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Issue 14

# Andover Town Band

**Summer time, and the livin' is easy-** or not for the members of Andover Town Band who have been busy music making over the last few months!



## An Evening of Test Valley Music and Song...

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the Town Band took part in a sell-out concert at St. Mary's church. A varied programme was played that showed off the band and their very talented principal players- with our flugel player (Alison Tinsley), principal euphonium (Paul Kennett), and principal trombone (Scott Stewart) all delivering very polished solos. Although, I'm sure the moment etched in everyone's memory being the trombone trio, 'I will follow him'. All three trombone players were dressed as

nuns, playing in a Goldberg-esque style- they certainly have bad habits, eh! The band shared the stage with the Romsey Male Voice choir, finishing with a rousing finale of An American Trilogy. Needless to say the audience loved the evening, showing their appreciation with thunderous applause and a standing ovation! All the proceeds from the event went to Rotary International.

## Summer 2015:

Andover Town Band certainly got a 'sweat-on' over the summer months, playing at various fetes and outdoor events around the local community.

The 16<sup>th</sup> May was a first for the band as they played in the town-centre on a Saturday morning! There was trepidation about how local stall holders would react but these soon dissolved, many of them complimenting the band and the atmosphere they created. The town centre was packed and a fantastic solo by Chris Elmslie soon drew in onlookers. The band were soon huddled in the time ring like sardines, tinned in by eager spectators enjoying the day (and the sun...)

Wherwell fete was another event the band played at and, luckily, the sun still held. The band was well received and there was a great ambience created by the constant flow of visitors, meandering through the mass of stalls and attractions.

Once again, the band returned to the Time Ring in Andover town centre (pictured left) for the Farmers Market. As usual, the band played to an extensive audience up and down the high street. The band would like to thank everyone who donated money at both town centre engagements for their generous contributions.





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### Last night of the proms, St Michael's Church...



On the 4<sup>th</sup> July at St Michael's church, the Town Band played in a very traditional 'last night of the proms' concert- with a twist. With it being independence day just across the pond, it seemed befitting our first half featured some American classics by composers such as Soussa, Miller, and Carmichael.

Then during the interval, members of the band slipped on their 'best bib's and tucker's', changing in to evening-wear for the second half. The second half was packed with English standards such as 'I vow to thee my country', 'Jerusalem', and (of course) 'Pomp and Circumstance'. Audience participation was compulsory and conductor, Steve Large, had everyone singing their hearts out to the collection of patriotic anthems. As the concert rounded to a close there were cries for an encore which lead to one final piece: 'You'll never walk alone'. All proceeds were split between the church and band.

### Andover Carnival:

For the third year in a row, the band played at the Andover Carnival. The band headed the procession serenading the crowds with 'African funk' and 'Caribbean variations', bringing an exotic flavour to the day's events.

Although a long and arduous march, the band enjoyed playing to such a large crowd and sharing our music with the community.



### 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](mailto:info@andovertownband.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.andovertownband.co.uk](http://www.andovertownband.co.uk) for more information.



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## The Lights Concert:

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October, the whole organisation will be taking part in a special concert. The evening will give you the opportunity to hear all four of our bands perform: Prospects, Training, Community, and Town Band, along with three young soloists. It's a night you certainly don't want to miss, providing an insight in to the very heart of our organisation.

Tickets are available to buy from the Light's theatre:

*Ticket: £10*

*Pullman: £11*

*Family ticket: £25*

*Children: £5*



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**Sat 31st  
Oct 2015 at  
7pm**

**The Lights,  
West Street,  
Andover,  
SP10 1AH**

Tickets: £10, £11 (Pullmans), £25 (family), £5 (children)  
available online [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) or from the box office 01264 368368

## So long, farewell...

Sadly, the band recently had to say goodbye to our back-row cornet player Michael Davis. Mike has played for the band since its formation, and played cornet/flugel for many different bands over the last 60 years. He is nothing less than a legend amongst the band and will be sorely missed.

## ATB Diary:

Event:	Where:	Date:	Time:
Time Ring	Andover Town Centre	17 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30-12:30
The Lights Concert	The Lights, Andover	31 <sup>st</sup> October	19:00
Remembrance Service	St Peters Church, Over Wallop	8 <sup>th</sup> November	10:10
Wessex Contest	Life Centre Bournemouth	28 <sup>th</sup> November	All day
Christmas Concert	St Michael's Church	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Tbc
Time Ring	Andover Town Centre	19 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30-12:30
Time Ring	Andover Town Centre	20 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30-12:30
Candlelight Service	Andover Baptist Church	20 <sup>th</sup> December	18:00
Chantry Centre	Andover Town Centre	24 <sup>th</sup> December	13:00-15:00

*Happy Christmas to you all!*



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