



Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

June 2016



Manx Music Festival - April 2016

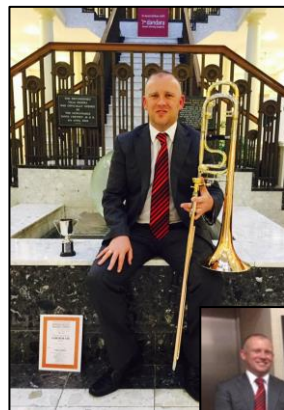
The Band's players performed extremely well at the Manx Music Festival over the 'Guild' weekend. Ailish Williams, Owen Williams & Juan Wright all won their solo classes, whilst the Rushen Silver Band Ensemble and Trombone Quartet won their classes as well. The Ballafesson Brass ensemble also performed extremely well, as did all the individual soloists. Everyone playing in the solo and ensemble classes did the Band proud. Thank you to Jill Collings for her work in accompanying the soloists, and to Juan Wright, Jonathan King and Hazel Matthews for preparing the ensembles.

After the many successes of our soloist and ensembles over the weekend, it was the turn of the Senior Band to perform at the Manx Music Festival on the Sunday night.

The Band played extremely well, gaining 1st place in the Hymn category with a mark of 89/100 for their rendition of 'St Clement', with the adjudicator praising the Band's strong sense of musical line and phrasing, and their dynamic range.

The Band performed John Kinley's Mona's Delight in the March category, gaining a mark of 87/100 for what the adjudicator described as an excellent performance. In the concert class, the Band were placed 2nd, again with a mark of 89/100. More mention was made by the adjudicator about the Band's thoughtful phrasing and rhythmic precision. The soloists around the Band were praised at various points for their effective performances.

All in all, the 'Guild' was a weekend for the Band to be very proud of. Band Chairman, Tom Sinden, would like to thank all the soloists, ensembles, Senior Band members, accompanists and tutors for all the time and effort they put into preparing for the Guild. The Band would also like to thank Michal Kewley, our wonderful compere for the concert class. A special thank you must finally go to the Band's Musical Director, John Kinley, for everything he did leading up to the weekend, both in the bandroom and behind the scenes.



Other news from the Manx Music Festival

Members of Rushen Silver Band were also involved in other non-brass band related classes at the Guild, demonstrating the talent we are privileged to have amongst our members. A special mention must go to Annabel King, who was awarded the prestigious Sheffield Plate for her singing. Rushen Silver Band would also like to congratulate former Band member, Debbie Gooding, on reaching her first Cleveland Medal test; and regular guest soloist, Paul Costain, on winning the coveted Cleveland Medal. We're sure that Paul will now be renegotiating his rates for any future appearances with the Band ☺.

Manannan's Isle - Sunday 24th July

Manannan's Isle - "An Evening of Manx Celtic Music and Dance" brings together the finest Manx traditional musicians, singers and dancers in a dazzling show that has been described as the Isle of Man's Riverdance. The concert will take place on Sunday 24th July at the Gaiety Theatre, Douglas, starting at 7.30pm.



Featuring acts such as Mec Lir, Ny Fennee, *Rushen Silver Band*, Barrule, Ruth Keggin, Caarjyn Coidagh, Russell Gilmour, Skeddan Jiarg, and the mighty Celtic sea-god Manannan himself, this family-friendly show was created for the 2015 'Year of the Isle of Man' at the festival interceltique de Lorient in Brittany where it received a standing ovation.

Now you have a special chance to experience the Isle of Man premiere of Manannan's Isle. Tickets are priced at £10 and under 16s £5, and the link to the ticket sales page is

<https://villagaiety.ticketolve.com/shows/873554370/events>

A poster for a joint concert. At the top left is the Rushen Silver Band & Ballafesson Brass logo. The text reads: "Joint Concert with guest conductor Alan Fernie". Below this is a photograph of a red steam train passing through a stone archway. At the bottom, it says "Saturday 25th June 7.30pm at Rushen Primary School Tickets £6 (£3 under 18) Available from Peter Faragher (Secretary) on 493193".

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On Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm at Rushen Primary School, the Rushen Silver Band and the Band's training Band, Ballafesson Brass, will be performing a joint concert with renowned composer/ arranger Alan Fernie conducting both Bands. The two Bands will play separately during the concert and the event will culminate with pieces played by both bands together.

Tickets are priced at £6 and £3 for under 18s and are available from the Band Secretary on tel. no. 493193 or by email on secretary@rushensilverband.org.im.

Friends Coffee Morning

The Friends of the Band are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th June, from 10.00am to 11.30am at Reayrt y Chrink, Four Roads, Port Erin. Please come along, we hope you can join us.



By Request Concert

In January this year, the Band performed a concert that featured music requested by players. Featuring their favourite pieces, it was an opportunity for Band members to express which pieces they enjoy playing the most. On the 21st October, it is your opportunity to choose the programme!

The Band will be performing a concert at St Columba's Church in Port Erin, where the music will be chosen by our supporters. Tickets for the concert will be on sale later in the year, but in order to develop a list of music for the concert, we would love to hear from as many supporters as possible with their favourite piece (or pieces). In order to help you decide on your favourite piece, we've listed those that have appeared in the Band's repertoire over the last few years as a reminder; but you are welcome to suggest a piece that's not on the list below.

Marches

Aces High	On The Quarterdeck
Ballafesson March	Radetsky March
Belmont	Sons Of The Brave
Mona's Delight	The New Colonial
National Emblem	Where Our Flag Waves

Hymns

Blaenwern	Lloyd
Crimond	Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn
Deep Harmony	St Clement
Ellan Vannin	Stella
Eventide	Swedish Folk Song

Selections/Medleys

Abba Goes Brass	Beatles Goes Brass
Alloway Tales	Breezin' Down Broadway
Anglian Dances	Pirates Of The Caribbean
Best Of Bond	Scottish Dances

Other Pieces

African Funk	Irish Tune From County Derry
A Little Prayer	I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free
All Through The Night	Just A Closer Walk
An American Trilogy	Land Of My Fathers
A Special Place	Les Prisons de Nantes
Baggy Trousers	MacArthur Park
Birdland	Men Of Harlech
Eleanor Rigby	One Moment In Time
From Newlyn to Niarbyl	Prismatic Light
Happy	Second Waltz
Highland Cathedral	The Ashokan Farewell
Hine e Hine	The Conquest of Paradise
Hunt The Wren	When I'm Sixty Four
Hymn To The Fallen	You'll Never Walk Alone

If you would like to make a request, please send it to the Band Chairman, Tom Sinden, by email to tom_sinden@hotmail.com or by post at 26 Ballahane Close, Port Erin, IM9 6EG, by 31st August. We will try to include as many requests as possible during the concert, but unfortunately it is very unlikely that we will be able to feature everyone's choices.

Dates for your Diary



Saturday 18 th June	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at Reayrt-y-Chrink, Four Roads, Port St Mary	10.00am
Sunday 19 th June	Open Air Service at Ballakilpheric Chapel, Colby	3.00pm
Saturday 25 th June	Joint Band and Ballafesson Brass Concert with Alan Fernie at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Thursday 14 th July	Culture Vannin Yn Chruinnaght Concert at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas	8.00pm
Sunday 24 th July	IOM Arts Council Summer Season Concert at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas	3.00pm
Sunday 24 th July	Culture Vannin Manannan's Isle Concert at Gaiety Theatre, Douglas	7.30pm
Thursday 8 th September	IOM Arts Council Summer Season Concert at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas	8.00pm
Saturday 10 th September	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church Hall, Port St Mary	10.00am
Thursday 15 th September	Parish of Rushen Concert at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm
Sunday 25 th September	Last Night of the Proms Concert at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin	7.30pm
Wednesday 5 th October	Anniversary Concert at Ballafesson Chapel, Port Erin	8.00pm
Saturday 15 th October	Ballafesson Brass at RBL Colby Poppy Concert at Colby Football Clubhouse	7.30pm
Friday 21 st October	By Request Concert (music chosen by supporters) at St Columba's Church, Port Erin	7.45pm

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



And the best captions were....

"What you mean you can't get the new Bb bass under your chin!!"

"Next for sale: a giant invisible marrow!"

"This lot better all finish together all there will be trouble for somebody!!"

*"Mr Kinley showing he was pleased that the percussion
were playing just how he liked it, REALLY LOUD!!"*



For more information about Rushen Silver Band
or suggestions for the Sounds from the South newsletter,
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