



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

October 2022



Workshop Concert with Ian Porthouse

The Band are delighted to welcome back renowned conductor, Ian Porthouse, for a workshop weekend culminating in a concert on Saturday 22nd October. The concert will be held at St Columba's Church in Port Erin with a start time of 4.00pm. Admission will be free, with a retiring collection for Band funds to support similar visits in the future.



Ian Porthouse was born into a family of musicians, his father was a cornetist whilst his mother a pianist/singer. Ian started to play a brass instrument at age 5, and by the time he turned 16, became the leader of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. It was Richard Evans who invited Ian to join the Leyland Vehicles Band in 1984 and

within six months he became the new principal cornet at the age of 17. Ian went on to play with both Desford Colliery Band and Black Dyke Mills Band gaining numerous honours during his time with both. Ian took up the baton with Tredegar Town Band in 2008 and is the only conductor ever to lead a band to victory at the Grand Shield and British Open in the same year with Tredegar's memorable double in 2010.

Ian will be working with Rushen Silver Band from Thursday evening through to the Saturday concert, bringing his experience and expertise to continue to develop the musicality of the Band.

Rushen Silver Band
Workshop Concert
 with guest conductor
Ian Porthouse
Conductor of Tredegar Band
Saturday 22nd October
4.00pm
 at
 St Columba's Church,
 Port Erin

Admission Free
 with retiring collection for band funds

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at Erin Arts Centre

Rushen Silver Band
 with guest soloist
Paul Costain
Christmas Concert
 Saturday 26th
 November
 Tickets £10 3.00pm &
 (under 18 £2) 7.30pm

For tickets,
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Advance notification – Band Christmas Concert

With tickets selling quickly for previous year's Band Christmas Concerts, it has been decided this year to hold the same concert twice! The concert will take place in the afternoon (3pm) and (7.30pm) evening of Saturday 26th November at the Erin Arts Centre in Port Erin.

Tickets will be available to start with at the Workshop Concert at St Columba's Church on 22nd October priced at £10 (£2 for under 18s).



Parish of Rushen Concert

After the cancellation of the Band's two most recent concerts in August (due to the weather on Port Erin beach) and in September (the passing of Queen Elizabeth I), the Band were pleased to be providing music again after a two month absence, to the local community at St Catherine's Church in Port Erin on 22nd September.

Much of the planned programme for the cancelled 'Stage & Screen Concert' was used for the recent Parish concert; it was greatly appreciated as being something different than normal by the audience in attendance. The programme included a varied choice of music including 'Breezing Down Broadway', 'Star Wars', 'Selection from Grease', 'The Floral Dance', and 'Lord of the Dance'. The solo 'Bring Him Home' was also performed by euphonium player Martin Norbury.



A thank you was extended to the Parish of Rushen for holding these concerts and for their generous donation to Band funds. The Band had already been invited back in 2023 to perform again to what always is a good audience.

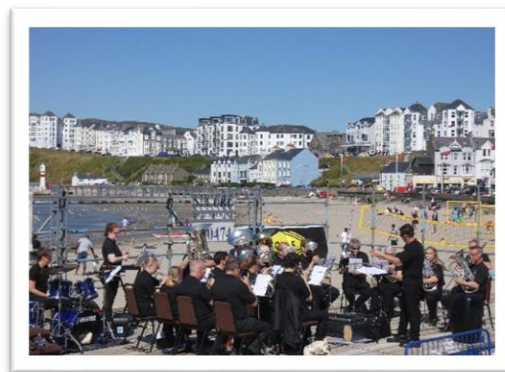
Concerts over the summer months

Since the release of the last newsletter in May, the Band have played at a number of events over the summer months.



We were pleased to be invited to participate in the 125th anniversary of Castletown Metropolitan Band event that took place in Castletown Square in June. Six of the local bands each played a

programme of varied music, the evening finishing with all the players providing a short programme as a massed band. The sunny weather on the day also enabled a good audience to be present throughout the day and similar weather was experienced when the Band performed an afternoon concert at the end of July on the bandstand on Port Erin Beach.



Unfortunately the good weather wasn't about for the planned Open Air Service at Ballakilpheric Chapel in the middle of June, meaning the service took place inside this year. Similar weather was experienced when the Band was due



to perform another afternoon concert in August on the bandstand on Port Erin Beach meaning the concert had to be cancelled.



Two other events that took place in July. Firstly we were pleased to welcome back our good friend and renowned composer Alan Fernie, and his three day visit included a number of rehearsals culminating in a concert that included both the senior Band and the Band's training band, Ballafesson Brass. The event saw members of both

bands combining to finish the concert programme.



For the second concert in July, the Band were delighted to be invited to provide the music for the ordination service for Graeme Easton, Band President and Treasurer of the Friends of the Band. Graeme was ordained a Deacon at St Mary's Church in Douglas. The Band played that well that we may have even secured a trip to Liverpool in the future to play in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral!



Mona Queen III Memorial

Earlier in the year, the Mona's Queen III memorial service took place at the end of May.

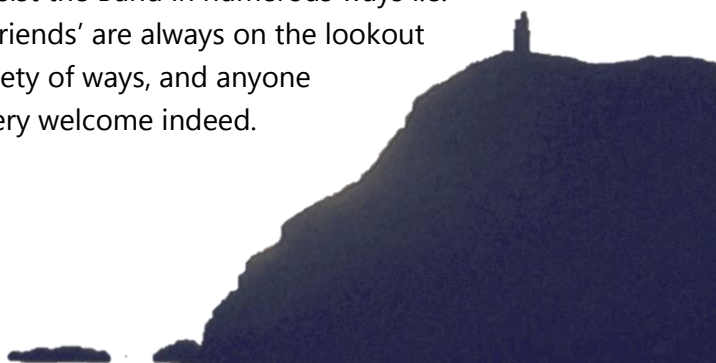


Each year on 29th May, a service is held at Kallow Point, Port St Mary, in memory of those that lost their lives when the ship sank in 1940. The service is held at the memorial where the anchor of the ship is now located.

This year the service took place in glorious weather with a good crowd there for the commemoration. Thanks especially to the Band's principal cornet, Ashley Cole, who played the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

'Friends' Annual General Meeting

The 'Friends of Rushen Silver Band' will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Bandroom on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm. The 'Friends' organise a range of events during the year including coffee mornings, with all proceeds raised going to assist the Band in numerous ways i.e. with instruments, uniforms, music courses, etc. The 'Friends' are always on the lookout for new members who might be able to help in a variety of ways, and anyone open to supporting our local Band would be made very welcome indeed.



Dates for your diary...



Saturday 22 nd October	Workshop Concert with Ian Porthouse (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	4.00pm
Wednesday 16 th November	Friends of the Band AGM (at the Bandroom)	7.30pm
Friday 25 th November	Ballafesson Brass Christmas Concert (at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	6.00pm
Saturday 27 th November	Band Christmas Concert (in Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	3.00pm and 7.30pm
Friday 2 nd December	PSM Commissioners Celebration of Christmas (at Town Hall, Port St Mary)	7.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Ballafesson Chapel Christmas Concert (at the Ballafesson Chapel)	7.45pm
Saturday 10 th December	Friends of the Band Christmas Coffee Morning (at St Catherine's Church Hall, Port Erin)	10.00am
Sunday 11 th December	PSM RNLi Carol Service (in Mount Tabor Church, Port St Mary)	3.00pm
Monday 12 th December	Ballasalla School Carol Evening (at Ballasalla School)	7.15pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Community carols (at Scoill Phurt le Moirrey)	7.15pm
Thursday 15 th December	Port Erin Commissioners Carol Service (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.00pm
Sunday 18 th December	St Columba's Church Nativity Service (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	1.00pm

All events are subject to change. Carolling dates and times will be made available as part of the December 2022 newsletter for information. Details of other planned events for the Band and Ballafesson Brass can be found on the Band 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:

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