



Sounds from the South

Newsletter of Rushen Silver Band

February 2017



Looking back at the 2016 Festive Season.....

The Band started their festive season on Saturday 26th November with another successful Christmas Concert. The 2016 event was the first time that the Band had performed the concert by themselves with no guest artists. For the players there was no rest on the night, but the concert was greatly appreciated by the audience, and the evening started off the festive season with a great opening. Thank you to everyone who helped make the concert a great success and helped raised over £1,200 for Band funds.



For the first time in a number of years, the weather was extremely kind for the Band over the festive period. This enabled all outside events in the calendar to take place as planned. This included all the carolling events around Port Erin and Port St Mary; and again helped raise over £1,900 for Band funds. The Band turned out for 18 engagements in the 25 days of December, and we again finished with the traditional carol concert at Southlands on Christmas Day morning.

The members of the Band would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Band over the recent festive period and to those supporters who helped collect money whilst the Band played carols; with a special thanks of course to their families for their support and patience during this hectic time.

New Instruments for Rushen Silver Band

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

The Band's fundraising organisation, 'The Friends of Rushen Silver Band', has donated £2,000 to the Band to pay for a new Yamaha Neo cornet. The donation included money donated to the 'Friends' in memory of the late Norman Clague. We believe the instrument is a fitting use of the donations and something Norman would have been particularly pleased with.



The Band were also delighted to be able to purchase a second Yamaha Neo cornet thanks to a further donation from the Gough Ritchie Charitable Trust of £2,000.

Tom Sinden, Chairman of Rushen Silver Band said "We are again extremely grateful to both the Friends of the Band, and the Gough Ritchie Charitable Trust for their very generous donations to the Band. The Band would like to publicly thank both organisations for their continued support. The two cornets are of a very high standard and should serve the Band for many years to come".

Keeping it in the family!

With mum and brother involved with the Band, Becky Corkish tells us more about why it was inevitable that she also took up a brass instrument...

What made you decide to learn a brass instrument?

Becky: Playing a brass instrument has always been a hobby in my family. I have seven cousins on my Dad's side and each one of them has played a brass instrument since they were young including my brother. For my Nana & Grandad's Golden Wedding Anniversary, all of the grandchildren formed an ensemble and performed at the evening meal. However, I was the only grandchild who didn't play a brass instrument at the time so this left me the very important, very difficult, triangle part. I wanted to be able to play a brass instrument just like my family so I started to learn when I was seven years old, starting lessons in primary school with Mr Wortley, and then when my two front teeth came through, lessons with Rushen Silver Band.



You've been playing with the main Band for a while now, what do you enjoy the most?

Becky: I enjoy the concerts the most as I love the satisfaction of knowing we've performed a great concert and having members of the public approaching us at the end and saying how great we sounded!

I also love how everyone in the Band will always give up their time to help you, whether it's regarding Band or not. When I was completing my A-Levels, many Band members helped me with extra lessons for my music recital.

Most memorable moment whilst being in the Band?

Becky: I used to love Band Camp as it was a time to pack your bags, grab your passports and head all the way up to Laxey. The day was ace! Rounders, football, water fights, treasure hunts, the lot. But you couldn't beat the night time atmosphere when all the adults started to get 'rowdy' around the fire. 'This one time, at Band camp...' in 2008, we started to run out of wood for the campfire so my Mum, Louise, decided to go out and find some herself. Well, 20 minutes later she had hit the jackpot! She didn't just find some sticks and twigs, she found someone's torn out kitchen left in a back lane which she decided to 'borrow' and use to keep the fire roaring! Now because I was only nine, I had to go to bed earlier than the others so I was fresh and ready for the long trek home the next day. However, I didn't get much sleep that night. I don't know whether it was due to being soaking wet and cold from the rain through our leaky tent, listening to Matthew reading poems 'by Kathleen Faragher' in a slurred Manx accent till 3am, or getting stood on by my Dad at 5am on his way to milk the cows. All in all, Band camp was still the highlight of my childhood in the Band.

What other hobbies do you have time for?

Becky: I think it's common knowledge that I have a keen interest in football. It's a rare occasion if I am not wearing football kit. Football takes up a lot of my time. I train twice a week, once with Peel AFC and once with the Isle of Man Ladies team, and play a game on a Sunday. And then in June, there is a summer league on a Monday night which I go and play before going straight to Band which is unlucky for whoever has to sit next to me! Mud and sweat is not a great smell...

I've recently started playing ladies contact rugby for Vagabond's once a week and a game on a Saturday which I've really enjoyed getting stuck into... although I've not enjoyed waking up the next day with what feels like my body has been ran over!

What's it like being in the band with your Mum, and sometimes even your Dad too?

Becky: It's great! It saves me having to drive to rehearsals and concerts using my petrol! I've always had family in the Band; as my brother was solo horn when I joined, and then not long after I joined the Band my Mum did too! I do enjoy having Mum in the Band as it's something we can do whilst spending time together. Between working and having training, I don't get to see a lot of her so it's nice to be able to share a hobby we both enjoy and can have a laugh with! And then when my Dad joined us on our trip to Lorient it was a great laugh to have all four



of us away and involved in the Band! He absolutely loved being away and leading the parade, carrying the RSB Banner. Makes a change from carrying calves and buckets of feed!

If you could be any superhero, who would you want to be and why?

Becky: Easy. Spider man without a doubt! I've always said from an early age that I wanted to be Spiderman for a career. Who wouldn't want to be able to fly through the Isle of Man on a web?! When we went to Mexico in July 2016, we got to zip wire 45 meters above the Mexican jungle at around 30mph! It was such an amazing feeling flying through the air just by a single wire, and to be able to do that as a superpower without the wire would be amazing!

Starter

Leek & Potato Soup
Melon with Red Berries
Brussels Pate & French Bread



Main Course

Carvery of Roast Meats
Vegetarian Option
(please ask when booking)
Both options served with Roast
Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables



Dessert

Chocolate Mousse
Cheesecake
Meringue Swans

Rushen Silver Band Annual Dinner & Awards Evening

Continuing on from successful events over the past two years, the Bradda Glen Restaurant in Port Erin will again hold this year's Annual Dinner & Awards Evening. The event will take place on Saturday 4th 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 Jo Kinley on telephone 835917 or 407141, or by email

joannakinley@yahoo.co.uk. Please let Jo know your menu choices when booking your tickets.

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



Dates for your Diary



Saturday 11 th February	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin	10.00am
Saturday 4 th March	Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony at Bradda Glen Resaurant, Port Erin	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 11 th March	Ballafesson Brass at Castle View Nursing Home, Peel	3.00pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Peel Pensioners Association at Philip Christian Centre, Peel	7.45pm
Sunday 2 nd April	Spring Concert at St Columba's Church, Port Erin	7.30pm
Sunday 23 rd April	Manx Music Festival (Guild) at Villa Marina, Douglas	Evening

Friends Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th February from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall , Port Erin. Please come along, we hope you can join us.



Spring Concert

The Band will be performing a Spring Concert on the evening of Sunday 2nd April. The Concert will be held at St Columba's Church, Port Erin and will start at 7.30pm.

The Concert will be a showcase of not only the music the main band will perform at this year's Manx Music Festival (Guild) but will also have performing a number of the ensembles and soloists from the main band and Ballafesson Brass performing this year.

The concert will be free of charge but there will be a collection for band funds at the end of the evening.



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