

# CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2008

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EASTER COURSE.

From Garry Cutt.

Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed the weekend. I thought the students reached and maintained a very high standard of performance throughout the concert, which was a very demanding programme of music. A thank you to all the members of your team for their support and friendly hospitality. Please pass on my congratulations to all the band next time you see them. And finally, my thanks to you for the kind invitation. Hope to see you again in the future.

Best wishes, Garry



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To Everyone at Cornwall Youth Brass Band!!

Many thanks for a truly wonderful course this Easter. I have just received the CD from the concert and it really is top class. It shows that all of the hard work on the course really did pay off.

It was fabulous to perform with such a wonderful group of young musicians and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. I have the CD on in my car now when I am travelling up and down the country and it always makes me smile thinking about the great time in Cornwall.

I am also proudly wearing my Youth Band fleece and my tie, although I did get some funny looks when I turned up to a Fodens concert wearing it instead of my Fodens tie!! Many thanks for the invite to be part of the course. I am very glad I accepted and would love to come back at some stage in the future, even if just to give some much needed pool lessons!!

Many thanks!! Les Neish.

## WELCOME.

On behalf of the Trustees I am pleased to welcome Brian Minear as our new Music Co-ordinator and very much appreciate his enthusiasm and commitment in taking on the position. He will be working with our team of local Tutors in preparing rehearsal schedules and arranging the auditions for new musicians and the Principal Cornet as well as dealing with our Guest Conductors and Soloists. A former Principal Cornet of the Band himself he has many years of involvement with us and has always been a valued supporter of the work of the CYBB. His appointment follows the Trustees wish to involve our local Tutors more closely in the musical side of the Band, which they have welcomed. This process started last season with them taking rehearsals for individual pieces. This will continue, but with longer times allocated to each piece. Following comments received through the Players Representatives and the Course Comment Forms, Sectional Rehearsals will be reinstated at the monthly rehearsals.

Leonard Adams, Chairman.

## .BRITISH ARMY BRASS BAND.

The CYBB is hosting a visit to Cornwall by newly formed British Army Brass Band over the weekend of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March next year. The Band is made up of the finest brass musicians in the Regimental Bands around the Country. Their Director of Music is David Barringer and they get together just a few times each year. The British Army Brass Band will be giving a Concert in The Hall for Cornwall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, but it has not yet been decided whether the CYBB will be able to take part in the Concert. There will however be a series of Workshops and Master Classes with the Band over the weekend for CYBB Musicians, so make sure the dates are in your diary.

## WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION.

Our congratulations go to our Tutor, Alan Pope who has been awarded the 2008 Harry Mortimer Medal by The Worshipful Company of Musicians. This prestigious Medal was first awarded in 1995. It was endowed at the instigation of Mrs Margaret Mortimer, in memory of her late husband Harry, a Liveryman, from his Memorial Fund in recognition of services for the teaching of young people in the brass band movement. The Award will be presented to Alan at The British Open Brass Band Championships at Birmingham in September.

## PRINCIPAL CORNET.

In keeping with the current policy there will continue to be auditions for the Principal Cornet player for each new Course. For Christmas 2008 these will be at the first rehearsal on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Candidates should bring something they have prepared to play and will also be given a sight-reading test. Please let Phillip know in advance if you wish to audition for the position.

Anyone who wants the Tutors to know that they might be a suitable candidate in the future, even if they realise they are not quite up to it yet, are more than welcome to ask for an audition. We

then know to watch out for them.

#### NEW MUSICIANS.

Auditions for new Musicians to join the CYBB will take place by arrangement around the beginning of September. New musicians are always welcome at the start of each season and the best way to find them is by the recommendation of our existing musicians. We are sure you must all know someone who would enjoy the challenge and friendships of belonging to the CYBB. Whilst all instruments are welcome, this season we are particularly keen to welcome Euphonium players. Details of the straightforward Audition can be found on the Web Site, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk) or obtained from Phillip. Brian will be pleased to discuss any musical concerns on 01726 63686.

#### CYBB RECORDINGS.

CD's of the complete Christmas 2007 and Easter 2008 Concerts are still available through PM Sound. They can be obtained direct from Paul Martyn on 01872 263300 .

#### 2008/2009 PROGRAMME.

We have another exciting season lined up, with Ian Porthouse and Percussionist David Danford joining us at Christmas and Philip Harper returning for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course at Easter 2009. Among the music at Christmas is a major new piece the Band has commissioned from Simon Dobson. As yet untitled, it is his reaction to the tragic Penlee Lifeboat disaster in 1981, when the Solomon Browne was lost with all hands. Make sure the dates are in your Diary.

AUTUMN REHEARSALS 2008, Truro College. 10am to 4pm.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

CHRISTMAS COURSE 2008, Truro High School for Girls.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Guest Conductor, Ian Porthouse.

Guest Soloist, David Danford, Percussion.

WINTER/SPRING REHEARSALS 2009. Truro College 10am to 4pm.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

EASTER COURSE 2009, Truro High School for Girls. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Guest Conductor, Philip Harper. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course.

#### ROLE OF BAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The major role is to act as a link between the Musicians and the Trustees and Music Co-ordinator. To canvass, receive and pass on comments, opinions and suggestions from the Musicians, all of which, positive or not are welcomed. To attend, whenever possible, the regular meetings of the Trustees and contribute to those Meetings, though under the Charity Constitution of the CYBB voting on resolutions is not permitted. A full list of the responsibilities is available from Phillip. The two Representatives, one lady and one gentleman, are chosen by the Musicians at the first Rehearsal each season. They should ideally be musicians who have had some years experience with the CYBB and be prepared and able to travel to the St Austell Band Room for the Trustees Meetings around five times a year.

The current Representatives are Joanna Rowe and Jacob Pritchard, who have sent a message to say that they are happy as the Representatives for the Band and happy to deal with any problems

or concerns that may arise on the Courses. They hope to see everybody back in September with a friend or two, so that everyone can start work on the new music and are both excited about the next Course and looking forward to working with Ian Porthouse.

WEBSITE, [www.cybb.co.uk](http://www.cybb.co.uk)

Andrew Julian continues to put in a lot of work to maintain our Web Site to a high standard. Please make sure you look at it regularly as new items and photo galleries are continually being added, as well as extra information on the history of the CYBB. YOU may be there !!!

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PLEASE PASS IT ON. After reading and noting the Rehearsal and Course dates please pass this Newsletter on to your Parents, Guardians, Friends and anyone else interested in the CYBB.

**CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND.**

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