



HEPWORTH COOKSON HOMES BAND



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FLYING START TO NEW YEAR

In January the Band entered the Butlins Brass Band Championships for the first time, held at the Butlins resort in Skegness. The contest comprises a set test piece on the Saturday and an entertainment programme on the Sunday, with results from both being combined to determine the overall results.

After a terrific performance of Peter Graham's Harrison's Dream on the Saturday we were awarded first place in the test piece.

Sadly, our entertainment programme failed to find favour with the judges and we were placed fourth on the Sunday, resulting in second place overall.

Despite being so close to a win it was a weekend of super playing from the Band and set the standard that we will strive to maintain.

ROB WESTACOTT DEPARTS HEPWORTH

Principal Cornet player Rob Westacott has left the Band to take up the principal cornet position with the Grimethorpe Colliery Band. Rob has led Hepworth Band for a number of years now with some outstanding personal performances, as well as helping behind the scenes.

He fully deserves this high-profile appointment and, whilst we are sorry to lose a player of his calibre, we wish him well and are sure we will continue to see him at the bandroom from time to time. The Band is currently looking for a replacement for Rob but in the meantime thanks go to Leon Renilson, who covered the seat at the Area Contest and did a fine job, contributing greatly to our return to the Royal Albert Hall later this year.

LONDON BOUND AGAIN!

At the beginning of March the Band returned to St Georges Hall, Bradford for the Yorkshire Area Qualifying Contest of the National Brass Band Championship of Great Britain.

A terrific performance of Gilbert Vinter's Salute to Youth gained second place and qualification for the National Final at the Royal Albert Hall in October.



Principal euphonium James Fieldhouse also picked up the award for the best instrumentalist of the day. Having qualified for the first time in 2007 it is a terrific achievement to return again so soon, especially in view of the strength of competition in the Yorkshire Area.

The Band will be holding fundraisers over the next few months to help with the cost of the trip down to the capital and details of some of these are included in this Newsletter. Details of supporter's packages for the trip will be released as soon as they have been finalised.

'A Feast of Brass' VIP Supporters Package

**Come and support the band with a
VIP package including reserved
seating your picnic provided, cost
£80 (4 persons) or £100 (6
persons).**

**To book a VIP package contact
Hayley Kenyon on
07973 703489.**

CONCERT NEWS

Away from the contest platform the Band has also had a busy start to the year on the concert stage. Concerts at Salendine Nook, Morley and The Hawth, Crawley have all been well received. Upcoming concerts include:-

'Championship Brass in the Holme Valley', Holmfirth Civic Hall, Saturday 25th April, 7.30pm

Promoted as a gala concert on the eve of the popular Holme Valley Brass Band Contest, tickets priced £6 available from Wm Sykes & Son Estate Agents, Holmfirth, The White Horse, Jackson Bridge and New Mill Co-Op.

'Hymns of Praise' Cathedral House, Huddersfield, Sunday 10th May 7.00pm

Join us with guests Honley Male Voice Choir for an evening of hymns, psalms and sacred music. Tickets available from Band Manager Steve Hopwood, tel. 01484 667213.

'A Feast of Brass' Hepworth School, Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm

Bring your picnics and deckchairs for an evening outdoor summer proms concert in the grounds of Hepworth School complete with firework extravaganza!

BEN WOWS THEM STATESIDE!

The Band's first horn player and talented young composer Ben Tubb has wowed American band audiences with his composing talents. Ben's new composition, entitled American Landscape was judged the best at the recent Ohio Brass Arts Festival.

New music and fresh challenges are essential in attracting younger players into the movement and we are proud that one of our own is playing such a role.



FUNDRAISING RACE NIGHT AT TARGET FITNESS, NEW MILL SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 8.00PM

An opportunity to help the Band and to have a flutter at the same time!

Why not buy a horse, sponsor a race or just come along to support on the night?

Tickets are £5 including supper and can be booked (along with horse and race sponsorships) through Richard Holmes on 01484 689115.



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Lottery Award for Hepworth

The good news continues for Hepworth (Cookson Homes) as they pick up a cheque from the Lottery.

Following the band's recent success at the Yorkshire Regional Championship, it has been announced that they have also been successful in obtaining a grant from The National Lottery's 'Awards for All' Scheme.

The band has been awarded funding which will be used to help stage and promote a series of concerts, to purchase percussion equipment and to contribute to the bands professional development.

Baritone player Carole Crompton, has been working with the band's committee to identify opportunities for funding to support a range of projects.

Band Manager, Steve Hopwood commented "The grant from 'Awards for All' will enable us to stage and promote a series of seasonal concerts at venues across the district. It will also help to support the band with the purchase of percussion equipment that at present we have to hire in for concerts and contests."

He added: "The band would like to thank Carole for her advice and guidance in helping to secure Awards for all funding."

THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT – WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SOME OF THESE EVENTS.