

4th March 2012

2nd Edition



WERNETH Youth Concert Band celebrated its first birthday recently, and is on the lookout for more members.

The band would welcome any woodwind, brass or percussion players at grade 2 standard

or above. It rehearses each Friday evening, during term time, at the Overdale Centre, Powicke Drive, Romley, SK6 3EF and new players are welcome to turn up and have a go.

Hello once again and welcome to the second Youth Band newsletter. A lot has happened since the last edition. The band's 1st birthday had a mention in the local paper and possibly the biggest event since the last edition has been the happy marriage of Alan and Jane. The youth band clubbed together and gave them a wall hanging and some John Lewis vouchers. Here's what Jane asked

to say;

"We would like to thank you lovely, very gifts and good our marriage. wonderful day enjoying vouchers on for the

One of the forward for came in the



like to take opportunity all for your generous, wishes for We had a and are now spending the new things house."

biggest leaps the band form of the

4th March 2012

2nd Edition

playing day in November. With all sections improving individually and our cooperation as a band furthering it was truly a great day. Thanks to all those who helped.

The cake sale and raffle were also great successes which together with main band and swing band helped to raise over £1,500 for the 2011 Werneth Concert Band charities; Stockport Portage, The Bobby Moore Unit and Stockport's Women's Centre.

We'd like to welcome all the new players into the band including;

Ben (Percussion), Charlie (Percussion), Ben (Saxophone), Nicola (Adult Trumpet), Stephanie (Trumpet), Max (Tuba) Nick (Trumpet)

Some of you may have noticed that Allan Jones is coming on a less regular basis this is because he is currently receiving treatment for an illness. I'm sure everybody will wish him the very best.

The Youth band is continuing to grow and thrive. The kids, as well as the adults, learn and improve, as Nicola a bassoon player for Werneth's main band and a new member of the Youth Band explains:

Help the Aged *by Nicola Renshaw*

Bassoon, I've played for 16 years and thought it time for change,
An instrument with smaller case and slightly higher range?
The sound of brass (in treble clef) was first to take my fancy,
Then, quite by chance, a TRUMPET kindly loaned by Ellie's Aunty.

4th March 2012

2nd Edition

I practiced notes and valves and tone, it seemed like weeks and weeks,

Frustrated by the raspberry sounds, the splits and squawks and squeaks.

When Al and Jane agreed that I might need a helping hand,

I nervously turned up one week to join in at Youth Band.

There was no need for me to fret, you all were very nice

With lots of kind encouragement and very good advice.

Emily and Frances helped with notes I didn't know,

Rebecca said a smile would help to give a cleaner blow.

A few weeks in and much improved, I love the tunes you play,

I'm really very grateful that you've helped me on my way.

Now Stephanie has joined as well, we make some lovely tones,

In no time we'll be better than that noisy Allan Jones!

Well done to those who have completed more grades:

Rebecca (grade 2 flute), Sam (grade 5 drums), Alex (grade 7 trombone), Will (grade 7 trumpet).

Good luck to those who are about to take their grades.

Remember to tell us when you pass.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming events including the Carver theatre and the Llandudno trip (*hooray!!*).

Please remember that band now finishes at 8:30 so we can all help pack up the band and prepare the hall for the next day.

That's all for now,

4th March 2012

2nd Edition

Sam Burgess.



Photo of the playing day.