

# Wilton and District Band



## Newsletter: Winter 2013/14

### Christmas

Christmas started very early for the Band with carol playing at the Wilton Shopping Village on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. We then hit December running with performances at: Elizabeth House; Harnham School; Salisbury Christmas Market (x2); Landford Golden Acres Garden



Centre (x2); Cross Keys Shopping Centre; the streets of Wilton; Waitrose; Salisbury City Centre, and; The Fox and Goose (Coombe Bissett). We also held our annual Christmas Concert at the Michael Herbert Hall in Wilton, sharing the event with the Training Band and Broad Chalke Primary School Choir, who sang marvellously. This was all finished off with a Festive Feast at the Pelican, Stapleford. Many thanks to all those who

helped make these events a success, particularly the regular non-playing collectors/helpers – Lynn and Dave Grover, Sharon Chalk, Colin Moulard and Sue Stephens. Thanks also must go to go to Bob Stephens for helping out at the vast majority. As a measure of how the band is improving, it has been particularly satisfying that a significant number of people have said that we have sounded very good, when out and about in any of our guises. Well done all!



### Colin's Wedding



The Band's Musical Director, Colin Herbert, tied the knot with Sue in between Christmas and New Year with a ceremony and evening party in Hereford.

With Jon Chalk as Best Man and a good-sized crowd from the Band turning out to party and dance into the early hours, a great time was had by all!



***Very many congratulations!***

### Training Band

The Training Band contributed again to the Christmas Concert, demonstrating its progress with a number of firsts, which were playing stand-alone, as well as "massed" with the Senior Band. Furthermore, a number of the Training Band members played with the Senior Band at some of the other Christmas performances.



At the first rehearsal in the New Year a new award was handed out by the Training Band Conductor, Stéphane Barbey. Congratulations to Georgie Barter, who is the first recipient of the Training Band Cup, awarded for a combination of helping out, attendance, improvement, and punctuality. The cup will be awarded 6 monthly.

In 2014 we will be combining Training and Senior Band Rehearsals once a month. Please do try to encourage new players along (1730hrs on Sunday evenings), as the more players we have, the better the Band will sound!

## Fund-Raising

We are always interested in new fund-raising initiatives, and would welcome thoughts from anyone who could provide new suggestions about how we could increase our income. Please get in touch at the address below, if you have any ideas.

There are already some fund-raising activities underway that we could improve upon. One of these is the collection of waste aluminium foil, packaging and cans. Dave Grover collects this and converts it into Band funds – we can do a lot better on this front! Please do bring your waste cans etc. to the Band Hall where we can store them for pick-up.



Additionally, we have a 100 Club, which has a monthly draw. £12 for the year provides you with a ticket for every month's draw. Jon Chalk runs this and we will be promoting it for both players and non-players over the coming weeks as there are numbers available. The last three months winners are:

October:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sue Stephens	2 <sup>nd</sup> D. Hitchings	3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Chalmers
November:	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs A. Topp	2 <sup>nd</sup> D. Gilbert	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sue Topp
December:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sue Hitchings	2 <sup>nd</sup> L. Grover	3 <sup>rd</sup> G. Emm

## Opportunities for New Players

We are always happy to welcome new players to the Band. We do need some additional support for Torquay, so if you are aware of anybody who might be interested in playing – especially Cornets, Bass Trombone and BBb Bass – then please pass them the contact address, below. Harness the power of social media and support your Band!

## The Year Ahead

2014 is a landmark year for the Band – we will be rehearsing hard for our first ever taste of competition in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section at Torquay in March and will be aiming to demonstrate that we are still improving. We are anticipating playing at a few new venues over the summer and will also start planning a series of events for 2015, to celebrate the Band's Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary. The Committee has already discussed some, but please feel free to send in any suggestions of your own.



## Date to Note

Annual General Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014. 1900hrs at Broad Chalke Village Hall.

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