

# SPLIT=NOTES

## The Harrogate Band Newsletter

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### National Finals

We've done it again! The Band qualified for the National Brass Band Championship Finals in London in October this year, when we won second place in the Northern Region Contest at Darlington on Sunday 14 March. This is the **third** year in succession that we have had this distinction - all the more significant this time due to our promotion to the 3rd Section (from January) and competing at a higher standard. Well done everyone! Special thanks must go to Peter Wells for his musical leadership of the Band in preparation for the contest - the hard work has certainly paid off.

All we have to do now, apart from continue to improve our standard of playing!, is to find the funds to pay for the trip to London. The cost to the Band will depend on the length of the trip and the level of subsidy that can be given to players. Any ideas for fund-raising, offers of help and support will be gratefully received by the Committee.

### AGM

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Band will take place at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 1st April 1992, at the Band Room in Harcourt Road. All are welcome to attend, though only Full Members will be entitled to vote.

### Social Evening

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Oatlands Working Men's Club on Friday 28 February. We would like to thank everyone who so generously provided food, and especially Shirley Cole and Susan Morland for coordinating the catering. We were sorry that more Band members and friends could not attend, but those that did had the pleasure of being entertained by the *Highland Wellie Bashers* (alias Charles Hindmarsh and Steve Morland) suitably attired, with their violins. Charles also gave us his impression of Pavarotti singing *Nessun Dorma* - on his musical saw!

### Membership

We are happy to officially welcome David Gall, Martin Truscott, Jonathon Wilson and Neil Cole as Full Members of the Band.



## New instruments

The Band has recently purchased a Besson Imperial 4-valve BBb bass to match our existing 4-valve one. The two old 3-valve models were traded in. We have also acquired some new percussion equipment, including a 22" timpano, a gong and some cymbals.

## Future engagements

22 March	Harrogate Competitive Music Festival
27 March	Pateley Bridge Memorial Hall (19.30)
29 March	St Mary's Church, Harrogate
1 April	22nd Annual General Meeting, Harcourt Road
25 April	Crown Hotel, Harrogate
3 May	YHBBA contest, Scunthorpe
31 May	Canal Gardens, Leeds (14.30-16.30)
28 June	National Music Day
11 July	Burton Leonard Feast
8 August	Ripley Show
6 September	Hardraw Scar Contest (to be confirmed)
13 November	Malton Brass '92 (to be confirmed)

Enquiries for additional concerts which are pending:

?	Richmond Meet	19 July	Valley Gardens
7 June	Valley Gardens	1 August	Tockwith Show
26 June	Knaresborough Castle Yard	9 August	Knaresborough Castle Yard
4 July	Menwith Hill	23 August	Valley Gardens
18 July	Hampsthwaite Feast		

## Friends of The Harrogate Band

We had hoped that more people would have joined the Friends since its formation in November. However, apart from those who attended the initial meeting, there have been few subsequent additions. A start had been made on looking at ways the group could actively support the Band, but it was recognised that the priority was to increase the membership to achieve a practical number. We propose to maintain the Friends as an informal group of supporters to whom we will add new members, and whom we will keep regularly informed of Band activities. Future meetings of the group will be arranged as appropriate or necessary. We would like to remind everyone that recruits for the Friends are always welcome!

## Coda

As editor, I still hope for contributions to Split Notes from YOU. If you have any news, views, information or anecdotes etc. that are concerned with the Harrogate Band, its members or friends, or bands in general, please let me know.

