



Pendennis Brass Cornet

FOUR CONCERTS PROPOSED FOR NEXT YEAR

FOLLOWING the success of the pre-contest concert at Mawnan, a recent meeting between Steve, Glyn and Arthur felt that four such concerts, a year timed just before a major contest would not just be beneficial from the playing angle but raise valuable funds as well.

The Mawnan event raised somewhere in the region of £600 and if we could do this four times a year, it would make a significant contribution to our increasing travelling costs.

To start the ball rolling, the first concert of 2008 will be at Falmouth Methodist Church on Saturday, March 1, the week before the area qualifier at Torquay. Our second concert will be at the Tremayne Hall, Mylor on Saturday, May 10, a week before Whit Friday Marches (if we go). It is also proposed to have a return concert at Mawnan, probably on Sunday, August 31, which will be a week before the Exmouth Entertainment contest. another concert in November is likely at a venue to be arranged.

Steve has also indicated that he would like the youth band to be involved in the concerts playing two or three items in the first half of each event.

Staying with the youth band, they are holding a carol, cake and coffee morning in Budock Village Hall on Saturday, December 8 from 10 - 12. Please come along if you can and support the youngsters. The band will be playing some carols and any contributions will be welcome.

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Pendennis Brass

**Pendennis Brass wish all players
patrons and supporters a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year**

IMPORTANT CONTEST, CONCERT AND REHEARSAL DATES FOR 2008

IN an effort to let everyone know the bulk of next year's engagements, we have brought the publication of the next newsletter forward a couple of weeks.

Please make a note on calendars or in diaries and wait for any alterations or additions.

CONTEST DATES

Sat/Sun, March 8/9 Area; Torquay

Sat, April 5 CBBA, Truro

Fri May 16 Whit Friday, Oldham

Sat June 21 Bugle

Sat Sept 6 Exmouth Entertainment

Sat/Sun Sept 27/28 Harrogate

Sat Nov 15 SWBBA Torquay

At the moment we envisage going to areas at Torquay, Whit Friday and Exmouth. If we qualify for Harrogate then we won't go to Oldham. We are not planning to enter Truro or Bugle at the moment and the SWBBA at Torquay we will decide nearer the time. We appreciate that fitting family holidays, and other commitments around the band's needs are difficult at times. Could everyone please check or let us know when they will be away so that guest players can be brought in.

TORQUAY REHEARSALS

See separate sheet from Steve

CONTEST WEEK: MARCH, Mon 3; Wed 5; Fri 7
Rehearsals at New Life Church. 100% attendance required please.

SECTIONALS: Sunday, Jan 27, Sunday, Feb 3

MONDAY, MARCH 10: No Rehearsal

CONCERTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1: FALMOUTH METH CHURCH

SATURDAY, MAY 10, MYLOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31: MAWNAN

SUNDAYS JULY 13 & 27: PADSTOW tba

VICTORIA GARDENS, TRURO tba

EVENTS SQUARE: JULY 6 & AUGUST 17 tba

GYLLYNGDUNE GARDENS: JULY 20, AUGUST

23 (Band fete), 24 CONCERT tba

As you can see, several dates are still to be confirmed.

Unfortunately we cannot get them confirmed until the new year these are the dates we are hoping for.

IMPROVEMENT IN BAND'S SOCIAL SIDE

AT the recent meeting it was felt an improvement in the band's social side was needed. Although events like the race night were well supported in the buying of horses and sponsoring of races, the number of band members attending on the night was disappointing.

The Harvest Festival which raised a record amount this year, was attended by only a few band members so it would be nice if more players could make an effort.

We are also open to any ideas for fund raising and a different type of social evening. Bowling has also been mentioned. Just needs a younger person to organise it! Any volunteers?

INCREASE IN SUBS FROM JANUARY

THE weekly subscription has been increased by 25p a week from January. This will mean paying an extra £1 a month. To help Sue in the collection of dues, it will be helpful if players could pay monthly, quarterly or even annually.

ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS EVENING

THE annual dinner and awards presentation will be held at Falmouth Golf Club on Saturday, February 23, 2008. Once again it will be a 2-course roast carvery and coffee and the cost will be about the same as this year. Would all the current trophy winners please return them to Arthur in early January so that we can get them engraved in time.

REHEARSAL TIMES

FROM January, Steve has asked if it is possible to lengthen each practice by 15 minutes which over the 2 months or so to Torquay will be the equivalent of having one extra rehearsal, so from January 7 each practice will be from 7.30-9.45pm.

BAND JUST FAILS TO RETAIN TITLE AT TORQUAY

OUR hopes of retaining the SWBBA title won last year were dashed when we were pipped at the post by Sidmouth last month.

Although there were four competing bands in the section it was obvious the decision had to be between us and our opponents from Devon. In the end Bill Relton opted to give the verdict to Sidmouth our congratulations to them.

As it happens, it was Sidmouth's last appearance in the 4th section as well. They join us in section 3 from January 1.

POSSIBLE DVD RECORDING?

AT the recent meeting, the possibility of making a DVD of one of our concerts was mentioned. Hopefully we can find someone who does it as a hobby or a student who may do it as part of a study course and most important of all, at little cost to the band.

ASDA apologises

AS most of you are aware we are not doing our usual Christmas carol evenings at ASDA this year. After last year, a verbal agreement was made with the person in charge at the store and Arthur wrote a confirmation letter in January. This letter apparently was mislaid and the new person in charge didn't know about us and consequently all the dates were gone by the time we discovered the slip-up.

ASDA have apologised and will look sympathetically at any future requests we make. They did offer one for early December but it was too short notice.