



Just a Note Issue 8 **Andover Town Band**

Welcome to another ATB newsletter – how time flies when you are involved with a brass band! The band had a fantastic time over the Christmas period, playing to large crowds of Andover music lovers, meeting many of you along the way, and collecting substantial amounts of money for other charities at the same time. The band had a few days off over the Christmas week, but were quickly back into rehearsals for a memorable joint concert with the Woodfalls Band and the banding genius Paul Lovatt-Cooper. The focus very quickly turned to the Training Band and Youth Ensemble who put lots of hard work in, to achieve fantastic results at the Wessex Youth and Training Band Contest. Next up was the annual trip to Torquay where the band competed in the West of England Regional Championships, where ATB achieved a remarkable 4th place at the first attempt in the 3rd section. The band have some fantastic events lined up for 2013 (see the ATB diary below), and we hope to see many of you at the next concert.

Hollywood!
Andover Town Band
Play your favourite music from
the silver screen

Sat 27th April 2013 at 7pm

Methodist Church,
Bridge St, Andover, SP10 1BL

Tickets £7
(proceeds shared between Church
Funds and Andover Town Band)

For tickets please call 01264 324056
(also available from Waterstones,
Chantry Centre, Andover)

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Next Concert: Hollywood! **7pm Sat 27th April 2013** **Bridge Street Methodist Church**

The band will be playing an entire concert based on some of the most fantastic music from the biggest blockbuster films. The prize winning Andover Town Band Youth Ensemble will present their innovative and highly polished winning programme performed at the recent Wessex Youth and Training Band Contest. The concert will also feature a piece of music entitled Hollywood! by Goff Richards performed by the band at the recent contest at Torquay. Proceeds from the concert will be shared between the band and Church funds (and will go towards repair of the roof).

Tickets priced at just £7 are available by calling 01264 324 056 and they will also be available at the Waterstones bookshop in the Chantry Centre in Andover. The concert is highly likely to sell out, so it's best advised to organise your tickets in advance.

Christmas Concert Review

The bands Annual Christmas Concert "Fanfare and Voices" was this year hosted at the magnificent St Michael & All Angels Church, with special guests the Spotlight Singers. There wasn't a spare seat to be had in the church, and the audience were treated to some high quality festive entertainment. The first half of the concert followed the theme of the nativity story, with younger members of "Prospects" forming the nativity scene, as the music unfolded. The Spotlight singers, a community choir based at the Lights in Andover performed a number of Christmas arrangements with some rather special harmonies, adding great variety to the evening. In typical fashion the band let their hair down in the second half, with a treat of foot tapping festive tunes!





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Saturday 12th January, 7pm



Andover Town Band, the Woodfalls Band and Paul Lovatt-Cooper – Concert Review

On 12th January, ATB had secured the services of Paul Lovatt-Cooper and the Woodfalls Band for a unique day of brass banding. PLC is a huge name in the world of brass bands, being one of the most popular composers currently writing original works, he is a former percussionist with the world famous Black Dyke Mills Band, and is now their Composer in Residence. The Woodfalls Band, from the Salisbury area are consistently one of the best bands in the West of England, and compete regularly at the highest level. This year they have qualified to compete at the National Brass Band Finals at the Royal Albert Hall.

PLC and the principal players from Woodfalls spent the afternoon with ATB at the Andover Baptist Church, for a very enjoyable session rehearsing music for the evening concert. PLC's light hearted but focused approach, won many admirers, and all the players gained from his musical knowledge and advice. The evening concert was a feast of brass band music, with each band performing their own set of music, with a rousing second half of massed bands masterfully directed by PLC himself. The audience showed their appreciation with a prolonged standing ovation!

ATB take honours at Wessex Youth/Training Band Contest

On Sat 26th January, ATB entered the Annual Contest at Downton, and once again triumphed, coming away with a clutch of prizes, winning the Training section and the Youth Ensemble Class. To supplement these prizes, the band was also awarded 'Best Hymn Tune Performance' and "Best Overall Band" of the day. Adam Large also gained a Gold Award for his stunning solo performance on the soprano cornet. Well done to all the young players and adult learners who took part!



2013 West of England Regional Championship

On the weekend of 9th/10th March ATB travelled to compete for the first time in their short history in the 3rd section (having been promoted on the basis of the bands last 2 years results). The test piece Hollywood! was well rehearsed by the band, who were competing against stiffer competition. The band gave a very good account of themselves, with players and MD Steve Large very happy with their performance. The 2 adjudicators at the end of the competition announced the top 6 bands out of a field of 15, and ATB clinched the 4th place. This is a wonderful result for the band, and is further evidence of the progress that all the players are making. The band are already eagerly looking forward to working towards the contest next year!

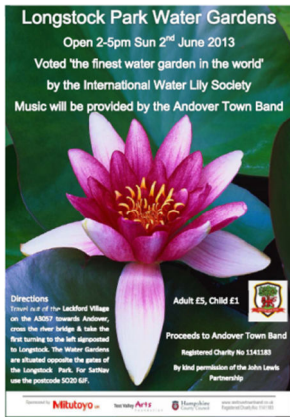


ATB on YouTube

If you cannot travel to see ATB 'live' in concert as often as you would like, or you would like to re-live some of the special performances the band have made, then why not view the band on YouTube. There are over 20 high quality videos of the band performing at a variety of concerts and venues. Simply go to www.youtube.com and search for "Andover Town Band".



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Longstock Water Gardens - Open Afternoon

Andover Town Band are extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to host an afternoon at the world famous Longstock Water Gardens on Sunday 2nd June between 2pm and 5pm. The Gardens are only open a dozen or so Sundays each year, with nominated charities taking the proceeds. At this stage negotiations are still under way, but it may be possible that the band will be permitted to play at the Gardens. We would love to see you all there for a relaxing afternoon in the spectacular gardens. Entrance is £5 (adult) and £1 (child).

Please see www.longstockpark.co.uk for more details.

ATB Diary

Event	Where	Date	Time
Hollywood! Concert	Bridge Street Methodist Church, Andover	Sat 27 th April	19:00
Longstock Water Garden Open afternoon	Longstock Water Garden	Sun 2 nd June	14:00–17:00
Pageant	Longparish	Sat 15 th June	tbc
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sun 16 th June	10:30–12:30
Music Makers Concert	The Lights, Andover	Sat 29 th June	19:30
Last Night of the Proms & BBQ	St Michaels Church Centre	Sat 6 th July	17:00 tbc
Longparish Fete	Longparish	Sat 7 th Sept	13:30-16:00
Last Night of the Proms	Wherwell	Sat 7 th Sept	tbc
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sun 15 th Sept	10:30-12:30
Christmas Concert	St Michaels Church, Andover	Sat 14 th Dec	19:00
Farmers Market	Andover Time Ring	Sun 22 nd Dec	10:30-12:30

EasyFundRaising

ATB continues to raise about £100 a quarter through Easyfundraising. If you do not already buy goods from the internet through Easyfundraising, please consider doing so, and help raise even more money for ATB, at no cost to yourself. Over 2000 popular retailers can be found, including Argos, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, DELL, The Body Shop, PLAY.com, Interflora, Comet and many more. Thank you to everybody who has helped ATB raise this money, and please continue to use the link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/andovertb

Please stay in touch

ATB hosts a fantastic website, with the content being continually updated – please visit us at www.andovertownband.co.uk ATB also has a very good presence on Facebook (search for Andover Town Band), with up to date comment on the bands activities, and now also updated with videos of recent performances. Why not 'Like' us on Facebook to make sure you never miss news regarding the band.

And Finally ... If you know of anybody else who would enjoy staying in touch with Andover Town Band, by receiving this Newsletter and more, please encourage them to contact Friends of the Band at friends@andovertownband.co.uk