



Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

September 2015



Rushen Silver Band attend Inter-Celtic Festival 2015, Lorient, France

From 7th -12th August, Rushen Silver Band performed at the Inter-Celtic Festival in Lorient, France. The Band were part of over 100 musicians and performers from the Island attending the festival this year.

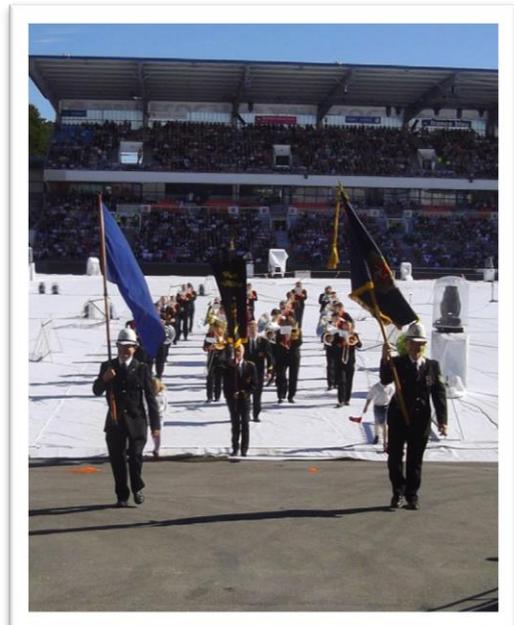


The Band arrived in Lorient on the afternoon of Saturday 8th August, and immediately held a practice before an evening performance in the Manx/Cornish Pavilion. The performance, including three new pieces arranged by John Kinley, was extremely well received with around 400 people in attendance.

On the morning of Sunday 9th August, the Band took part in the festival's Grand Parade; a two mile procession from the outskirts of the town in to the main stadium. An estimated total of 70,000 spectators were watching on the streets and in the stadium. A short afternoon performance in an arena called Breizh Stade to an audience of around 200 people concluded the band's efforts for the day.

Monday 10th August saw the Band perform two further engagements. The first of which was entitled an Inter-Celtic Riding Day, and involved the Band parading through the town's streets together with Camborne Town Band from Cornwall and around 50 classic motorbikes and scooters.

The Band's final engagement of the festival was to take part in the Manx and Cornish Showpiece Night in the Espace Marine Arena. The Manx part of the evening took the form of a carefully choreographed performance featuring all of the various artists and designed to tell the story of the various different Manx cultures on show. The Band's contribution saw them enter from the rear of the arena unseen, march through the audience whilst playing a specially commissioned piece entitled Mona's Delight, then perform Hunt the Wren in front of the stage. After the Cornish half of the show, the



evening concluded with a joint finale featuring a joint performance from the band together with Camborne Town Band. Another newly commissioned piece by John Kinley called From Newlyn to Niarbyl was used in this performance. The show finished shortly before 1.15am, and was again very well received by the estimated 1,500 strong audience. Huge credit should go to Chloe



Woolley and Breasha Maddrell from Culture Vannin for their work in co-ordinating the Manx elements of the performance.



The Band departed Lorient on Tuesday 11th August, having performed five engagements in two and a half days. All of the performances were met with extremely enthusiastic and positive reactions from the large crowds. The Band are proud to have been asked to represent brass banding on the Isle of Man, as well as the musical culture of the Island and the south of the Island in particular. Rushen Silver Band would like to put on record their thanks to Culture Vannin and the Festival Interceltique de Lorient for their support with the trip.

Rushen Silver Band
Gala Concert
 with guest conductor **Richard Evans**
 & Euphonium Soloist **David Childs**

Saturday
24th October
7.30pm
 at **Castle Rushen High School**

Supported by  **Tickets £7.50 (£1 under 18s)**
 For tickets, contact Peter on 493193 or secretary@rushensilverband.org.im

Richard Evans Weekend

The Band are pleased to announce that brass band luminary and our Band's Musical Adviser, Richard Evans, is returning to the Island at the end of next month. The culmination of the weekend will see the Band hold a Gala Concert on Saturday 24th October at Castle Rushen High School starting at 7.30pm.

In addition, the Band are delighted to have also secured the services of renowned euphonium player, David Childs, to perform during the concert. David has been instrumental in raising the euphonium's profile in the classical world of music and has not ceased to wow audiences with his astonishing technique, extrovert musicality and engaging stage presence.

Tickets are £7.50 (£1 for under 18s) and are available from the Band Secretary, so book early to avoid disappointment.

**LAST NIGHT OF
THE PROMS**
WITH
RUSHEN SILVER BAND
Paul Costain
(Bass-Baritone)



Sunday 20th September 2015, 7.30pm
ERIN ARTS CENTRE, PORT ERIN
TICKETS: ADULTS £8, U18'S £2

Tickets now available in advance CALL 832662 or Email information@erinartscentre.com SEATS MAY BE BOOKED

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Last Night of the Proms

After a successful concert last year, the Band have been invited back to play at a Last Night of the Proms concert that will be taking place on Sunday 20th September.

The concert at the Erin Arts Centre in Port Erin will start at 7.30pm, and will include items from Bass - Baritone singer Paul Costain. The concert will include many of the items that those who attend the actual Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall would both hear and participate in.

Tickets are priced at £8 with under 18s at £2, and they are available from the Erin Arts Centre Box Office.



Friends Fundraising Concert

The Friends of the Band are pleased to present 'Retrospect' in a fundraising concert at the Erin Arts Centre on Saturday 17th October, with the evening starting at 8pm.

The 11-piece Band 'Retrospect' is well known around the Island and deliver a rich sound, reproducing with some precision, the sound and feel of the artists that they cover. We're sure you'll recognise a few familiar faces playing in the band too!

Tickets for the concert are £15 and are available now from the Erin Arts Centre Box Office.



Retrospect



The Friends of Rushen Silver Band proudly present an evening of **SOUL, BLUES, MOTOWN** and much more!
Dancing Compulsory!

Erin Arts Centre - Port Erin

Saturday 17th October 2015 at 8pm

Tickets £15 - available from Erin Arts Centre, Telephone 832662
information@erinartscentre.com

Box Office Open Wed-Fri 10.30am to 4.30pm

www.retrospect-iom.net

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 20 th September	Last Night of the Proms Concert at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin	7.30pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Band Concert at Ballafesson Chapel	8.00pm
Thursday 8 th October	Ballafesson Brass in Concert at St Catherine's Church	7.45pm
Saturday 17 th October	Friends of RSB present 'Retrospect in Concert' at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin	8.00pm
Saturday 24 th October	Gala Concert (with Richard Evans & David Childs) at Castle Rushen High School, Castletown	7.30pm
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Day Parade starting from Port Erin British Legion Hall	10.00am
Tuesday 10 th November	Friends of the Band AGM at the Bandroom, Ballafesson	7.30pm
Thursday 19 th November	Band AGM at the Bandroom, Ballafesson	7.45pm
Sunday 22 nd November	Ballafesson Brass at Southlands Resource Centre	2.00pm
Saturday 28 th November	Band Christmas Concert at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm



Thanks to Phil Woodford for another fabulous cartoon



For more information about Rushen Silver Band or suggestions for the Sounds from the South newsletter, please contact the Band Secretary – Peter Faragher, Kinvara, 16 Close Cam, Port Erin, IM9 6NB. Tel: 493193. Email: secretary@rushensilverband.org.im