



## Spring Term 2010

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# **Bolton Council**

Happy New Year to all players and parents, and welcome back to Music Centre! We apologise for having to cancel rehearsals on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, but the snow was falling quite heavily at Music Centre by 4pm, and everyone's safety is our prime concern.

I'm sure you will all be very pleased to hear that we managed to raise over £2,000 from our Christmas Concerts and Supermarket Carolling. This will go a long way towards helping the Parents' Support Group to fund such extras as sheet music, coaches for events, instruments, repairs and accessories, contest entry fees and additional tutors. A big thank you to all players and parents who helped with the fund raising.

### **Rehearsals – Wednesday evenings during term time**

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| Bolton Youth Brass Band (BYBB)  | Mrs Helen Minshall       | 6.30 – 9.00pm |
| Bolton Intermediate Brass Band (BIBB)   | Mr Toby Hobson           | 6.45 – 9.00pm |
| Bolton Junior Brass Band (BJBB)   | Mrs Anna Hughes-Williams | 6.30 – 8.00pm |
| Bolton Beginner Brass Band (BBBB)   | Mr Toby Hobson           | 5.30 – 6.30pm |
| Little Lever Beginner Brass Band (LLBB)<br>(Rehearsals are on Thursdays at St Matthew's Primary School) | Mr Simon Dunkley         | 3.30 - 4.30pm |

No rehearsals on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term Holiday.

No rehearsals on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March – “Music Centre Presents” week.

No rehearsals on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March or 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays.

### **Welcome to our new Beginner Band members!**

We have a large number of new players in our Beginner Band this month and would like to welcome them all to Music Centre and to the Brass Band Studies Department.

### **Brass Band Parents' Support Group**

For the benefit of new parents, the PSG meets about once a month during Wednesday evening band rehearsals. The PSG helps with fund raising for the bands, and new parent members are always welcome. The next meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6.15pm in the staff room, upstairs in Music Centre. Why not come along while your child is rehearsing, have a coffee, meet everyone and see what it's about? Please contact PSG Chairman, Andy Pearson for more info [andy.pearson@dial.pipex.com](mailto:andy.pearson@dial.pipex.com)

### **Tuck Shop Rota**

Parents of all band members are asked to volunteer once a year to do tuck shop duty. Howard Masters and Debra Scrivener organize the tuck shop rota, and parents can choose a convenient date to help out. To volunteer, please ring or e-mail Howard Masters on 01204 300826 or [h.masters@ntlworld.com](mailto:h.masters@ntlworld.com). Please help us to keep your children supplied with refreshments!

### **Communication**

If anyone ever needs to contact me, Helen Minshall, e-mail is by far the easiest way. I work in several different schools, and it is not easy to return phone calls on the move. My e-mail address is checked regularly every day. If you did not receive this brass times by e mail and would like to in future, please send contact details to [tubalady@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tubalady@blueyonder.co.uk), and I will add you to the mailing list.

## **Concert and Event Diary**

BYBB members should tick off their names on the band notice board to confirm their availability for all the concerts and events listed below. Alternatively you can e mail your availability to [tubalady@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tubalady@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March – BYBB - National Festival of Music for Youth – Rochdale**

Times to be confirmed - I have asked for an afternoon time slot. We will rehearse from 10am – 11.30, then depart by coach for Rochdale Town Hall. Arrive back approx 5pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the band. Admission is free, but parents would need to make their own way to Rochdale as the coach will be full.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – “Music Centre Presents” - Albert Halls.**

For the benefit of new players, this is the Music Centre's annual showcase. Each band will perform on a different evening, along with other Music Centre ensembles. BYBB will perform on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, but at the time of going to print, we have not yet finalised which evenings BBBB, LLBB, BJBB and BIBB will perform. This information will follow in due course in a separate letter, with full details of the evenings.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April – BIBB & BYBB National Youth Brass Band Championships**

BIBB and BYBB will both take part in this prestigious event at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. We have no further details of times at this stage; the organizers cannot confirm exact details until after the closing date for entries. Information will be given to band members as soon as it is available. A letter giving details of the additional rehearsal schedule will be given to all BIBB and BYBB members.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – BYBB - St George's Day Concert with Wingates Band**

Victoria Hall. Arrive 7pm for a 7.30 start. See last page re ticket details.

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – All 5 Bands - Annual Brass Band Awards Night.**

All 5 bands will take part in this annual event, and parents / families are encouraged to come along and support the event. Arrive 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Ticket details to follow.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – BYBB - 3 Bands Concert with Wigan and Astley Youth Bands.**

The Great Hall, Bolton School. Arrive 7pm for a 7.30 start. Further details to follow.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – BYBB - Music Centre Leavers' Concert at Music Centre**

Further details to follow.

## **Contact**

Please check the Music Service website regularly for updates to information about concerts and events. All letters to parents, concert times and details are available on the website. The address is <http://www.boltonmusicservice.co.uk/>

If you are unable to attend a rehearsal or concert, please let your Musical Director know well in advance. For BYBB members, my mobile number is 07739 577354. *On concert days, please do not ring or text this number unless it is a genuine emergency.* Far too many band members ring or text asking for details such as directions, what to wear, arrival/start times etc – information which has already been given out, and/or is available on the website. Please respect my quiet preparation time before concerts.

Helen

**Bolton Youth Brass Band St George's Day Concert  
with Wingates Band and the Brixi Singers**

The Rotary Club of Bolton-le-Moors are organising the above concert at the Victoria Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in aid of Bolton Hospice. They are able to offer free tickets to all children under 16, and all members of BBBB, LLBB, BJBB and BIBB are encouraged to attend. Parents can purchase tickets for £10 each. Please note that under 16's should be accompanied by an adult when coming to watch the concert. Bolton Music Service staff will be busy working with BYBB and will be unable to supervise unaccompanied children. Please return the order form below to the Music Service Office if you wish to order tickets. Cheques should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Bolton-le-Moors. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope, and your tickets will be posted out to you. Tickets will be available after February Half Term.

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**BYBB / Wingates Band / Brixi Singers - Concert Ticket Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

My child is a member of

BBBB          LLBB          BJBB          BIBB          BYBB

I would like to order tickets for the concert at Victoria Hall on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Number of tickets required

Adults (£10 each)          \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Free)          \_\_\_\_\_