



Just a Note Issue 11 **Andover Town Band**

Welcome once again to the next edition of the ATB Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about what the band has been up to and forthcoming events for the next few months. It will be lovely to see many of you at the next concert (details below), which promises to be one of the highlights of the ATB year.

AN EVENING OF WELSH SONG & HAMPSHIRE BRASS

FEATURING
THE BUILTH MALE VOICE CHOIR
AND ANDOVER TOWN BAND



St Marys Church, Andover Sat 24th May

Doors Open 18:30, concert starts at 19:00hrs

Tickets £10 available from **BATH TRAVEL (Andover)**



Rotary  Andover

In Aid of

The Countess Of Brecknock Hospice At Home Service
and other Local Charities

An Evening of Welsh Song & Hampshire Brass

The Andover Town Band are thrilled to have been asked by the Rotary Club to join forces with the Builth Male Voice choir in a concert to raise money for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice at Home Service and other local charities, at St Marys Church on Saturday 24th May.

Builth has had a choral tradition going back for well over a hundred years, with early records showing a choir from Builth winning the choral section of the National Eisteddfod in 1888! The present choir began in 1968, when a group of enthusiasts met at the local rugby & cricket club. The choir competed at many local Eisteddfods in the early years, has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, broadcast on BBC radio and S4C television. In recent years the choir has travelled to Germany, France, Ireland and the Czech Republic, and the length and breadth of the UK. We are truly privileged to welcome them all to Andover.

The combined power and passion of a male voice choir and a brass band in flow is an experience not to be missed, especially in such a magnificent setting as St Marys Church. Tickets are on sale at Bath Travel in Andover or please call Alison on 01264 324 056 – why not get your tickets as soon as you can to guarantee your seat!

Steven Miles Large BEM

The band was thrilled to learn that the Andover Town Band Musical Director had been awarded a British Empire Medal in the 2014 Queens New Year's Honours List. This was in recognition of Steve's service and dedication to the brass banding movement over a number of decades. Steve was a key figure in the re-formation of ATB back in November 2011, and continues to motivate / enthuse the musicians in his charge and the local audiences in equal measure! Why not come along and congratulate Steve at the concert as listed above.





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ATB Youth & Training Band success



The Wessex Brass Band Association in conjunction with the Royal Marines, held their Youth and Training Band Festival on Saturday 25th January at the Trafalgar School, Downton near Salisbury. The adjudicator for the day was Dr Chris Davis OBE, who certainly enjoyed the music making provided by the competitors. He told the audience: "Having just listened to 15 youth and training bands of all ages, it has been a joy and a day of competitive brass music making of the finest order.

It seemed to me that the younger they were, the less fear the players showed; I guess that takes years of experience to develop? Clearly bands had worked hard in a relatively short period of time to produce programmes of music which demonstrated their quality of ensemble playing together with their ability to entertain." The main auditorium was full of supporters and players alike throughout the day, combining to produce an encouraging atmosphere. Meanwhile, the results were greeted with genuine applause and congratulations, taken in the spirit of friendly competition. It certainly proved to be a great day for Andover Town Band as their youth and training bands picked up all the top prizes. The organization entered a youth band, youth ensemble and training band, all of which emerged with first prizes, whilst their seventeen year old flugel player Johanna Walukiewicz and tuba player Lauren Gibbs also received trophies.

ATB celebrate Promotion!

Andover Town Band travelled to Torquay for the Annual 2014 West of England Regional Championships on Saturday 8th March, participating in the Third section. The test piece, Partita for Band - Postcards from Home by Philip Wilby, was widely acknowledged to be a very stern test for all bands. ATB played well on the day, coming 5th out of 15 bands. This was only the second year the band competed at this level, but the aggregate score over the past 3 years put Andover Town second in the table, resulting in a promotion to the Second Section from January 2015.



ATB Diary

Event	Where	Date	Time
Charity Concert with Built Wells Male Voice Choir	St.Mary's Church, Andover	Saturday 24 th May	19:00
Youth Band Joint Concert with Area Windband	Harrow Way School	Thursday 12 th June	19:00
Wherwell Fete	Wherwell	Saturday 14 th June	13:00-15:00



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Last Night of the Proms Concert	St Michaels Church Centre	Saturday 12 th July	19:30
Carnival !!!	Harrow Way School	Friday 18th July	TBC
Centenary Celebrations	Andover War Memorial Hospital	Sunday 20 th July	16:00
Trout 'n' About	Stockbridge	Saturday 2 nd Aug	TBC
Tour	Germany	Sunday 3 rd Aug	TBC
Longparish Fete	Longparish	Friday 8 th - Tuesday 12 th Aug	
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Saturday 6 th Sept	13:30-16:00
Charity Concert with Tidworth Military Wives Choir	Andover Baptist Church	Sunday 21 st Sept	10:30- 12:30
Remembrance Service	Andover Baptist Church	Saturday 18 th Oct	TBC
Wessex Contest	St. Peters Church, Over Wallop	Sunday 9 th Nov	10:10
Farmers Market	Life Centre, Bournemouth	Saturday 29 th Nov	All day
	Andover Time Ring	Sunday 21 st Dec	10:30- 12:30



**Friday
27th
June**

All band members,
family & friends of the
band welcome



**Doors
open
at 7pm**

Bring home
the bacon at
The Weyhill
Village Hall

PIG RACE FUN NIGHT

Raising money for
Andover Town Band

Social / Fundraising Evening

On Friday 27th June at 7pm ATB are hosting an evening of entertainment & fun at the Weyhill Village Hall

Free entry for all members, family and friends of the band!

Fun competitions, raffles etc

Food available (small charge)

Bring your own drink

Youth Band Awards

6 Fantastic Pig Races (first race at 7.30pm)