



Sounds from the South

Rushen Silver Band Newsletter

July 2025



New Lifeboat for Port Erin

The Band are pleased to be invited to provide the music for the Naming Ceremony for the new Port Erin lifeboat which is due to take place on Saturday 12th July. The Service will be held on the Raglan Pier by the Boathouse past the lower promenade in the village. The Band have been invited to provide some pre-ceremony music from midday with the Service due to start at 12.30pm. We're looking forward to a good day for it!!



Photo courtesy of RNLI/Adrian Don



Arts Council Summer Season Concert

The Band will be providing the music at the Villa Marina Arcade in Douglas on the evening of Tuesday 15th July as part of the Arts Council Summer Season of music. The concerts this year will be starting slightly earlier at 7.30pm and will finish no later than 9pm. The Band always enjoy playing in the Arcade and hope to see many of our Douglas based supporters there. Admission is free of course to these concerts.

Ballakilpheric Chapel 175th Anniversary Service

The Band have been invited to provide music and accompany the hymns at Ballakilpheric Chapel's 175th Anniversary Service on the afternoon of Sunday 20th July. The Service will commence at 3pm with refreshments served afterwards, and hopefully the weather will be good enough for the event to be held outdoors in the field opposite the Chapel.

Concert with Castleford Young Musicians

The Band are pleased to welcome Castleford Young Musicians to the Island over the last weekend in July this year. As part of their visit, the Band and the Musicians will join forces for a joint concert on the evening of Saturday 26th July. The concert will be held at St Columba's Church, Port Erin, at 7.30pm. Further details of the concert will be circulated as soon as they are available.

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Cliff Top Concert

The Band are delighted to have been invited back to Groulle Glen Railway to provide a Cliff Top Concert again in 2025. This year's concert event is taking place on Sunday 10th August, with the Band providing the 1pm slot for an hour long outdoor concert by the Cafe. We hope to see you there even more so if you enjoy brass bands and trains of course.

Beach Bandstand Concert

All being well and for the first time in three years, we are hoping this event isn't cancelled due to the weather, but the Band are hoping to put on another bandstand concert on Port Erin beach on the afternoon of Sunday 24th August. The concert will start at 3pm, and is free to all who attend what hopefully will be a wonderful late August bank holiday weekend.



Parish of Rushen Concert

The Band have been invited back again to participate in the Parish of Rushen Concert Season for 2025. Our second concert of the season will take place on Thursday 18th September starting at 7.30pm at the newly refurbished St Catherine's Church in Port Erin. Admission to the concert is free, with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. A collection will also be taken at the end of the concert to be split between the Church and the Band.

Events so far in 2025

The Band have had a busy few months since the last newsletter was released. We started off with our first concert of the season at St Catherine's Church in early April which was well attended, and this was followed by the Band participating again in the Laxey Brass Band Festival. On a dry and bright day, six Island bands played around three locations in the village and the event culminated with all six bands forming a massed band in the village square to complete the afternoon which was enjoyed by a good crowd around all the locations.



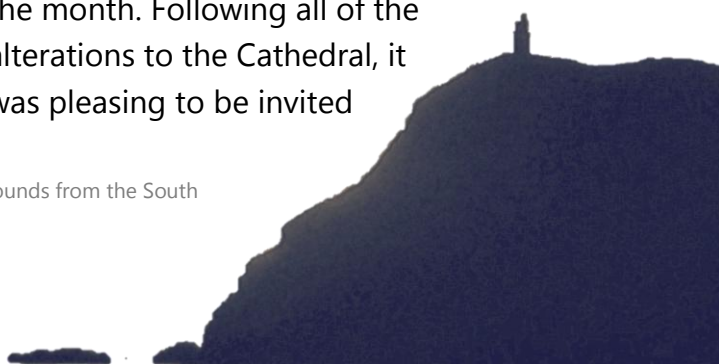
June commenced with the Band providing a Beach Bandstand Concert in Port Erin on the Monday of TT week which went down very well both with locals and visitors alike. And following on from this, the annual joint concert between the senior band and the training band, Ballafesson Brass, took place at Peel Cathedral for a change at the end of the month. Following all of the alterations to the Cathedral, it was pleasing to be invited

and everybody involved had a wonderful night.

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And finally and going back earlier in the year to the month of March, the Band invited over Keith Farrington and engineer Phil Hardman to record the Band's fourth CD at Scooil Phurt le Moirrey. The plan is for the CD to be released at the concert with Alan Fernie in mid October so please keep a watch on the Band's Facebook page and local media for more details nearer the time.

Remembering Mrs Joyce Corlett

Rushen Silver Band was saddened to hear of the passing of Joyce Corlett MBE earlier in the year. Joyce was a lifetime supporter of the band along with many other community organisations including the Erin Arts Centre, Rushen Emergency Ambulance and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

An acclaimed musician in her own right having won the Cleveland Medal in 1982, she supported the arts in all its forms. Joyce was a founder member and President of the Ladies Committee of Rushen Silver Band which later became the 'Friends of the Band', she acted as compere, was an Honorary Life Member of the Band, served as Band President, was a popular guest soloist for Band concerts and past winner of the Dave Smith Memorial Shield for Services to the Band in her own right on 3 separate occasions and one further time as a member of the Ladies Committee.

Joyce also collected much of the Band's history over the last 50 or more years, with the Band holding many of the scrapbooks she created in our archive.

Always supportive and present at Band concerts, coffee morning and fairs, Joyce was a larger than life character and an indomitable force of nature and will be greatly missed by all the Rushen Silver Band family.



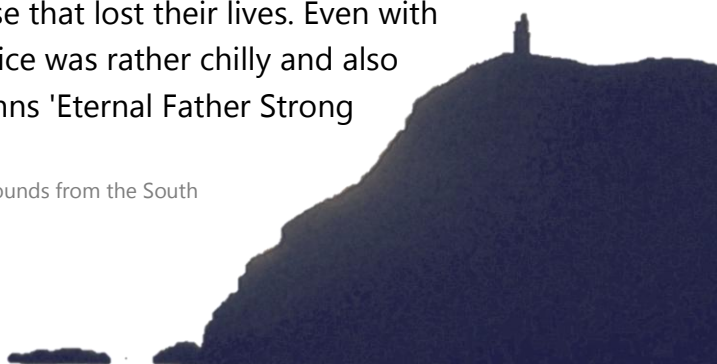
Mona's Queen III Memorial Service

The Mona's Queen III Memorial Service took place on the evening of Thursday 29th May at Kallow Point, Port St Mary.



The Isle of Man Steam Packet boat, Mona's Queen, was one of the first vessels to make a successful round trip during the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940. Unfortunately, just two days later, on the 29th May, the ship struck a magnetic sea mine outside Dunkirk harbour early in the morning and it sank in two minutes with the loss of 24 of the crew.

The service that takes place each year on the same date, is held in memory of those that lost their lives. Even with it being the end of May, the weather for the service was rather chilly and also slightly damp in the air, but the Band played hymns 'Eternal Father Strong



to Save' and 'Abide With Me' along with both the Royal and Manx National Anthems. Principal Cornet, Ashley Cole, also played the Last Post and Reveille.

The Band were also very proud to see one of our Ballafesson Brass members, Harry Morgan, performing the duty of Standard Bearer for the Sea Cadets.

Dates for your diary...



Saturday 12 th July	Naming Ceremony for new PE Lifeboat (at Lifeboat Station, Port Erin)	12.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Arts Council Summer Season Concert (at Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas)	7.30pm
Sunday 20 th July	175th Anniversary Church Service (at Ballakilpheric Chapel)	3.00pm
Saturday 26 th July	Joint Concert with Castleford Young Musicians (at St Columba's Church, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Sunday 10 th August	Cliff Top Concert (at Groudle Glen Railway Cafe)	1.00pm
Sunday 24 th August	Port Erin Beach Bandstand Concert (at Port Erin Beach)	3.00pm
Thursday 18 th September	Parish of Rushen Concert (at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Saturday 18 th October	Joint Concert with Alan Fernie (at Rushen Primary School)	3.00pm
Friday 28 th November	Ballafesson Brass Christmas Concert (at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	7.30pm
Saturday 29 th November	Band Christmas Concert (at Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin)	3.00pm & 7.30pm



All events are subject to change. Details of other planned events for the Band and Ballafesson Brass can be found on the Band website:

www.rushensilverband.org.im/engagements

Thank you to Phil Woodford for another fabulous cartoon ☺

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