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EDITOR'S NOTES

I would like to start this issue by saying on behalf of the band, a sincere thank you to all of the Friends of The Band who have attended our concerts in 2016. We have been very pleased to receive your comments on the content of our programmes as it's always good to know what you enjoy and hopefully continue to support us.

Please note from the Diary Dates that we are adding a Spring Concert this year which we hope will become an annual event and that we will be joined by one or more groups from local schools who share the enjoyment of making music. This year it will be pupils from Chelmer Valley High School with a small choir and some instrumental soloists. Trinity Methodist Church will be a new venue for us to perform in so please come along and share what promises to be a very enjoyable evening with us.

As you probably already know all of our members now pay a modest annual subscription fee to play in the band and we are pleased to say that despite this being introduced we have been able to welcome four new players. Brian Vincent on Bb bass, Philippa Smith on tenor horn, Dave Spragg on bass trombone and Bethan Spragg on cornet who at 12 years old is our youngest member. It may also interest you to know that our band now has only one member that is still a serving police officer, DS Lisa Hurrell who sits in the repiano cornet seat.

Finally, congratulations to Emma (tenor horn) and Alex on the birth of Mabel Ivy on 7th October and to brother Nick (Soprano Cornet) and Amy a son Noah James on 9th October.



INTRODUCING ANDY THE BAND SECRETARY

This may be the first of many such articles about individual members, especially if the Editor is short of copy, but we thought it would be nice to hear more about who we are.

Who better to start with than the Band Secretary, for those who don't know me I'm Andy and I sit well within the Trombone section on Bass Trombone. Back in the 1970's I was a young Constable at Brentwood and joined Billericay Silver Band where a colleague was the Bandmaster. It was there that I met a cornet player, Wendy, who had also joined Essex Police, and within a year we were married (in 1976) both working at Brentwood, we joined the Police Band later that year; Wendy still plays in the band on the Solo Horn stand. It seems so long ago now, our children are grown up, we have four grandchildren, and celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary this month. We both retired early but still never seem to have enough time for all that we want to do.

The Band Secretary, or in some bands called the Band Manager, loosely co-ordinates the running of the band with other committee members doing much of the vital work. For those of you who do similar roles in clubs and other groups, you will know that once you accept the job it is very hard to leave it, although in this band it is made so much easier by Ted, a very efficient Assistant Secretary.

I play as part of a much-maligned section, the Trombones, we are the butt of most of the jokes and friendly banter but give as good as we get; perhaps it is because we have slides not valves? But it is all in good humour because we have a very happy band.

We enjoy making music together and hope that shows in our concerts.

VISIT TO THE SOMME BATTLEFIELD

In September the band were proud to accompany members of the Essex Police Military History Club and the Chief Constable to the unveiling ceremony of a plaque to commemorate the lives of serving police officers who lost their lives in The Great War.

A more comprehensive report can be seen on our website on the Newsletters page.



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Once again the band got into festive mode for the second half of the concert which usually turns out to be a noisy affair with party poppers and balloons going off all over the place.

A good time was had by all and we were able to send a cheque for £250 to St Clare's Hospice to help with their valuable work in West Essex and East Hertfordshire.



BAND DIARY DATES FOR 2017

May

Saturday 13th 7.30pm Spring concert with Guest Choir and Soloists from Chelmer Valley High School at Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB
Tickets £5 Order form enclosed with Newsletter and on our Website

June

Saturday 24th 2.00pm Concert at Herongate Woodland Cemetery, Herongate

July

Wednesday 26th 10.45am & 1.30pm Royal Flower Show, Sandringham

October

Saturday 7th 7.30pm Guests of Essex Police Choir at their Annual Charity at Chelmsford Cathedral

November

Saturday 4th 7.30pm Joint Concert with Chelmsford Citadel Salvation Army band in their Citadel at 70, Badow Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0DD

December

Saturday 2nd 7.30pm The Festival of Trees Great Waltham Parish Church

Friday 15th 7.30pm Christmas concert in Assembly Hall at Essex Police HQ

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