



Sounds from the South



Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

June 2018



Rushen Silver Band and Ballafesson Brass Joint Concert

If you missed it in the last newsletter or haven't seen the posters around the southern villages, the Band as well as the training band, Ballafesson Brass, will be performing a joint concert with renowned composer/arranger Alan Fernie conducting both bands. The concert will be taking place on Saturday 30th June at Rushen Primary School, commencing at 7.30pm.

The concert will include not only the two bands playing separately for the first two halves, but will also culminate with pieces played by both bands together.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 and £1 for under 18s, and admission will be on the door on the night. Doors open from around 6.30pm.

Alan Fernie was born in the Scots mining village of Newtongrange. He learned to play trombone both at school and also with the local brass band, and went on to study music in Glasgow and London.



After a short period as an orchestral musician, he moved into instrumental education, spending over 20 years teaching brass in schools all over the East of Scotland. It was during this time that he began to conduct, and he has since gone on to direct bands at all levels, winning many awards. He wrote his first music for brass whilst still a student, and his compositions and arrangements are now played, recorded and published all over the world.

In 2009, he was honoured with "The President's Award" from the Scottish Brass Band Association" for his services to banding. He is also very proud to be writer in residence to two charities; Brass for Africa, for whom he spent 2 months teaching in Kampala, Uganda, and also the acclaimed "Boobs and Brass" project.

Alan lives in the Scottish Borders, where he works as a freelance musician, finding time to write, teach, conduct, judge, perform and act as compere throughout the UK and beyond.

**Rushen Silver Band
& Ballafesson Brass**

Joint Concert
with guest conductor
Alan Fernie

7.30pm
Saturday 30th June

at Rushen Primary School
Tickets £7.50 (£1 under 18)
Admission on the door

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Family Friendly Concert

Following on from last year's successful concert at Rushen Primary School, the Band will be performing another Family Friendly Concert this year. The concert will take place on Friday 13th July at Scoill Phurt Le Moirrey starting at 6.30pm and lasting around 45 minutes.

Whilst the music is aimed at KS2 pupils, everyone is welcome to attend the concert which will include well known music from stage and screen. On top of that, and if you want, there will be a chance to try and play a brass or percussion instrument afterwards. Admission is free to all who attend.

Friends of the Band Coffee Morning

The Friends of Rushen Silver Band will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th September from 10am - 11.30am at St Mary's Church Hall, Port St Mary. Please come along, we hope you can join us.

Concert for Didds

Following on from the successful concert the band performed in May to celebrate the life of John Crebbin, a grand total of £1,430 was raised to be split 50:50 between the Band and Hospice Care IOM. The Band would like to thank everyone involved for raising such a fantastic amount, and by the feedback the Band members have received, those in the audience on the night thought it was an excellent concert and a great way to remember Didds.

Dates for your diary



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
Saturday 8 th September	Friends of the Band Coffee Morning (at St Mary's Hall, Port St Mary)	10.00am
Sunday 9 th September	Arts Council Summer Season Concert (at the Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas)	3.00pm
Thursday 20 th September	Parish of Rushen Concert (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.45pm

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

For more information about Rushen Silver Band or suggestions for the Sounds from the South newsletter, please contact the Band Secretary: Peter Faragher, 16 Close Cam, Port Erin, IM9 6NB.
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