



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter
May 2018

Manx Music, Speech and Dance Festival – April 2018

The Band enjoyed much success at the recent Manx Music, Speech and Dance Festival ('the Guild'). The weekend commenced with young cornet player Beth Coole participating in the Guild for the first time. Playing Elgar's Pomp & Circumstance, Beth achieved a great mark of 87. Beth left with a distinction certificate and an ice-cream for her efforts!!

Following this, and in the Adult Solo class, lead euphonium player Martin Norbury and front row cornet player Ashley Cole finished 1st and 2nd respectively, with 90 and 89 marks. A great achievement for them both and lovely to see them raising the profile of the Band with their success.



On the Sunday night of the Festival, the brass bands all took to the stage. Our Band played extremely well. The concert programme consisted of 'Island Whirl' (solo by Principal Cornet player Matthew Callister), 'First Light' (solo by Ashley Cole), 'Hunt the Wren', 'I Wanna Be Like You' (solo by William King) and 'Conquest Of Paradise'.



The Band were ranked third with their hymn (Swedish Folk Song) and first with their march (Star Lake); which gave an overall position of second for the combined 'march & hymn' category.

The overall entertainment category saw the Band with another excellent result, finishing in second place.

In addition to this, bass trombone player William King was awarded the best solo prize for his rendition of 'I Wanna Be Like You'. Congratulations to William on his award.

Following on from all of this, the Band members are currently having a well-earned week off. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the players, their families, our

compere on the night Mike Kewley, and everyone else that has contributed to the Band's entry in the Guild this year. Most of all, the biggest thank you goes to our Musical Director John Kinley for all his hard work and patience.

Annual Dinner and Awards Evening 2018

The Band's Annual Dinner, Dance and Awards Ceremony took place on Saturday 3rd March at the Falcon's Nest Hotel in Port Erin. The award winners for 2016/17 were as follows:-

- Gilrea Corlett Trophy – for the best attendance with the Senior Band for players aged under 18 – Lucy Norbury;
- Preston Shield – for the best overall attendance with the Senior Band – Tom Sinden;
- Ernie Broadbent Trophy – for the most improved player aged under 16 within the Band – James Kinley;
- Bandsman of the Year – for the person(s) the Band members believe had contributed the most over the past year – Tom Sinden;
- Dave Smith Memorial Shield – for his contribution and services to the Band – Tom Sinden, Band Chairman.

Long Service Awards were also presented to Jill Collings (10 years), Robert Bell (10 years), Charlotte Callister (15 years), Matthew Callister (20 years), Tom Sinden (20 years), Eric Drinkwater (25 years), Claire Norbury (30 years) and Helen Cole (40 years). It is amazing to see the length of time members of the Band have been part of the Rushen Silver Band family.

Band Chairman, Tom Sinden, also gave a summary of the Band's achievements over the past twelve months and looked ahead to the opportunities for the upcoming year.

The Band would like to thank the Falcon's Nest Hotel for their hospitality, excellent food and venue for what was a great evening for all those present. A special thanks was extended to Chris Weldon for organising the event; and to our DJ on the night, Tony James, who kept everyone on the dance floor with a great selection of music.

Spring Concert

The Band performed a Spring Concert on Wednesday 28th March at Ballafesson Church Hall, Port Erin. The concert featured a preview of the main Band's entry for this year's Manx Music Speech & Dance Festival ('The Guild') and included solo performances from Beth Coole and Ashley Cole.

The concert was well attended by an appreciative audience with a retiring collection for Band funds and the Chapel.

Unfortunately, the Band's lead euphonium player, Martin Norbury, was unable to join us on the night due to a significant fire in the premises next to where he works on the South Quay in Douglas.



Believe it or not, this was an actual occurrence and not just the best excuse for missing a RSB concert!!

Concert for Didds

On Saturday 19th May, the Band will be performing a concert to celebrate the life of John Crebbin, fondly known as 'Didds' to all who knew him.

John sadly lost his fight against cancer in 2017, and was a long serving member of the Band family for over 70 years. A life member of the Band, he served as Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretary over the years, and most recently as Band President for which he was extremely honoured.

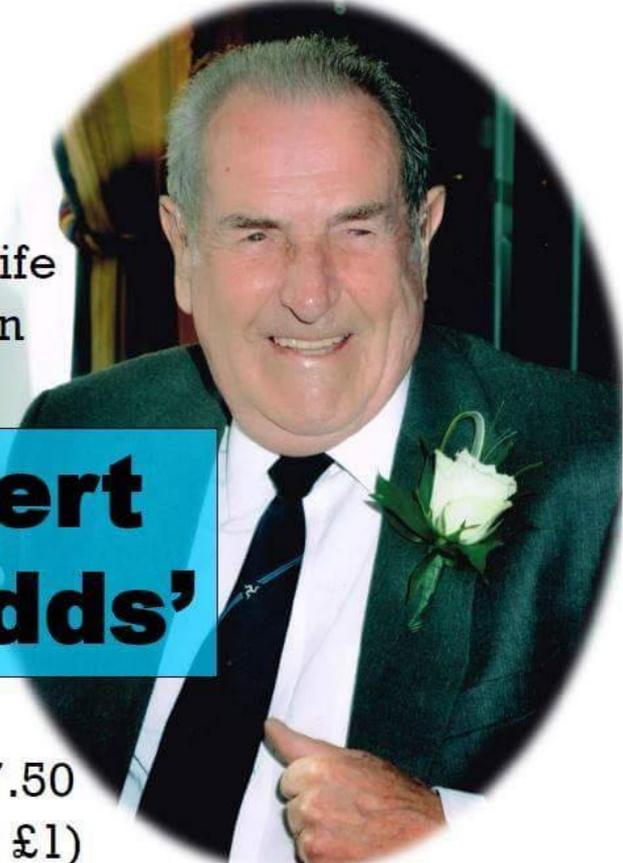
The music for the concert has been chosen by members of John's family, and will reflect the music the Band have played over many years, and will hopefully have something in it for everyone to enjoy.

All the money raised will be in aid of Hospice IOM and for Band funds.

The concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50, and £1.00 for under 18s. Admission can be paid on the door or you can obtain tickets in advance by contacting Jim Crebbin on 833307.



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Concert to
celebrate the life
of John Crebbin

**Concert
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Ticket price £7.50
(under 18 only £1)

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7.30pm**

at Rushen Primary School

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All money raised for Hospice & Band funds

Dates for your diary



Thursday 10 th May	Procession and Church Service for Ascension Day at Andreas	7.30pm
Saturday 19 th May	Concert for 'Didds' at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd May	Friends of the Band Committee Meeting at the Bandroom, Ballafesson	7.30pm
Thursday 14 th June	Arts Council Summer Season Concert at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas	8.00pm
Saturday 16 th June	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning at Reayrt y Chrink, Four Roads, Port Erin	10.00am
Saturday 30 th June	Senior Band & Ballafesson Brass Concert with Alan Fernie at Rushen Primary School	7.30pm
Friday 13 th July	Family Friendly Concert at Scoill Phurt le Moirrey, Port St Mary	6.30pm

Details of concerts the Band and Ballafesson Brass have been asked to participate in from September onwards can be found on the website (www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements)

Friends of the Band Committee Meeting

The Friends will be holding a Committee Meeting on Tuesday 22nd May at the Bandroom, Qualtrough's Land, Ballafesson. The meeting has been set-up to discuss not only the arrangements for the Friends events, but also supporting the Band's concerts during the year. Old and new faces will be made most welcome.

As usual, Parents, Grandparents, Family or Friends of Ballafesson Brass members and the Learners, are always very welcome at any of the Friends events. It would be lovely to see you.



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