



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter
February 2018



Looking back at the 2017 Festive Season...

Although Ballafesson Brass participated in Port St Mary Commissioners Celebration of Christmas Concert the night before, the main Band started their festive season with another successful Christmas Concert at Rushen Primary School. For the 2017 concert, the Band welcomed back the Meadowside Choral Society to join in the festivities. In what was an enjoyable concert for not just the audience but those taking part too, we were able to raise over £1,200 for Band funds.

The weather this December wasn't too bad and enabled all the outside events for the Band to take place as planned. The Band played carols around Port Erin and Port St Mary to raise money for Band funds, and turned out for 16 engagements over 25 days in December. This included the traditional carol concert at Southlands on Christmas Day morning which the Band were again pleased to lead the festivities.

The members of the Band would like to thank everyone who generously made a donation over the recent festive period, and to those supporters who gave their time to help collect money whilst the Band played carols. A special thank you should, of course, be extended to the families of Band members for their support and patience during this very busy time.



Friends Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band are holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 3rd February** from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin.

Please come along, we hope you can join us.

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Introducing Andrew Radcliffe

The connection between Andrew's family and Rushen Silver Band goes back many years. We ask Andrew about his experience of learning and playing with the Band...



What made you decide to learn a brass instrument?

AR: I started learning to play a brass instrument when I was about 8 years old, purely as something to do because at the time I had no other hobbies. I started playing baritone then after a few years moved to tenor horn and later moved onto tuba.

Although I only started learning because I had no other hobbies, there was also a slight obligation for me to start learning, because of connections between the Band and my family. The land on which the Bandroom is built was donated by my family in the 80s, and the land for the extension was also donated by my Dad and Uncle about 20 years later.

What are your favourite types of music (both within Band and outside)?

AR: I especially enjoy playing jazz/swing music with Castle Rushen Big Band. For this I play trombone, which is a completely different experience to playing tuba in the Band. I learnt trombone as a second instrument about 3 years ago, and have played it in Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra, and occasionally some Band concerts.

How have you found playing with the Band, and what other musical group are you involved in?

AR: Playing in the Band has given me a love of music which has encouraged me to start playing in the Manx Youth Orchestra, Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra, and both Castle Rushen Wind Band and Big Band. My love for music has also led me to potentially pursue a career in music. The past 3 years playing in the Band has been a great experience, from the massive assortment of music we play, to all the different concerts we do all year round; there isn't an aspect of the Band that I don't enjoy.

Burns Night Concert

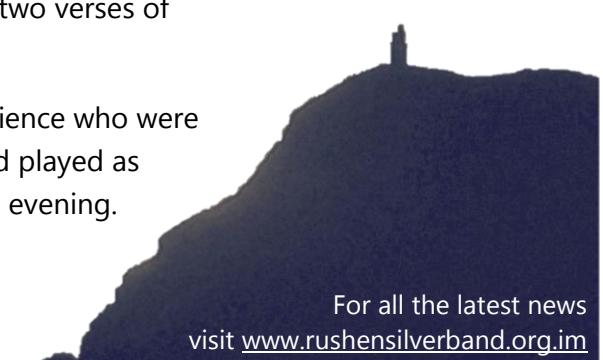
On Thursday 25th January, the Band started the Parish of Rushen Concert Season for 2018 at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin, with a Burns Night theme to celebrate the day in question.



259 years after Robbie Burns was born, the Band started the concert with 'Island Whirl' featuring principal cornet Matthew Callister; before moving on to other pieces such as Freikugeln, The Journal of Phileas Fogg, The Thin Red Line, Alloway Tales and Reet Petite.

The Band's programme also featured 'My Love is like a Red, Red Rose', with the solo being played by cornet player Ashley Cole, 'Swedish Folk Song' and 'Highland Cathedral'. The Band finished the concert with two verses of 'Auld Lang Syne'.

The Band would like to thank an enthusiastic audience who were no doubt still humming one or other of the tunes the Band had played as they headed over to the hall for a good cup of tea to finish the evening.



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Starter
Carrot and Coriander Soup
Melon
Pate
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Main Course
Carvery of three meats
Brie, Cranberry & Hazelnut Wellington
<i>Both options served with</i>
<i>Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables</i>
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Dessert
Apple Crumble & Custard
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
Fruit Salad

Rushen Silver Band Annual Dinner

& Awards Evening

The Band's Annual Dinner & Awards

Evening this year will take place on

Saturday 3rd March, with a start time

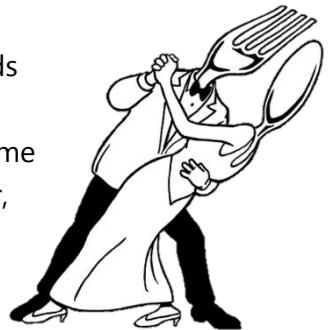
of 7.00pm for 7.30pm. For this year,

the event will be returning to the

Falcon's Nest Hotel in Port Erin,

a venue where many of these

events have taken place previously in years gone by.



Tickets to the event are priced at £25, and can be obtained by contacting Chris Weldon on telephone 471166 or by email chrisandgill@manx.net. Please let Chris 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.

Friends of Rushen Silver Band



7pm

Friday 23rd February at
Rowany Golf Club.

Adults £8

Children 16 years and under £6
(This includes a buffet)

Tickets available from Adele Parsons on 836225 or
from the Friends coffee morning on 3rd Feb.

Beetle Drive

On Friday 23rd February, the Friends of Rushen Silver Band are holding a Beetle Drive at Rowany Golf Club.

The event starts at 7pm and the tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £6 for children 16 years and under. This price includes a buffet supper.

It should be a fun evening for all and we hope that many of you will be able to attend.

If you would like to purchase tickets then please contact Adele Parsons, Chairman of the Friends of RSB, on 836225. Tickets will also be available at the Friends Coffee Morning. The final date for ordering tickets is Monday 19th February.

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Dates for your diary

Saturday 3 rd February		Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin	10.00am
Wednesday 7 th February		Peel Pensioners at Philip Christian Centre, Peel	7.45pm
Saturday 3 rd March		Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony at Falcon's Nest Hotel, Port Erin	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 17 th March		Ballafesson Brass at Castle View Nursing Home	2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th March		Spring Concert at Ballafesson Chapel	7.45pm
Sunday 22 nd April		Manx Music Festival (Guild) at Villa Marina, Douglas	Evening

Spring Concert

The Band will be performing a Spring Concert on the evening of **Wednesday 28th March**. The concert will be held at Ballafesson Chapel, Rushen and will start at 7.45pm.

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 a number of 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.



Looking ahead to later in the year

Even though 2018 has only just started, the Band's calendar for the year is full up with 15 concerts due to take place between February and November. There are two dates of specific interest to put in your diaries now though.

Firstly, our good friend Alan Fernie will be making a return trip to the Island during the summer months. Over the weekend of Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th June, Alan will be putting both the main Band and Ballafesson Brass through their paces. The weekend will culminate with a concert featuring both Bands on the Saturday evening.

In addition, our Musical Advisor, Mr Richard Evans, will be making his annual pilgrimage to the Island later in the year. Over the weekend of Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th October, Mr Evans will be taking not only the main Band, but carrying out individual tuition with some of the players. On this occasion, the Band will be performing a workshop concert on the Saturday afternoon to show what they have learnt and been practising whilst under Mr Evans stewardship. The members of the Band always enjoy Richard's visits, and we know both him and Pam always looking forward to meeting up with the band and our supporters whilst they are here.

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