

SPLIT=NOTES

The Harrogate Band Newsletter

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Players

We welcome two new players to the Band, and hope that they will soon take up membership. Charles Hindmarsh (Eb Bass) is an ex-member who now lives in Leeds. He has conducted other bands since he left us and is also proficient on the violin - you may remember his impromptu demonstration of musical saw playing one time while the Band was waiting to enter a contest! Eddie Fearnley (BBb bass) has recently moved to Harrogate from Wigan, and although he has not played with a band for some time, he was a member of the Cheshire and National Youth Bands in the past. Coincidentally, he played with the Latchford Band in Warrington for some years - overlapping slightly (we think!) with Gavin who spent six years with them before transferring to Harrogate.

Jason Harper has tendered his resignation from the Band. He gives his reasons as being a gradual loss of interest in the Band and playing, and a lack of commitment and dedication to the instrument. He was asked to remain with the Band until London, but he has made plans for a European trip which will mean he would not be available in August, September and probably October. He will be sorely missed. His playing of the soprano and mastery of that most difficult of instruments were an achievement in themselves, and his absence in the ensemble will be very noticeable.

Of course, this now leaves us looking for a replacement - anyone with any ideas, please let the Committee know ASAP! We hope to see one or two new cornet players coming for a "blow" in the near future, but are still on the look-out for others.

Supporters Group

The proposed inaugural meeting on 18th June has been *postponed*. It has not been possible to make the necessary arrangements in time for that date. A new date will be set in the near future.

Under the Baton

The last issue of *Split Notes* makes very apt reference to the problem of attendance. On Wednesday last, only three out of ten possible cornet players attended. I knew of only one possible "miss" (D. Cole) and Sally was sick. On that occasion we had a good rehearsal, but in general such a

poor turn-out *must* result in cancellation. Has the notification system broken down? We have a really good team here at Harrogate with a great presence *and* a future, but it has to be built on a predictable foundation. People must declare where they stand *in advance*.

Peter Wells

Brief notes from the Committee

Last meeting - 11 June, next meeting 9 July.

- Our share of the prize money from Scunthorpe was £91.73!
- Don't forget to look at the proposed amendment to the Constitution (for subscriptions payment) on the board, which will be voted on at the scheduled EGM.
- We have yet to decide on what to do on the return journey from London on the Sunday after the Championships. We expect to stop and have lunch at a suitable hostelry, but the location is not yet fixed - any ideas? (eg. Cambridge, Stratford, stately home, etc... - let us know!)
- Apparently the National Finals in 1992 cannot be in the Albert Hall on the first weekend in October due to booking problems - they may well be later in the month, and even then venues are scarce.....
- We are hoping to arrange some concerts for the autumn months - if anyone has any ideas for venues/events please inform Les Mackown.
- We hope to install some shelving in the store room at Granby - cannibalised from the shelving in the corridor at Harcourt Road!
- We are trying to arrange a concert for the BoKaGe Big Band, who are visiting Harrogate on 24 October (we played with them in Bocholt in Germany last year). We also hope to arrange some activities or visits for them - any ideas would be gratefully received.
- Remember to let us have your views and comments on Band topics - either personally to any Committee member, or in writing to *Split Notes* (via Gavin).

Future engagements

Sun 30 June	Knaresborough Castle Yard
Sat 6 July	Burton Leonard Feast Day
Fri 12 July	Ashville College - with Wirral C.Y.O.
Sat 13 July	Dishforth Fete
Sat 10 August	Ripley Show
Sun 11 August	Valley Gardens, Harrogate
Mon 26 August	Knaresborough Castle Yard
Sun 8 September	Hardraw Scar Contest
Sun 15 September	Butonwood Contest, Widnes
Sat 5 October	National Brass Band Championships, London
Tue 17 December	St Paul's Church, Harrogate