



Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

December 2013



Bandroom Open Day and March - Saturday 12th October



On Saturday 12th October, and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of our bandroom, the Band marched from the original bandroom in Surby down to the current bandroom in Qualtrough's Lane, Ballafesson.

During the afternoon the bandroom was open for visitors to view Band memorabilia and share a cuppa with Band members and friends. There was an excellent turnout for the event, thanks in part to the lovely weather on the day.



The Bandroom was opened on the 26th November 1983 by Ronnie Aldrich, a Vice-President of the Band at that time. In 2002, the Band completed an extension to the bandroom, enabling more space for our growing number of learners, and giving extra room to run sectional rehearsals, as well as having increased storage space.



The bandroom was funded and built by the Band members and friends, and is a lasting tribute to members past and present. This achievement was only made possible, without grants, by the generosity and support of all the Band's Vice Presidents, the Friends of the Band, families, supporters and local residents.

Rushen Silver Band AGM

The Band will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 24th November** at 7.45pm at the Bandroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Come in from the cold.....

**to the 'Friends of the Band'
Christmas Coffee Morning**



Please join us on **Saturday 14th December** at 10am
at St Catherine's Church Hall, for a nice warming cup of coffee.

The Friends will have their usual festive stalls and of course the raffle. You'll also be treated to a few carols from the Band.

We need you.....!!

Every year, members of Rushen Silver Band give up their time to play carols around Port Erin and Port St Mary during December. For the Band, this is an essential time of year, not only to promote itself locally, but it is also the way that the Band raises funds to keep itself going.

The Band are once again looking for willing volunteers who would be able to help collect while the Band play carols to the general public on certain nights in December.

If you could spare an hour or two to help with this important fundraising role, please contact **Graeme Easton** on 834147 or easton@manx.net

Farewell to our Principal Cornet

Jennifer Cook, will shortly be leaving the Island to take up a new post back in her homeland of Scotland, Brass Instructor with Aberdeenshire Council and conductor to the Music Service Big Band.



*Thanks to Phil Woodford
for the fabulous cartoon*

Jennifer moved to the Isle of Man in August 2000, to a brass teacher post to set-up brass tuition in the primary schools on the Island; she has been Head of Brass & Percussion for the Island's Music Advisory Service for the past six years.



Jennifer joined the Band in 2003, originally on soprano cornet, but moved to the Principal seat shortly afterwards. On her return to Scotland, Jennifer will be going back to Bon Accord Band where she first started playing in a competitive Band.

The members and Friends of the Band would like to wish Jennifer all the best for the future, and thank her for all her hard work, support and efforts whilst playing with the Band.



Rushen Silver Band Christmas Concert



with
**Meadowside
Choral Society**

at **Rushen
Primary
School**

**Saturday 30th November
7.30pm**

**Tickets selling fast
Don't miss out!**



**Tickets £6
(under 18) £3**

For tickets, please contact the
Band Secretary on 493193 or
secretary@rushensilverband.org.im



Dates for your Diary



Sunday 24 th November	Rushen Silver Band Annual General Meeting at the Bandroom	7.45pm
Saturday 30 th November	Rushen Silver Band Christmas Concert at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Monday 2 nd December	Arbory Commissioners Christmas Tree Illumination at the Village Hall, Ballabeg	6.15pm
Monday 2 nd December	Ballabeg WI Christmas Concert at the Village Hall, Ballabeg	8.00pm
Wednesday 4 th December	Ballafesson Chapel Christmas Concert at Ballafesson Chapel	7.30pm
Friday 6 th December	PSM Commissioners Christmas Celebration at Port St Mary Town Hall	7.30pm
Monday 9 th December	Ballasalla School Christmas Concert at Ballasalla School	7.15pm
Saturday 14 th December	Friends of the Band Christmas Coffee Morning at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin	10.00am
Sunday 15 th December	PSM RNLI Lifeboat Carol Service at Port St Mary RNLI Lifeboat House	3.00pm
Thursday 19 th December	Port Erin Commissioners Carol Service at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	7.00pm
Sunday 22 nd December	St Columba's Nativity Service at St Columba's Church, Port Erin	3.00pm
Saturday 4 th January	Oie'll Verree Service at Kerrowkeil Chapel	7.30pm

**Rushen Silver Band would like to send their
best wishes for the Festive Season
and wish everyone a Happy New Year!**



For more information about Rushen Silver Band
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