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Contests, concerts, carols and so much more – the members of ATB have certainly been busy since the last time you heard from us!



Wessex Winter Contest...

In November, the band competed at the annual Wessex Brass Band Association Winter Contest. The band played exceptionally well, winning the award for best third section and beating many bands from higher sections with a sterling performance of Kenneth Downie's 'Purcell Variations' (*which can be heard at our concert on the 2nd May*).

Christmas 2014:

Andover Town Band certainly embraced the festive season of 2014 and performed at a number of events, raising money for various charities and spreading festal cheer to the local community.

ATB provided entertainment to those taking part in the snowflake trail, an event run by the *Enham Trust*, seeing many enjoy the music on their trip to Santa's grotto. Then came the band's annual Christmas concert which was sold out once again- with a whopping £1000 being donated to the Stroke Association! The band performed many pieces, all celebrating the joy of Christmas and there was even time for a surprise visit from Father Christmas.

Carolling sessions were held at supermarkets and care homes as Andover Town Band entertained onlookers and spread Christmas cheer to all. Also, the band were honoured to be invited to play at the Andover Baptist Church 'carols by candlelight' service to a packed audience who appreciated the depth of emotion the music added to the service. And, as tradition goes, the band entertained the Chantry Centre on Christmas-eve at the last engagement of the year in which many ex-members flocked to enjoy a get together followed by mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas card exchanges.





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Wessex Youth & Training Band Contest 2015:



The Andover Town Training Band also revelled in glory after a brilliant result at the Wessex Youth/Training Band contest. The band have developed quite the reputation at this event after year upon year of mass trophy winning. And, although there was worry the band may not do as well (with many principal players having recently left for university), the less experienced players certainly stood up to the mark; putting on a fantastic performance. At the end of a cold January day, the band walked away with trophies for: best training band, best performance of a hymn tune, best instrumentalist to principal cornet- Adam Large and best overall band.

Regional Championships...

The 2015 West of England Regional Championships saw a record number of bands heading down to the Riviera centre, Torquay. As a second section band, ATB were given the challenge of playing the piece, *Variations on Maccabeus* by Kevin Norbury (*which can also be heard at our concert on the 2nd May*). The piece is both descriptive and engaging to listen to but very challenging and took a lot of rehearsing to pull together. However, the band certainly delivered on the day, coming away with a very respectable 6th out of 15.



Recruitment:

ATB offers each member the opportunity to learn, develop and reach their full potential via an exceptional education programme, brilliant tutors and experienced players. Learning an instrument and playing in an ensemble is both challenging and rewarding; not only developing musicianship but confidence, teamwork, perseverance and much more. So, if you want to or know anyone that might be interested in joining, email info@andovertownband.co.uk or visit our website at www.andovertownband.co.uk for more information.



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“An Evening of Test Valley Music & Song”

Andover Town Band & Romsey Male Voice Choir present an evening you certainly don't want to miss! ATB will be performing both pieces from their recent contest successes- Purcell Variations (Kenneth Downie) and Variations on Maccabeus (Kevin Norbury), along with a collection of solos and pieces we're sure you'll enjoy. Romsey Male voice choir are also a renowned choir, winning choral competitions aplenty. An evening of musical pleasure and enjoyment is promised for all. With a joint finale, you can witness the beautiful fusion of brass and voice. Organised by the Rotary Club, raising money for local charities- Tickets are available from Bath travel or on 01264324056.

Tickets are selling fast so don't delay!

**An Evening of Test Valley
Music & Song**

featuring

**The Romsey Male Voice Choir
& The Andover Town Band**



St. Mary's Church, Andover, Saturday 2nd May 2015



Rotary Andover

Doors Open 6:30pm, concert start at 7pm

Tickets £12.50 available from **BATH TRAVEL (Andover) &
Romsey Tourist Information Centre, 13 Church Street, Romsey**

In Aid of
The Countess of Brecknock Hospice
and other local Charities

ATB Diary:

Event:	Where:	Date:	Time:
An evening of Test Valley Music and Song	St Mary's Church	Saturday 2 nd May	7pm
Time Ring	Andover Town Centre	Saturday 16 th May	10:30am
Wherwell fete	Wherwell	Saturday 13 th June	1pm
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sunday 21 st June	10 am
Last Night of the Proms	St. Michael's Church	Saturday 4 th July	7:30 pm
Time Ring	Andover Time Ring	Saturday 18 th July	10:30 am
Andover Carnival	Andover	Sunday 19 th July	
Longparish fete	Longparish	Saturday 5 th September	1pm
Time Ring	Andover Time Ring	Saturday 17 th October	10:30 am
Autumn concert	The Lights, Andover	Saturday 31 st October	7:30pm