



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter
November 2019



Best wishes for the festive season

Gala Concert with Mr Richard Evans

The Band held a Gala Concert in October with our guest conductor and Band Musical Advisor Mr Richard Evans. The concert, which was the first the Band had played at the Kings Court Theatre at King William's College in Castletown, was a tremendous success and really appreciated by a very good audience on the night.

The Band had once again had three practices with Mr Evans on the lead up to the concert, and Mr Evans was enthusiastic as ever with not only in his conducting of the Band but also his storytelling along the way. The musical programme of the evening was a varied collection of pieces to show the ability and talents of the Band and included performances from the Band's training band, Ballafesson Brass. The concert culminated with both the senior Band and Ballafesson Brass taking to the floor for the final three pieces, with over 50 players under Mr Evans baton.



The Band are extremely grateful to the Manx Lottery Trust for awarding a grant to the Band to cover the expenditure in putting the concert on which has enabled the Band to put the income raised to their next big project.





Band Christmas Concert

The Band are holding their Christmas Concert once again this year at the Erin Arts Centre in Port Erin on Saturday 30th November starting at 7.30pm.

The concert will again be the Band's first concert of the festive season, with a further 16 engagements on the lead up to Christmas Day. The Band have a great concert planned to put everybody in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for the concert have sold quicker than ever, with the concert being sold out after just four days of sales so you are very lucky if you managed to get one. It's always good for the Band to play to a full audience.

The Band's 3rd CD – "Christmas"

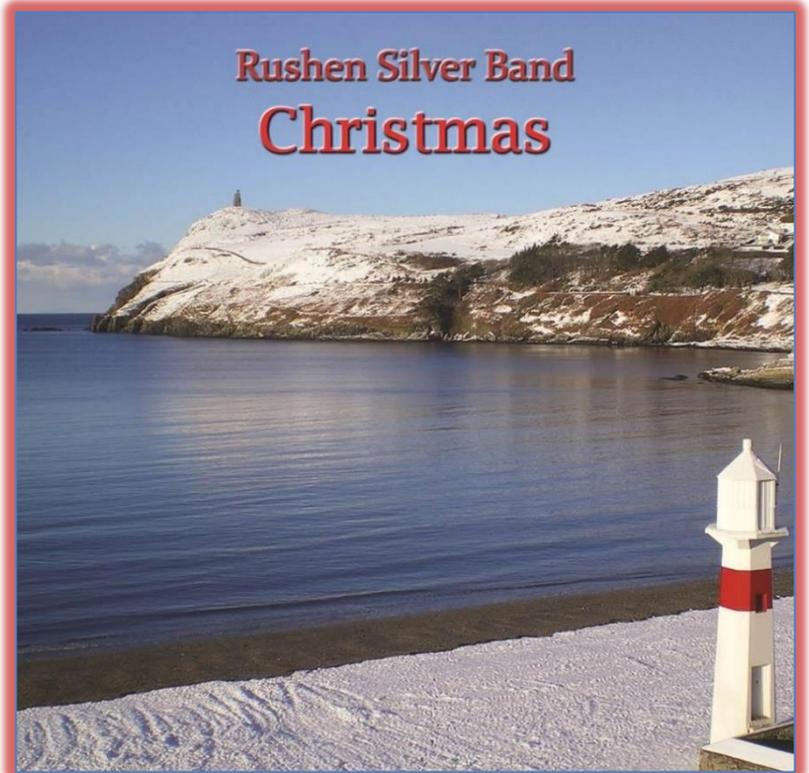
As I'm sure most of you will already be aware that back in February with our good friend Keith Farrington from Music House Productions, the Band recorded their third CD. Following on from "Diamond Celebration" in 2009 and "Sounds of the South" in 2013, the third CD entitled "Christmas" is obviously a CD full of music for the festive season.

The tracks on the CD include some of the well-known hymns sung at Christmas time (O Come All Ye Faithful), through music associated with this time of year (Troika) and modern-day pop classics (All I Want for Christmas) ... something for everyone.

The launch of the CD will be taking place at our Christmas Concert and the CD will be priced at £10.

If you are unable to make the Christmas Concert, but would like to purchase a CD, please contact Peter (the Band Secretary) on 493193 or at enquiries@rushensilverband.org.im.

The CDs will be on sale throughout the festive season at many of our concerts as well for information. We hope you would like to buy one of these fantastic CDs that show the ability and musicality of the band in 2019.



Friends of the Band Christmas Coffee Morning

The Friends of the Band will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th December from 10am to 11.30am at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin.

Members of the Band will also be playing carols during the event to get everyone in the festive spirit. We hope you can join us.



Remembrance Sunday 2019

The Band were once again honoured to be leading the Remembrance Day parade for the Port Erin branch of the Royal British Legion. A number of our cornet players also played the Last Post and Reveille at a number of Remembrance Services in our local churches on both Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day itself.



Co-op Local Community Fund Donation

Rushen Silver Band were delighted to receive a very generous amount of **£12,530.34** from the Co-op Community Fund on Saturday 23rd November. The Co-op Local Community Fund helps pay for local projects every time Co-op members shop. 1% of what members spend on selected own-branded products and services and shopping bag sales goes to help fund community projects where they live. You can find out more at <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

Band Chairman, Tom Sinden, Band Secretary, Peter Faragher, and other Band members, met with representatives at the Co-op stores in Castletown, Port Erin and Port St Mary to collect the massive cheque.



Dates for your **2020** diary...



Monday 27 th January	Fundraising Concert for Southern Befrienders (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Friday 6 th March	Fundraising Concert for Rushen Endowment Fund (at Rowany Golf Club, Port Erin)	8.00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Parish of Rushen Concert (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.45pm
Monday 20 th April	Joint Concert with Cameragyl Wind Symphony (at Rushen Primary School)	Evening
Tuesday 16 th June	Family Friendly Concert (at Rushen Primary School)	6.30pm

Details of concerts the Band and Ballafesson Brass during December are included in a separate flyer, and further information on other dates can be found on the Band website:

www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements



Thank you to Phil Woodford for another fabulous cartoon 😊

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. Tel: 493193. Email: enquiries@rushensilverband.org.im



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