



SUBSCRIBERS' NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2010

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Welcome to the bands first newsletter of the New Year.

We're already well into the new contest season having competed at the Butlins mineworkers festival and the Yorkshire regionals and we'll soon be into preparations for the Whit Friday Marches and the English Nationals.

The band has launched its 2010 concert series, 'Championship Brass from the Holme Valley', a series of four themed concerts staged and promoted with support from the National Lottery Awards for All, with the opening concert of the series taking place at Holmfirth Civic Hall on Sat April 17th.

We're also looking forward to working on 'Pennine Portraits' a new commission from Kenneth Downie with funding from Pennine Prospects that depicts the landscape and cultural heritage of the area.

THANKS TO MARK, JANICE AND ALL THE REGULARS AT THE WHITE HORSE INN, JACKSON BRIDGE.

A big thank you to everyone at the White Horse for their generous support throughout the year in helping to raise funds for the band. The monthly breakfast raffles, Summer beer festival and harvest auction all helped to raise over £1,000.

ON THE CONTEST STAGE Butlins Mineworkers Festival

The first contest of 2010 saw the band head over to bracing Skegness in January to take part in Butlins Mineworkers Festival.

The contest took place over two days, with a performance of the set work 'Sleepless Cities' by Paul Lovatt Cooper on the Saturday with the entertainments programme on Sunday.



Danse Macabre Variations

Preparations had been seriously disrupted by the winter weather, but after an intensive week of rehearsals and having drawn to play last in the set piece and first for the entertainments section the band finished as runners-up for the second year running.

The entertainment programme was based on a song and dance theme and included an innovative arrangement by the bands tenor horn player Ben Tubb of Danse Macabre (used as the theme music from the TV series Jonathan Creek) complete with electric violin for the finale.

YORKSHIRE REGIONALS

It will be Brighouse & Rastrick and Carlton Main Frickley Colliery who represent Yorkshire at the national finals, alongside Black Dyke and Rothwell who have already pre qualified having finished in the top 4 at last years finals.

The virtual loss of principal cornet Nick Payne to a painful tooth abscess meant that the solo lines had to be re allocated on the run in to the contest. It was a brave effort by the band in the circumstances, but one that fell short of the qualification mark.

So it's now onto the Whit Friday Marches in May and the English National Championships in Preston in June.

BBC RADIO 2 'LISTEN TO THE BAND'

The band is to record for the BBC Radio 2 programme 'Listen to the Band'. The recording session will be at the BBC's Manchester studios in May with the programme being broadcast later in the year.

MILL HOUSE GREEN MVC 2010 CELEBRITY CONCERT

The band was pleased to be invited to perform at Penistone Paramount as guests of the Mill House Green MVC for their annual celebrity concert.



Mill House Green MVC

Directed by guest MD Brian Grant the band opened the concert with the popular march *On the Quarter Deck*, followed by the overture to the *Bartered Bride* and *Share My Yoke* featuring flugel player Natalie Beer as soloist.

The choir presented a varied programme of music from popular song to established male voice favourites. Particularly enjoyable were Psalm 126 arranged for choir by George Stead, the *White Rose*, the *Impossible Dream* and two pieces arranged by Alan Simmons, *All You Were* and *All You Are and You Raise Me Up*.

The bands programme included music from America with *Dan Prices An American Tale*, Cuba in an arrangement by euphonium player James Fieldhouse of Paquito and Russia with the bands finale, *March Slav*.

I'll Walk with God, *All Through the Night* and *the Lord is Gracious* showed the bands warmth of sound with the contribution of principal cornet Alan Hobbins being particularly appreciated.

Band, choir and audience joined forces for Jerusalem to bring an enjoyable evenings concert to a close.

'CHAMPIONSHIP BRASS FROM THE HOLME VALLEY'

2010 promises to be a busy year on the concert stage for the Hepworth band as the band presents *'Championship Brass from the Holme Valley'* - a series of four themed concerts, staged and promoted with support from the National Lottery *'Awards for All'*.

'Championship Brass in the Holme Valley', the opening concert takes place at Holmfirth Civic Hall on Saturday 17th April (7.30pm) when the band presents a gala concert, staged as part of the Holme Valley Brass Band Weekend, as a prelude to the 85th Holme Valley Contest.

The concert also provides an opportunity to here the BBC2 Young Brass Soloist of the year, euphonium player Matthew White as guest soloist for the evening.

'Landscapes in Brass', the second concert of the series is to be staged at Holmfirth Picturedrome on Sunday 6th June (7pm), promoted as part of the Holmfirth Arts Festival. The concert will feature of programme of music to celebrate the English landscape with the band performing the world premiere of *'Pennine Portraits'* – a new work by the renowned composer Ken Downie and Hepworth based photographer Andy Boag, that brings together music and image to capture and portray the areas distinctive landscape and cultural heritage.

'A Night at the Classics', Huddersfield Town Hall, Saturday 25th September will see the band join forces once again with very special guests the Huddersfield Choral Society for an evening of popular light classics. An opportunity to hear one of the country's leading choral societies in concert with one of the areas top brass bands promises to be one that is not to be missed!

'Hymns of Praise', the final concert in the series, takes place at St Paul's Hall, Huddersfield on Sunday 31st October when the band will be joined by Colne Valley Male Voice Choir for a

programme of sacred music, favourite hymns and music from the world of the Salvation Army.

Tickets are available in advance from the band, (Steve Hopwood 01484 667213) and from Kirklees Box Offices (01484 223200).