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Andover Town Band

Welcome to the latest ATB newsletter as we start another exciting year with the band, and review the last 6 months.

Andover Town Band
presents:
A Spring Collection

Bridge Street Methodist Church
Andover SP10 1BL
Saturday 24th February 2018 at 7.00pm

Tickets £10, families £25 (2 adults, 2 children)
available from the church.
Or reserve your seat by calling (01264) 324056

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“A Spring Collection”

The band is next in concert at the Methodist Church in Bridge Street, Andover on Saturday 24th February 2018 at 7pm. The concert will feature our Youth/Community Band as well as the Town Band. The program will be featuring some exciting new music, as well as some well-known favourites. The Andover Town Band will also be playing *Brass Metamorphosis*, composed by the popular American Salvationist, James Curnow. This is an original brass band composition which presents a series of musical challenges. The band has enjoyed rehearsals so far, and would welcome your views on the piece! ATB will be playing this music in Torquay at the West of England Brass Band Championships on Saturday 10th March 2018.

We'd love to see many of you at the concert to share another evening of music making amongst friends old and new! Tickets are available from the church, or you can reserve by calling 01264 324 056.

Review of Christmas 2017

The Andover Town Band set a new record for the earliest Christmas carols heard in Andover, with the first Christmas engagement in October, performing at the Wyevale Garden Centre! In December, the highlight of the season was a duo of “Home” & “Away” performances in Theale and Andover, where the band was joined by our friends from the Choirs of the Holy Trinity Church. The Band was kept busy performing at variety of locations throughout Andover, entertaining the shoppers, including the final fling at the Chantry Centre on Christmas Eve. The band then had the luxury of a whole week off from rehearsals, ready to start afresh in the New Year





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All Change at the ATB Youth/Community Band & Prospects

September 2017 marked the end of an era, with Steve and Alison Large stepping down from conducting duties with the Youth/Community Band & Prospects respectively. The band, players and parents are immensely grateful for all the hard work put in by Steve and Alison for such a long time. Time for a well-earned rest! Meanwhile Steve remains as conductor & chief motivator of the Andover Town Band, and Alison as principal & leader of the baritone section (and on the odd occasion organising Steve)!

September 2017 also marked the dawn of an exciting new era with a fresh new team taking over, with Dave Wilds and Paul Kennet taking over conducting duties with the Youth/Community Band, and Marie Wilds with Prospects. All three are superb musicians, playing with the Andover Town Band. We are extremely lucky to have all three devote time to pass on their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm.

ATB: the National 1st Section Awaits



As of 1st January 2018 the Andover Town Band has confirmed their status of competing in the National First Section. This is a huge honour for the band, when only 7 years ago ATB started their musical journey in the 4th Section. The challenges will be tougher, with more difficult music to play, and the competing bands at this level will be much harder to beat. The band will continue to work hard to face the challenges that lay ahead! Watch this space!

Cycle for Alice

On Wednesday 26th Jul 2017 ATB were honoured to play for the Amazing Alice charity at the Cycle for Alice event at the Thruxton Race Circuit. The band entertained the many hundreds of cyclist as they whizzed past on the race track, whilst over £6600 was raised for the charity! For more information please visit www.amazingalice.org or catchup with Amazing Alice on Facebook.



Keep in touch with ATB

ATB has its website, at www.andovertownband.com – why not check it out for the latest news, photos, and upcoming events. You can also catch up with the latest gossip on the bands Facebook page. Also check out our page on Facebook for the latest news, photos, information and occasional piece of gossip!

Upcoming concerts

The band has two more exciting concerts planned for the year. Details of tickets will follow later:

- Saturday 28th April 2018 (7pm) Basingstoke Salvation Army
- Saturday 21st July 2018 (7pm) Chilbolton Village Hall, Chilbolton