



Just a Note Issue 12 **Andover Town Band**

How time flies when you're having fun! The band has had an exceptionally busy few months since the last newsletter, performing in many familiar places and also some new exciting venues.



Back in May, ATB joined forces with the Built Male Voice Choir from Wales for a fantastic sell-out concert at St Mary's Church on behalf of the Rotary Club. The audience will undoubtedly remember, for many years to come, the powerful and emotive combination of brass and voice!

For Andover's 1st World War Commemorations, ATB were extremely honoured to provide the music for a service at the War Memorial Hospital; at St Mary's for the Lights Out Vigil at 11pm on 4th August, exactly 100 years after Britain declared war, and for an unveiling ceremony of a First World War Sculpture at Enham Alamein.

The band paraded in the Andover Carnival and had great pleasure entertaining the many thousands of people lining the route. It was exhausting work in the heat, but was so rewarding to see the people of Andover having a great time enjoying the music. The now annual Last Night of the Proms at St Michael's Church is a firm favourite with the band, and the concert this year was no exception, with a great audience enjoying the pomp and grandeur of patriotic British music! Flags, streamers and all things "Union Jack" were in abundance!



ATB also completed a mini tour of the surrounding villages, performing at the Wherwell fete, the Trout 'n About event at Stockbridge, and two more fetes at Longparish and Micheldever Station, with the finale at the Time Ring in Andover for a Farmers Market.





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ATB Tour to Germany, August 2014



At 5am on Friday 8th August the band squeezed all the instruments, kit, luggage, musicians, supporters, and (even one conductor!) onto a coach bound for Germany. The band's base was the Hotel Loosen in Enkirch, near the Moselle river. On arrival, the hosts laid on a superb evening meal, and for the remainder of the evening, the band "partied on", enjoying the liquid refreshments in the hotel bar. The following day, the band was up early for breakfast, to travel to Boppard, a quaint tourist town on the river Rhine. The band had free time, with many enjoying the cable car ride to a spectacular view of the river and the surrounding valley, then gathering in the afternoon, to perform to a sizeable and appreciative crowd in the Boppard Music Pavillion (pictured to the right).



The following day the tour continued to Cochem for a day of sight-seeing, and a chance for everyone to enjoy a swim in the magnificent open air pool. The band made its way back to the hotel, for another superb evening meal, followed by an impromptu concert in the band stand (or "bus stop" as it was nicknamed) behind the hotel. A fair number of locals and holiday makers enjoyed the varied foot-tapping music. For the finale the band performed its trademark African Funk, with the musicians enjoying the thrill of being drenched in the thunderstorm, much to the amusement and bewilderment of the audience! Mad dogs and Englishmen brass musicians eh!

For the last day of the tour, the band travelled across the border to Luxembourg city, where everyone had free time in the morning. The players gathered in the afternoon and casually sat amongst the diners in the pavement restaurants of the main Place d'Armes. A spectacular flash mob then occurred with the band playing African Funk, with players descending from all four corners of the square finishing on the magnificent bandstand. A very large appreciative crowd gathered and enjoyed the music on offer. An official from the city tourism office was so impressed with the band he asked if they could return next year to play again!



The band returned to the hotel, and provided an instant concert that evening in the Hotel Loosen Beer Garden at the request of the owners. The tour was a great time for all concerned, and it was with heavy hearts that the band had to return home the following day. The band would like to put on record a huge thank you to Steve and Alison for making all the arrangements, and to David, Eddie & Lesley for providing assistance throughout.



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Invite you to a

Post Germany Tour Celebration Concert



Sat 18th Oct 2014 at 7pm

**Andover Baptist Church,
Charlton Road, Andover, SP10 3JH**

**Tickets £8 (Under 18s £5)
call 01264 324 056
(or available on the door)**

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Post Germany Tour Celebration Concert

Andover Town Band is pleased to announce a concert featuring much of the music which thrilled the audiences on the recent tour of Germany. The music will be wide and varied and could feature anything from the Magic Flute by Mozart to Bad Romance from Lady Gaga! It is sure to be an evening to remember, so why not get your tickets organised and enjoy a great musical evening amongst friends.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

ATB Diary

Event	Where	Date	Time
Celebration Concert	Andover Baptist Church	Saturday 18 th Oct	7pm
Remembrance Service	St. Peters Church, Over Wallop	Sunday 9 th Nov	10:10am
Wessex Contest	Life Centre, Bournemouth	Saturday 29 th Nov	All day
Snowflake Trail	Enham	Saturday 6 th Dec	TBC
Christmas Concert	St. Michaels Church, Andover	Saturday 13 th Dec	7pm
Carolling	Asda, Andover	Saturday 20 th Dec	10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sunday 21 st Dec	10:30- 12:30
Carolling	Tescos, Andover	Monday 22 nd Dec	6pm-8pm
Carolling	Chantry Centre, Andover	Wednesday 24 th Dec	1pm-3pm

Happy Christmas to you all!