



ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

Bradwell Band fulfilled two public engagements during August, both conducted by Vaughan Bower. The first of these was the annual horticulture show at Drayton Parslow, on Saturday 21st August. Because of holidays we struggled to get a reasonable band out for this event.

The following day with considerable help from players of other local bands we managed to get a larger band for the annual meeting of the de Havilland Tiger Moths Club held in the grounds of Woburn Abbey. We are grateful to Vaughan for taking the Band at these engagements and to our guest players for giving up their time to help us out.

On Saturday 28th August members of the Band played at the wedding of Pat Checkley's son, both in the Church and afterwards at the reception.



We received the following letter of thanks from Kathy and Pat.

Dear Band members

Kathy and myself would like to convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to the members who played at Karen and Simon's wedding on Saturday.

Special thanks go out to Brian for returning to direct the Band, to Keith for his work on the musical arrangements to the hymns, to David (Tug) for

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returning to play and finally to Helen who willingly stepped down a position to allow Tug to play principle cornet for the day.

Many thanks to you all.

The day for us all was an overwhelming success from the start to the finish without any hitches along the way. We had so many compliments from the guests about the Band's performance throughout. You helped to make the day so special for everyone.

Once again thank you all so much.

PLAYER NEWS

Kevin Haseldine will be leaving us this month as he starts his university course at Aberystwyth. We send him our best wishes and of course look forward to seeing him when he his home on holiday.

Steve Edwards continues to enjoy excellent contest results with the Newtown Band he conducts in Wales. At the recent National Eisteddfod his Band won the Third Section with a programme of music that comprised To Regions Fair, Angels Watching Over Me, Be A Clown and Stoic March. Incidentally, the whole event is shown on Welsh television which makes it the only brass band competition to be televised live in the UK.

I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Steve well for the forthcoming Third Section National Championships which take place in Harrogate on 12th September.

Two Heads Better Than One?

There has been a lot of discussion recently in the Brass Band world regarding the recommendation from the Association of Brass Band Adjudicators that two adjudicators instead of one should be appointed for all area contests.

The belief is that having two will relieve the pressure on the lone adjudicator who is expected to place each band that competes in order of merit. Over the years there have been numerous claims by bands who felt their final placing was lower than deserved and that it is unfair that one man's decision should decide the important issues of promotion and relegation.

I'm personally not convinced that having two instead of one will remove this attitude from the "we were robbed" brigade.

Quite apart from funding the additional costs of having two adjudicators how would the results be compiled? Will there be time between bands for a discussion between the two?

Whatever the decision, all bands that enter contests accept the rules and ultimately the adjudicator's decision is final.

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Broseley's MD to receive Award

We note with interest that the Musical Director of Broseley Brass is to be presented with a prestigious award.

The Mortimer Medal, awarded for services in teaching young people has been awarded to Paul Fensom, who has been head of Brent Music Services in London for the past 10 years. He is responsible for the musical education of more than 7500 pupils each week and has been a forthright and inspiring teacher and conductor in the London Area for many years. Paul has been in charge at Broseley since 2000 during which time he has guided them from the 3rd section to the first.

The awards will be presented at the British Open at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday, September 18 before the announcement of the results of the British Open contest.

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Dreadful Experience for Band in Park

Hemel Hempstead Band recently suffered a dreadful experience during a Sunday afternoon bandstand concert in Chesham.

The Band, many of whom are pensioners, were poised to start the second half of their programme when a young man in the park was the victim of a fatal stabbing.

Members of the band went to offer help and controlled the scene until the emergency services arrived. The victim was declared dead at the scene and band members had to make extensive statements to the police.

What should have been a pleasant sunny Sunday afternoon in the park had become a nightmare for the band and the large audience who had gathered to listen.

A Date for Your Diary

Occasionally there is an opportunity to hear some of the country's best bands performing in a venue close to home. One such concert to recommend is coming up on Saturday 23rd October at the Stantonbury Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This will feature not one but two of the finest bands around. The first is the Travelsphere Holidays Band from the Kettering area who are the current Midland Area champions. They were originally known as Munn and Felton, then G.U.S (Footwear) and more recently Rigid Containers.

The other band is the Enfield Citadel Band of the Salvation Army, one of the movement's most prestigious outfits who boast some fine soloists.

Tickets are priced at £8 and are likely to sell out early.

100 years Ago

Committee meeting held Sept 8th 1904

Present: Messrs J. Jones, W. Walters, F. Godfrey, F. Hill, H. Walters, J. Smith, E. Hardwick, S. Saunders, W. Hardwick (Bandmaster) and F.C. Sykes (treasurer)

Proposed by Mr. S Saunders, seconded by Mr. E. Hardwick that Mr. Sykes preside at this meeting – carried

Proposed by Mr. Hardwick, seconded by Mr. Walters that the question of the 1905 Band Journal stand over to the next meeting - carried

Proposed by Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that Mr. Farrow's application for a loan of £1-10s-0d (£1.50) for the purpose of assisting him to purchase a cornet be granted subject to him signing a legal agreement for the repayment of the same by Christmas next – carried

Proposed by Mr. Hardwick, seconded by Mr. Walters that the question of the Christmas Draw stand over to the next meeting

Proposed by Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Mr. C. Hardwick, that the arrangements for photographing the band be left in the hands of the bandmaster.

Proposed by Mr. Saunders, seconded Mr. Walton that the secretary and bandmaster arrange for the Saturday night dancing at the Assembly Hall – carried

Proposed by Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Mr. W. Hardwick a vote of thanks to the chairman – carried

Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

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October, any contributions to be handed in to the editor by September 30th please

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FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



Engagements will appear here when they are confirmed. Please look at the list carefully.

If you are not going to be available for any of these engagements you must let the Bandmaster and your Section leader know as soon as possible. This will allow time for arrangements to be made to cover any missing parts.

Saturday 18th September 2004
 7:30 p.m.
 Evening Concert

Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Giles
 High Street, Stony Stratford

Saturday 9th October
 7:30 p.m.
 Evening Concert

Parish Church of St. James, New Bradwell

