



## Just a Note Issue 9 **Andover Town Band**

A very warm welcome (no pun intended with the recent heat wave) to another Andover Town Band Newsletter. The band has had a busy summer so far, but we will all enjoy a slow-down in activities in August, ready for a busy time again starting in September. We are continuing to search for new recruits, so if you know anybody (but in particular children) who would like to learn to play a brass instrument, please put them in touch with us. The fantastic experiences, skills and friends made at ATB make it a superb hobby to be involved in. The next public appearance will be at the Trout and About Festival, in Stockbridge High Street on 4<sup>th</sup> August, when ATB will be playing from 12.30 to 13.30 and 15.00 to 16.00. This is a highly popular event, attracting large crowds and we would be delighted to see you all there.

### Race for Life

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July an enthusiastic and energetic group of ladies and girls from ATB formed the Brass Bras team for the annual Race for Life. The fundraising event for Cancer Research UK was held this year at the Newbury showground. On a stifling hot morning the ladies and girls walked, jogged and ran their way around the 5km course, in the process raising an incredible total of over £1500! The event held a very special significance this year, with the Brass Bras team participating especially for a brave young lady called Alice. Afterwards the girls and ladies took a very short rest before returning to Andover to take part in the Carnival, for yet more exercise!



### Andover Carnival

On one of the hottest afternoons of the year some 35 musicians from ATB gathered at the council offices at Beech Hurst, to make their debut appearance at the Andover Carnival, on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Decked out in a splendid set of multi-coloured braces, the band took a leisurely pace along the route playing 2 rather funky pieces. The thousands of people lining the pavements showed their delight at the bands entertaining style, by dancing and clapping all the way to the finish line at the Vigo Road Park. It was an exhausting but thoroughly enjoyable experience.

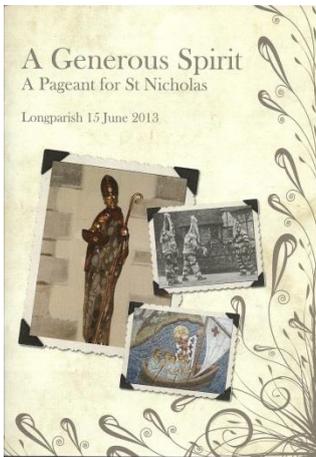


### Longstock Water Gardens

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Andover Town Band were given special permission to marshal the open afternoon whereby the proceeds were donated to the band. The weather was fantastic and over 500 people enjoyed the magnificent Water Gardens, which are rated as one of the best in the world. ATB performed at the entrance to the Gardens, with the music clearly audible throughout the gardens, creating a rather special atmosphere throughout the gardens. Thanks go to the John Lewis Partnership.



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## Longparish Pageant

ATB were privileged to be invited to play in the Longparish Pageant on 15 June, working once again with Rev Professor June Boyce Tillman who wrote the script and music. Over 100 performers combined on the evening, including the St Nicholas CE School Choir, the Longparish Village Choir, the Longparish Players, the Spotlight Singers and ATB. The Pageant was based on the life and stories of St Nicholas. The first part of the Pageant was performed in the school field, then a processional hymn sung to the tune of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' led the performers and audience to the St Nicholas Church, for the second part of Pageant. It was an amazing evening with so many performers contributing to the success of the Pageant.

## ATB Memories

At ATB we are very grateful to have been passed the photo shown to the right. It features the Andover Town Band taken in 1957 playing in the Andover Carnival, marching along the High Street. Tom Waters was the conductor, pictured on the left, with his son Douglas playing next to him. We are always keen to learn of past players and such memories, so if you do have any older photos please do get in touch.



## ATB Diary

Event	Where	Date	Time
Trout and About	Stockbridge	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.30-13.30 & 15.00-16.00
Longparish Fete	Longparish	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13:30-16:00
Last Night of the Proms	Wherwell	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18.30
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:30-12:30
Remembrance Service	Over Wallop Church	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.15
Wessex Contest	Life Centre, Bournemouth	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day
Carol Service	Weyhill Church	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	17.00
Carolling	Asda, Andover	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00-12.00
Christmas Concert	St Michaels Church, Andover	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19:00
Carolling	Asda, Andover	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13.30-15.30
Carolling	Asda, Andover	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00-12.00
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10:30-12:30
Carolling	Asda, Andover	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	13.30-15.30
Carolling	Andover Time Ring	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13.00-15.00