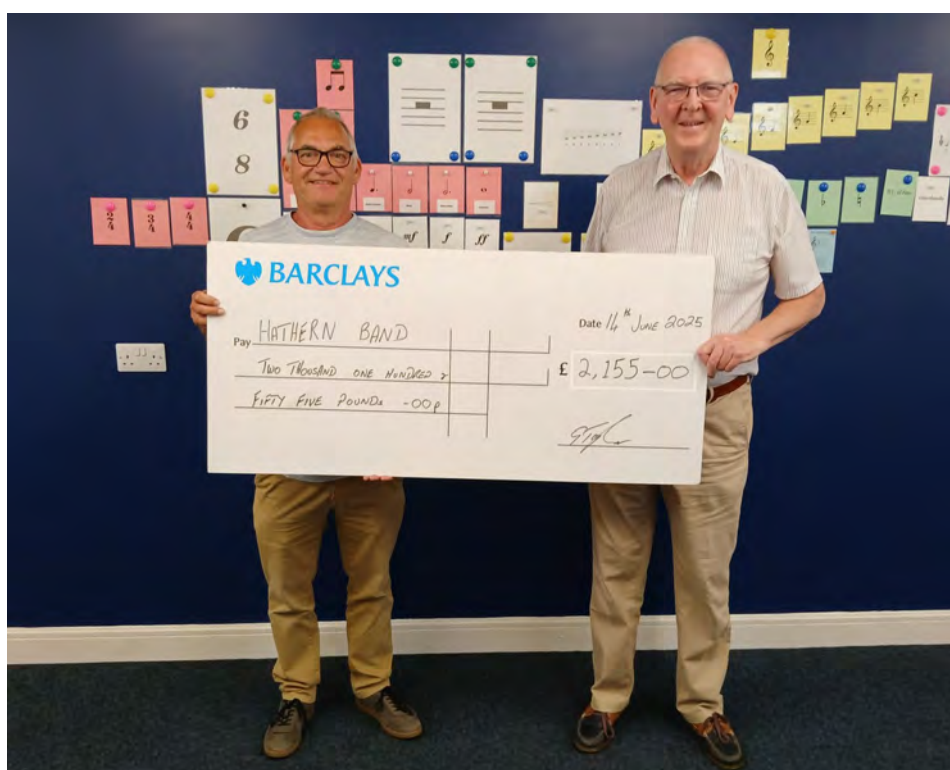




Stage and Screen Concert

Hathern Band played to a sellout audience at Iveshead Theatre, Shepshed on 14 June. Together with singers Darryl Clarke, Lucy Bright and Ashley Bright, the Band played a varied programme of music from stage and screen. The twelve instrumental pieces included the theme from the second movement of Rodrigo's Concerto d'Aranjuez from Brassed Off featuring principal cornet player, Seb Burrows, and All I Ask of You from Phantom of the Opera featuring Dave Tooth, principal trombonist. The Pearl and Dean Fanfare featured the jingle Asteroid, well known to all cinema goers since 1968. The Band's encore was Sweet Caroline, which has featured in several films, and crowned a most enjoyable evening.

The concert was organised by Gary Taylor and John Baum, honorary patrons to raise funds to support the band's training programme. Currently, there are over 40 youngsters coming through the ranks playing brass or percussion instruments. Gary said, "It is with great pride to see the number of young people playing on stage in this concert who have come through the Hathern Band training system." £2155 was raised, which exceeded all expectations, and a cheque was presented by Gary to Dave Newman.



Gary and John are planning another Stage and Screen concert to be held in 2026.



Swithland Wood Bluebell Service



On Sunday 4 May, Youth and Concert Brass played at the annual Bluebell Service held in Swithland Wood. The custom began soon after the estate was given to the public. The area had long been known as a beauty spot where bluebells proliferate. The Rotary Club instigated this annual event In 1928 and it's been going ever since.

Stage, Screen - and Radio!

Following the brilliant Stage and Screen concert in June, it's worth recording that Hathern Band are no strangers to stage and screen - and radio.

Stage

The band joined forces with the Festival Players in their production of *Brassed Off* back in 2010 and again in 2013. In that production Lesley played *Concerto de Aranjuez* on the flugelhorn behind a curtain. Then in 2015, Band members helped *Derwent Brass* in a production of *Brassed Off* at Derby Theatre.



Screen

Thomas Cook organised his first excursion from Leicester to Loughborough in 1841. On board were 485 passengers and a band. In 2011, the BBC One Show wanted to recreate the event and invited Hathern Band to take part. The Band played at Loughborough station on the Great Central Railway and on the journey to Leicester and back.



Radio

In 2017 Hathern Band was asked by Radio 4 to take part in a recreation of a famous experiment to prove the existence of the Doppler effect. This is when a frequency of a sound wave changes for an observer moving relative to its source. In 1845, Christophe Ballot, got a train to pull an open cart filled with trumpet players. Meanwhile, more trumpet players stood in a station. Ballot got each section to play the same note as the train passed the station. The players in the train seemed to be pitched a little too high, and dropped a little too low as the train passed the station. Everyone in the station could hear the changing note, and one of the most useful tools in all physics was finally recognised.

Twelve of our band members played on Loughborough Station, then boarded a train. At Quorn Station, the BBC had a recording and film unit and as the train approached, the players put their instrument bells out of windows and played top G for as long as possible. The recording showed about a semitone change. It is believed that this is the only occasion when a brass band has made a radio broadcast and played only one note. More claim to fame for Hathern Band!



Proms in the Park



Once again the Senior Band performed the Last Night of the Proms concert on 7 June to round off Hathern's Big Week of events. Singers from the Christchurch Theatre Club also took part. With all the sunny dry weather we have enjoyed, you would think the concert would have been outdoors. However it was not to be, Wind and rain intervened and the event had to be held inside the big marquee at the park. The weather didn't dampen spirits and the audience thoroughly enjoyed another brilliant concert.

Why not join our 200 Club? It provides welcome funds for our bands as well as paying out cash prizes to the lucky winners. It's only £1 per number per month by standing order. If you'd like to join, please contact Sam Peak Email: sambigfootg@hotmail.com

June

£30 Val Garton
£24 Dave Newman
£15 Sam Peak
£12 The Ainsworths
£6.50 Dean Onyon

July

£30 Rowland and C Tatton
£24 Dave Neville
£15 Geoff Wood
£12 Andy Bestwick
£6.50 Stuart Morgan

August

£30 Stephanie Harpham
£24 Jenny Peak
£15 Vanessa Harvey
£12 Lesley Bentley
£6.50 Mary Sibson

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. Dave Newman explained how the band is split into groups of similar ability and this has proved 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 currently 42 youngsters going through the "system" but there's always room for more. The members of the band will be visiting schools after the holidays to encourage more youngsters to "give it a go".



Lesley and Dave's 6.00pm groups combined for the first practice. Followed by Dave's somewhat depleted 7.00pm group.



Finally it was the turn of Dave's 8.00pm group, many of whom are playing with Youth&Concert Brass and the Senior Band.

Well done to our future stars!





One young man who came along to the practice decided to show John Baum how it's done!

Everyone starts somewhere.

Trinity College Music Grade Exams

July 2025

Several of our brilliant youngsters have enjoyed success in the recent grade exams

Grade 2

Lucy Quirck (Cornet) – passed with merit

Grade 3

Beba Atkin Barrett (Cornet) – passed with merit

Grade 4

Mikael Tristante (Tenor Horn) – passed with merit

Grade 5

Hugh Jinks (Baritone) – passed with distinction*

Grade 6

Charlie Hambleton (Cornet) – passed with distinction*

Isaac Jinks (Cornet) – passed with merit

Sophie Drewitt (Cornet) – passed with merit

Zoli Vincze

Music Leader, Leicestershire Music

Piano Accompanist Jill Hepple

Congratulations everyone!!!!

Brass and Voice

We were delighted to meet up again with Loughborough Male Voice Choir for the Brass and Voice concert. It took place on 17 May at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough. The band played sets in the middle of the First and Second Halfs, combining with the choir to play the finale, What Would I Do Without My Music.

The band's first set began with Another Opening, Another Show - a medley of film music. This was followed by Concerto D'Aranjuez from Seb Burrows, principal cornet. I know this is the third mention of this piece of music in this newsletter, but what a great piece it is. Since it featured in the film *Brassed Off*, it is indelibly linked with brass bands. Hathern Band has recorded it. Lesley Bentley's brilliant rendition on flugelhorn is on our *On the Tracks* CD. Next came a medley of ABBA tunes and Gabriel's Oboe from the film *The Mission*.

The second set began with Ron Goodwin's *Battle of Britain* and was followed by John Rutter's *Gaelic Blessing* featuring guest trombonist John Hopkins from the GUS Band. John stepped into the breach for us at very short notice as our principal trombonist, Dave Tooth was indisposed. Then the band played *Let It Go* from the film *Frozen* followed by another medley, this time featuring the film music of John Barry - *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, *Dancing with Wolves* and *Born Free*.

Another thoroughly enjoyable concert!



Senior Band Engagements

- Oakham Bandstand Sunday 10 August, 2:30pm, *Cutts Close, Oakham*
- Quorn Summer Concert Sunday 17 August, 3:00pm, *Stafford Orchard, Quorn*
- Patrons Evening Saturday 4 October, 7:00pm, *Hathern Church*
- Hathern Armistice Service Sunday 9 November, 11:00am, *Hathern Church*
- Shepshed Armistice Service Sunday 9 November, 3:15pm, *Glenmore Park, Shepshed*
- North East Midlands Brass Band Association Contest
Sunday 16 November, 10:00am, *The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 2EJ*

Youth and Concert Brass Engagements

- Gotham Concert Saturday 11 October, 7:30pm, *St Lawrence Church, Gotham*
- Loughborough Armistice Sunday 9 November, 10:00am *Queens Park*

Calling all Patrons. A date for your diary. Our Patrons Concert will take place on Saturday 4th October at Hathern Church. Before the concert, could Patrons please let Lesley know if they will be attending.

Please consider becoming a patron, if you're not already signed up. It only costs a minimum of £25 a year and our patrons provide welcome funds for us to continue training the musicians of tomorrow.

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