

Waterbeach Brass News

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Philip Mead Leaves

We wish to thank Philip Mead for all his efforts and time with the Band. Philip has had to leave the Band to concentrate on other significant commitments, a large proportion of which are in London.

Philip was Musical Director for nearly three years and over this time has improved the quality of playing and professionalism of the Band. He also spent considerable time with the Junior Band, his daughter Harriet stepping in when Philip's commitment as Head of the Contemporary Piano Department of the London College of Music and Media took over.

Philip was influential in organising the recent successful concert at West Road concert hall in Cambridge.

Philip was presented with a cut-glass decanter and wine as a small token of the Band's gratitude at the Band's Christmas Concert.

Awards

At the Bands Christmas Concert held at Waterbeach Junior School, various awards and trophies were bestowed on deserving members of the Band.

Jon Aus (Principle Solo Cornet) was awarded the "Band Person of the Year" award, the "Wally Neville Memorial Trophy for Dedication" was awarded to Les Nesterov-Smith (percussion). Sarah Smith (2nd Euphonium) was presented with the "Most Improved Junior Player of the Year" award – Congratulations!

New Musical Director

Colin Bell joins Waterbeach Brass as Musical Director and brings to the Band many relevant years experience. Originally from Norfolk, he started his music career playing Solo Cornet for the Irish Guards Band. After working in London as a professional trumpet player for nearly fifteen years, he then moved to Cambridge.

Colin is kept busy running a music publishing business with his wife, coaching and conducting bands both here and on the continent including Austria and Germany. One of his wind-bands was successful in winning a National competition, notably the Boosey & Hawkes Concert Band Festival.

Colin's first major task is to prepare Waterbeach Brass for the National Championships in Stevenage held in March.

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The Junior Band

Joan Keating has taken over the significant responsibility of the Junior Band that 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. Both bands practice at the Waterbeach Community Library.

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

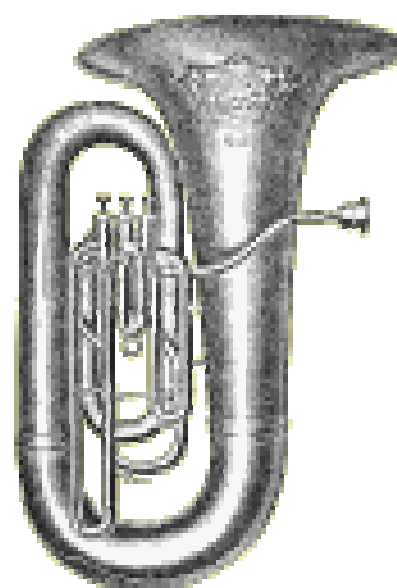
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WBB Website

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

Meet the Band! The site now includes a short narrative on each Member giving experience and a short history.

The site now has a new look calendar that is easier to add new engagements and automatically advances to show the current month and day.



New Members

The Junior Band welcomes new members Kristian Webber (percussion), Jamie Fordham (percussion) and Ted Edwards (baritone).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue
18 th March 2001	Nationals Championships Qualifier	Stevenage
1 st April 2001	Denny Abbey	Farmland Museum
22 nd April 2001	Yesteryear's Run	
19 th May 2001	Car Boot Sale	
25 th May 2001	Annual Concert	Waterbeach School
9 th June 2001	Feast	Waterbeach
10 th June 2001	Concert	Waterbeach Green
17 th June 2001	Concert	Wimpole Hall
15 th September 2001	Harvest Festival	Waterbeach