



## SUBSCRIBERS' NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2009

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### HEPWORTH AT THE NATIONAL FINALS



The band took to the Royal Albert stage for it's last contest of the year to compete at the finals of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

Drawn 10 from a field of 20 bands, the band, under the direction of Frank Renton gave a fine performance of the set work by Peter Graham, 'The Torchbearers'.



From the outset Frank Renton sought to capture and portray the music of Eric Ball with an expansive reading of the score, that gave the music time and space.

It proved to be a very individual interpretation that, given the quality of performance could

have been right up there... or if not to the adjudicators taste, could have been well off the pace.

That neither occurred was a bit of a puzzle really, with the band being placed 13<sup>th</sup>. As '4Bars Rest' reported in their retrospective "such bravery deserved some recognition.. good or bad!"



It was nevertheless an enjoyable weekend and a big thank you to all those who came along to support the band. The process of qualification for next years finals starts all over again in March at St George's Hall, Bradford, lets see if we can make it three years out four.

### HARVEST AUCTION

Thank you to all those who came along to support the harvest auction at the White Horse in Jackson Bridge, and a really big thank you to Mark and Janice for organising and hosting the event with the proceeds being donated to the band and to Lydgate School.

### WHATS ON

#### Christmas Brass & Voices

With Wakefield Youth Choir  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Thornhill, Parish Church,  
Dewsbury  
7.30pm

#### Huddersfield Choral Society Christmas Concert

Thursday/Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Huddersfield Town Hall  
7.30pm

#### The Wonder of Christmas

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christ Church, New Mill  
7.30pm

#### Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Hepworth Church  
4.00pm

#### Butlins Mineworkers Open Championships

Saturday/Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
The Skyline Resort,  
Skegness

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November the band took part in the Service of Remembrance at Christ Church New Mill.

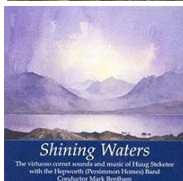
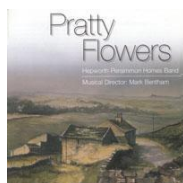
The service was particularly well attended with over 200 people in church, including groups from the Air Force, the Army and the Navy, with the balcony having to be opened and there being standing room only at the rear of the church.

Several people shared their memories, making the service both poignant and meaningful.

The band and church choir led the hymns during the service, with Claire Taylor performing the last post before the band led the procession from the church to the village war memorial where wreaths were laid.

## Band Has Christmas All Sewn Up!

If you're stuck for Christmas present ideas or just want to avoid having to brave the stampede at the shops, remember that the Band has a number of CD recordings available.



**Pratty Flowers** features all the Band's soloists and includes concert items that have proved popular with our audiences.

**Celebration** was recorded in 2007 as part of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and includes a specially commissioned new piece.

**Shining Waters** was our first collaboration with Dutch trumpeter and friend of the Band Huug Steketee and features Huug performing several solos.

**Portraits** is our second collaboration with Huug and features not only him but several of his friends from Holland's leading orchestras in solo performances.

**CD's (priced £10 each or two for £15) can be ordered from David Horan on 01484 541996**

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

### CHRISTMAS BRASS & VOICES

The bands busy series of Christmas concerts gets underway on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Thornhill Parish Church, Dewsbury for a concert as part of the Church's annual concert series featuring the band with the Wakefield Youth Choir.

The concert gets underway at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7 (£6 for concessions) and are available from Thornhill Newsagents and from the church (tel 01924 465329).

### HUDDERSFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

On Thursday and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December the band will be appearing in Huddersfield Town Hall as guests of Huddersfield Choral Society for the Society's Christmas concert, directed by Brain Kay.

Tickets are available from Kirklees Information Offices.

### THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December the band will stage its annual Christmas Concert at Christ Church, New Mill.

Please find enclosed your complimentary subscribers tickets for the concert and we hope you will be able to join us for a traditional programme of Christmas favourites and carols, served up with mulled wine and mince pies!

Tickets £6 available from New Mill and Wooldale Coop, Wm Sykes & Sons Estate Agents Holmfirth and the White Horse Jackson Bridge.

### FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Hepworth Church hosts its festival of lessons and carols on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm.

***The band will also be out and about maintaining the tradition of carolling around the village, Christmas eve and Christmas day***