

# Waterbeach Brass News

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## Prestigious Concert

A highlight of the past season was a major concert held at Cambridge's premier venue - the University Music School Concert Hall, West Road on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The Junior Band played a short program as guests arrived in the foyer.

The concert program included Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* especially arranged for the band by Philip Mead, Martin Ellerby's *Concerto for Brass* and popular brass band music as featured in the film *Brassed Off*. Our soloists for the evening were Sean Brodrick (Euphonium) and Peter Savage (Flugel Horn).

An informative narrative was given by Jill Dean as a means of introducing each piece.

The Band approached this challenge with a serious attitude and worked hard in the period leading up to the concert. The standard of playing was high during this high-profile event and was well received.

On the morning of the concert, the Band appeared on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire (live) where it played *La Réjouissance* (1<sup>st</sup> movement from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* and the well-known folk tune *Floral Dance*. Some of the younger members of the Band were also interviewed.

Congratulations must be bestowed to Tony Claydon and his team for the organisation of the concert and front-of-house activities.

## Solo Contest

October 13<sup>th</sup> saw the Band's annual solo contest where band members had the opportunity to perform a slow melody accompanied by Philip Mead on the piano. Players contested for the *Hartley Challenge Cup*, the *Hartley Intermediate Challenge Cup* for players under the age of eighteen and the *Junior Cup* for members of the Junior Band.

The adjudicator on this occasion was Rachel Brown - a professional trumpet player and the results were as follows:

	Seniors	Intermediate	Juniors
1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Savage	Frances Ashley	Thea Willis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sean Brodrick	Sarah Smith	Jo Williams
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frances Ashley	Thea Willis	Shelley Watson

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## The Junior Band

This meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour. Juniors receive tuition on their chosen instrument and have the opportunity to play in an ensemble.

Players who progress may find themselves invited to perform in the Senior Band that rehearses at 8:00pm on Monday evenings in Waterbeach Library.

Enquiries about the Junior Band, should be made to Joan Keating on 01954 261616.

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## WBB now has its own Domain Name

Waterbeach Brass is now easier to find on the Internet <http://www.waterbeachbrass.org/>

The site gives details of the Band's history, its members and contact information for organisations wishing to book the band for functions. The site is updated regularly with the Band's engagements, current news and vacancies.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert	Waterbeach School
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Promenade Concert	St. Giles Church
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Rehab Unit Concert	Addenbrookes Hospital
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	Waterbeach Barracks
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols	Waterbeach Christmas Tree
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2001	Nationals Qualifier	Stevenage
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2001	Feast	Waterbeach
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2001	Concert	Wimpole Hall

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