

Teesside's Longest Established Wind Band

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the band Newsletter. We are getting ready for a busy concert season and are working hard on new pieces of music. We have lots of exciting things planned for this year so keep an eye on our concert dates for the latest concert venues.

Thanks once again for your continued support and we hope to see you at one or more of our concerts this year.

Anne-Marie, Chairman

Concert for "A Friend"

In May last year, we were saddened to hear of the loss of one of our friends, Margaret Norgan. Margaret had been a loyal supporter of the band for over 30 years.



Margaret and her husband Mike, who passed away in 1996, first started supporting the band when their daughter Sue joined the band, way back in the 1980's. Mike also took on the role of band chairman for a number of years and

Margaret was always at his side supporting both Mike and the band. They both continued to support the band even when Sue left the area and moved away with work. Sue has since returned to the band and plays flute and her daughter Sarah is also in the band and plays alto sax.

We are hosting a concert in memory of Margaret and in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research, a charity both her and Mike supported for a number of years. The concert will take place in Christ Church, Great Ayton on Saturday 12th May 2018.

If you are interested in attending this event and would like tickets, please see details on the poster below.



#silverwoodontour

The band had another very successful weekend of concerts in the lake district again last September.

On the Saturday at the Mary Mount we entertained a very large crowd and the number of people who came up to us and thanked us at the end was overwhelming. (see pic below). We are once again going to visit the fells this year, concert dates are the 1st and 2nd September (full details are listed in the concert section of this newsletter).



Unfortunately it was a bit wet on the Sunday but we still managed to perform the majority of the concert and the crowd enjoyed it despite getting rained on.



If you fancy a day or two away, come and join us.

We even had a visit from Sir Tom Jones whilst playing his music.



Return to the Tabernacle

This year's concert in the Stockton Tabernacle will be on Saturday 9th June, if you fancy popping along for a good night of music and entertainment, how to get tickets is detailed below:

We will once again be joined by the Boys Brigade corps of drums showing off their skills. The Boys Brigade will also be providing the refreshments at the interval.



Concert Dates

Here's the line-up so far for this year's concerts:

- 12th May Christ Church, Great Ayton, 7.00pm–9.00pm
- 3rd June Ropner Park, Stockton 2.00pm–4.00pm
- 17th June Saltburn Bandstand,
 2.30pm 4.00pm
- 7th July, St Hilda's Church, Hartlepool, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- 1st September The Mary Mount Hotel, Keswick, 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- 2nd September The Coledale Inn, Braithwaite, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- 16th September Saltburn Bandstand, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

The concert list evolves throughout the year and we have a couple of irons in the fire for further events, the up-to-date list is always on www.silverwoodband.org.uk, so please keep an eye out.

Congratulations Alex

One of the band's trombone players Alex Evans has recently passed his Grade 7 piano exam with distinction, Well done Alex, Fantastic Achievement.



Band Banter

Our Musical Director, Stuart Shields posted this on the members Facebook page recently...How true this is!!!



Music Mania

We are constantly trying to refresh our music library and we love to hear from our audiences about what music they like, what they would like to hear us play etc. We are in the process of developing and online survey for listeners to complete to let us know their views on what we play and what they would like us to play...Watch this space for further information.

Shine Festival of Music

The Silverwood band had the pleasure of sponsoring the Woodwind and Brass Grade 8 class at the recent Shine Music Festival in Middlesbrough. The award was won by 12 year old Lily Smith.

The festival was launched in March 2017, with a variety of supports from local organisations and individuals. The festival was launched to serve musicians of all ages and abilities and al backgrounds across the Tees Valley are and beyond.

If you would like more information on this event please go to:

www.shinefestival.co.uk

or

Follow them on facebook:

@shinefestivalteesvalley

Contacts and Committee

The management committee of the band:

Chairman : Anne-Marie BillingtonVice Chairman : Alison Lambert

• Secretary : Jean Neale

Minutes Secretary: Gabby Caswell

Treasurer: Gary Douglas

Committee Members:

- Karen Lindsay
- Margo Waites
- Sarah Harkess

Facebook

We're on Facebook.

Have a look, like our page:

"The Silverwood Band"

We also have a "Friends of the Silverwood Band" page where information is shared.

We are also on twitter and have a band "twit" who regularly updates this so follow us at:

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Next Edition

The next edition of this newsletter is planned for Summer 2018.

We apologise that this is the first newsletter of the year, it has been a very busy time but we promise to still get you the four issues of the newsletter as promised.

