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Andover Town Band

Happy New Year 2025!

Welcome to another New Year and what an exciting one we have ahead.



It's been a while since we last made contact, but rest assured we are still here. It's time to give you an update on what we have been up to. I'd be surprised if you haven't seen us around during the festive season, we performed a massive 15 engagements during the Christmas period, from caroling outside Tesco, to the sellout performance of The Snowman in The Lights Theatre, I don't think the band or audience will forget that one in a hurry, especially the little girl at the end saying goodbye to the Snowman as he melted away. We also had a festive Elf selling raffle and tombola tickets.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Clatford Primary School for their wonderful singing of Walking In The Air during this performance, and also to Peter Coates who many of you will know from being the Head of Music at Winton School for many years. Peter expertly navigated the piano score along with the band to rapturous applause from the audience.

In addition to this we completed the day when we welcomed the Barton Stacey Chamber Choir to support us in our annual Christmas Concert making this an evening of voice and Brass. With a special thanks to Test Valley Borough Council for the support, the band performed favourites like Little Drummer Boy, Away in A Manger and a variety of carols. Who could also forget Martin Dean bringing Frosty the Snowman to life with a Bass Trombone Solo. The band and audience had a great evening and went home feeling very Christmassy.



Festival Of Remembrance, 9th November.

Our yearly festival of Remembrance concert was again held at the Andover Baptist Church in aid of Royal British Legion, with Veterans, serving Army personnel and local dignitaries, ATB created a reflective atmosphere playing Poppy Fields of Flanders (Hymn to the Fallen) for the building of the Drum Head, along with the most popular I Vow to Thee my Country and Nimrod.



Oktoberfest 2024

Back in October we had great fun during Oktoberfest and entertained the party goers at The Oak in Smannell, where Oompah Pah was definitely on the menu. The band were keen to fully engage in the spirit of the German Traditional Beer Festival by dressing appropriately and enjoying the odd stein or two. We are hoping in the future we will be able to run our own Oktoberfest event at our own bandroom, but more on that at a later date.



A new partnership formed with Enham Trust

In September 2024 the band were delighted to confirm a new working partnership with Enham Trust.

Enham Trust is a disability charity based in Hampshire supporting almost 7,000 disabled people each year to live, work and enjoy life. Their services focus on care, housing and employment, promoting independence, choice and achievement. The charity was established in 1921 in the village of Enham Alamein, originally to rehabilitate servicemen disabled in the First World War.

The band moved into their new home on Enham Trust's main site in late September on a temporary basis, until such time a more permanent location is available to us courtesy of Enham Trust. We also hope to use this future space for upcoming concerts, open rehearsals and so much more, including our very own Oktoberfest! Stay Tuned...



For more information about Enham Trust and the amazing work they do supporting disabled people, please visit their website at www.enhamtrust.org.uk

Last year saw the band appoint a new Musical Director.

Sara Maganzini already having earned a Diploma in Clarinet, began studying Conducting at an early age, enrolling at ISEB (Istituto Superiore Europeo Bandistico) in Mezzocorona (I) where, whilst studying with Mr Jan Cober, she obtained the Three-Year Diploma, for this occasion she conducted the Rundfunk Blasorchester Leipzig (D). She then continued her studies at the Maastricht Conservatorium (NL), still with Mr Cober, where she obtained the Bachelor in HaFaBra Conducting in September of 2012, for this occasion conducting the Koninklijk Harmonie Eijsden (NL).



From 2013 in order to continue her Conducting studies she attended a school in Slovenia, with Mr Jan Cober, working with the Slovenian Army professional military band and the Croatian Navy professional military band. In 2014 she returned to ISEB in order to attend the "Advanced" two-year course, studying with Mr Josè Rafael Pascual Vilaplana (E) and Mr Alex Schillings (NL) which she finished in June 2016. Since 2015 she has begun studying Composition at the Conservatorio di Musica "Bonporti" in Riva del Garda (I). From 2017 she studied HaFaBra conducting at the Koninklijk Conservatorium Den Haag (NL) in the class of M^o Alex Schillings where she obtained the Masters in June 2020.

Band Members with Alan Tichmarsh on the telly



Back in the summer, fortunately on one of days it didnt rain, the band were approached by Love your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh to record an episode. Unfortunatly ATB couldnt get enough players as recording was done during the week, however Michelmersh did commit to the job and a few of our players were delighted to go along and help. Kay, Alison, Jacky and Paul joined Michelmersh for the afternoon and starred front and centre with Alan and also met Sue Barker. Fame at Last!

An Exciting Re-Launch

ATB Training Band and Prospects

Thursday 20th March 2025

After Covid, the band successfully rebuilt, but after the departure of Marie and Dave Wilds from our Youth and Community Band we struggled to find a replacement to drive this forward. However, we are excited to announce that we have now managed to fill this position and we are ready to re-brand and re-launch our new **Training Band with Prospects**. With valued support from Stannah, we have also invested in **pBuzz** which is a beginner brass instrument, so it doesn't matter if you can play a C Scale or are a complete novice we would love to welcome you.



Music starts here!



pBuzz is easy to play, a fun to learn instrument that children, parents and teachers around the world are buzzing about! If you are looking to give your child their first instrument and spark a new passion, we have the perfect course to get them started. For more information please contact us via email info@andovertownband.com or check out our website www.andovertownband.com

Friends of the Band

The running of a brass band is a very expensive activity and at ATB all playing members pay subscriptions to help with the running costs. On top of this the band raises money in a variety of ways. The band has been very fortunate to receive many donations from individuals who wanted to support the band. Subsequently ATB are pleased to announce the Friends of Andover Town Band Scheme. Friends will receive regular communications, including this newsletter, discounted tickets, advance notice of events and so on. If you are interested please complete the attached form and return to us at *Andover Town Band, 5 Settler Close, Andover Hants SP11 6TD* or email it to: friends@andovertownband.co.uk



ATB on Facebook and Instagram

If you use Facebook or Instagram why not look up Andover Town Band? These pages are where you can keep up to date with news, photos, videos, forthcoming events and the odd bit of gossip!

www.andovertownband.com

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