



Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

February 2016



New Instruments for Rushen Silver Band

Rushen Silver Band have been able to purchase some new instruments following the receipt of two very substantial donations.

The Band's fundraising organisation 'The Friends of Rushen Silver Band' has donated £3,000 to the Band, which has paid for a new Bass Trombone and a new Bass Drum.

The Gough Ritchie Charitable Trust has also donated £4,000 to the Band, which has enabled the purchase of a new B \flat Tuba.

Tom Sinden, Chairman of Rushen Silver Band: -

"We are extremely grateful to the Gough Ritchie Charitable Trust for their very generous donation.

We are a busy community Band, undertaking over 40 engagements last year, and donations such as this will help the Band to continue its work within the community around the Island. Buying new instruments is very costly, but the new B \flat Bass that the Gough Ritchie Charitable Trust's donation has enabled us to purchase, should serve the Band well for many years to come. "

The new Bass Trombone is currently being played by William King. The Band Secretary, Peter Faragher, is delighted to be playing the new B \flat Bass; he had been playing the previous Bass on and off for about 27 years!



Tom Sinden also commented, "The Band are also very fortunate to have the support of the 'Friends of Rushen Silver Band'. The 'Friends' raise funds throughout the year at coffee mornings and other events. The Band would like to take this opportunity to publicly

thank all of the members of the 'Friends of the Band' for their continued support, and also all the members of the public that have donated to the 'Friends' at their various events."

The new instruments are pictured above at the Christmas Nativity Concert at St Columba's Church in December 2015.

Young Musician of Mann 2015

The Band were well represented at the recent final of the Young Musician of Mann 2015. The contest, which is held at the Erin Arts Centre every two years, is open to instrumentalists under the age of 19. Band members Owen Williams and Toby Crossley were both involved.



Owen, who played a Mengascini Traditional Diatonic Accordion made in Italy, also played some of his own compositions in his set list for the final. Toby played B \flat Trumpet, and included in his set was the solo 'Misty' by Errol Garner, which he has played with the main Band on a number of occasions.

Owen achieved joint 2nd place in the final (coincidentally with Toby's sister Amelia who is a flautist); whilst Toby was awarded a special plaque in memory of Marian Shimmin as the most promising competitor.

Congratulations to both Owen and Tony on their well-deserved results.

Rushen Silver Band Annual Dinner & Awards Evening

Starter

Manx Broth served with
Homemade Bread

Tomato & Mozzarella stack served
with Balsamic and Olive Oil

Garlic Mushrooms served with
Homemade Bread



Main Course

Carvery (turkey, beef, ham)

Mushroom Wellington



Dessert

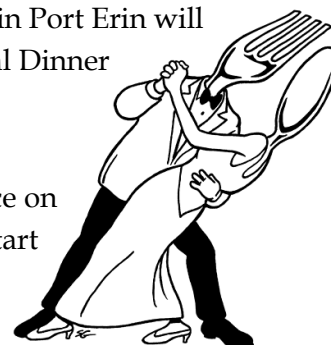
Sticky Toffee Pudding

Fruit Salad served with local cream

Chocolate Cheesecake

After an extremely successful event in 2015, the Bradda Glen Restaurant in Port Erin will again hold this year's Annual Dinner & Awards Evening.

The event will be taking place on Saturday 5th March, with a start time of 7.00pm for 7.30pm.



Tickets to the event are priced at £25.00, and can be obtained by contacting Gill Weldon on telephone 472172. Please let Gill know your menu choices when booking your tickets.

We hope you can once again join us to celebrate the achievements of the Band over the past year.

Friends Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th February, from 10.00am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin. Please come along, we hope you can join us.



Remembering the fun at the Christmas Concert!

Thank you to Jane Mayne and Paul Costain for featuring as the guests at the RSB Christmas Concert back in December.

Graeme Easton has captured some lovely pictures of the event, which show the wonderful atmosphere!

We've added a few captions to some for fun....

.....email the Band Secretary with your alternative suggestions! ☺



The Band played a variety of pieces, including well known Christmas songs and carols for the audience to sing along with.

Jane and Paul both sang solos in the first part of the programme and then were accompanied by the Band later on.

Thank you to Mike Kewley who compered the Concert.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Concert. This has become an important fundraising event for the Band, raising over £1,000 towards Band funds. The Band has to raise about £6,000 per year to keep running, so your support at all our events is greatly appreciated.



Dates for your Diary



Saturday 20 th February	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin	10.00am
Saturday 5 th March	Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony at Bradda Glen Pavilion, Port Erin	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 16 th March	Peel Pensioners Association at Philip Christian Centre, Peel	7.45pm
Sunday 17 th April	Spring Concert at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Sunday 24 th April	Manx Music Festival - Brass Band Classes at Villa Marina, Douglas	Evening
Thursday 5 th May	Andreas Benevolent Society (inc. parade, church service and short concert)	7.30pm

Details of concerts the Band have been asked to participate in from May onwards can be found on the Engagements page of the website (www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements).

Obituary

The Band were sad to hear of the recent passing of Robbie Cooil. For members of the Band during the past twenty years, Robbie will probably be best remembered for his hospitality after the Band had been out carolling around Port St Mary. Invariably to finish the night, Robbie and his wife Doreen would invite the Band back to their home at Ballacreggan Farm for some nibbles, a drink and a warm after being out in the cold all evening.

Not only was Robbie was a member of the Band during the late 1950s and 1960s, but Robbie was also Band President during the 1990s. During his time in the Band, Robbie was also instrumental in obtaining good quality second hand instruments for the Band players during the 1960s through a contact he had in the UK.

Members of the Band stood for a minutes silence at a recent rehearsal. The Members and Friends of the Band would like to pass on their condolences to Robbie's family.



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