August, 2:00p.m. *Braunstone Hall, Leicester*

#### **Loughborough Queens Park**

Sunday 23 August, 2:00p.m. *Loughborough Queens Park*

#### **Hathern Horticultural Show**

Sunday 30 August, 1:00p.m. *The Three Crowns, Hathern*

### September 2015

#### **Sutton Bonington Show**

Sunday 6 September, 12:30p.m. *Sutton Bonington Village*

### October 2015

#### **Concert with Choir**

Saturday 3 October, 7:30p.m. *Emmanuel Church, Loughborough*

### November 2015

#### **Loughborough Armistice Hymns**

Sunday 8 November, 10:00a.m. *Queens Park, Loughborough*