

The Aveley and Newham Brass Band

Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer 2014 edition of the band's newsletter.

If any members or associates have something they would like in the newsletter please send in the details to newsletter@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk

16th March - Southern Counties Area Contest at Stevenage.

The band took part in this annual event, playing 'St Magnus' by Kenneth Downie the band performed well and achieved seventh place.

17th March 2014 - The band held its AGM

The new committee is;

Chairman - Richard Scarff
Secretary / Band Manager - Dave Howell
Contest Secretary - Stephanie Redgate
Treasurer - Bob Osborne
Committee Member - Asako Mochizuki
Committee Member - Barry Pantrey

Non committee positions are;

Musical Director - Melvin White
President - Jeff Selway
Vice President - Trevor Foster
Vice President - James Walker
Vice President - Derek Morris
Librarian - Patrick Sears
Webmaster - Richard Scarff



Senior Cup, Winter Gardens, Blackpool, 26th April 2014

The band competed in the contest playing 'English Heritage' by George Lloyd. The band travelled up to Blackpool the day before on the Friday and rehearsed on the Friday evening. The band stayed in 'The Myrtle House Hotel'.

The band gave a very musical and great performance and achieved tenth place. A good weekend was had by all.



Concert At St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Aylesford, Kent, 28th June 2014 - Armed Forces Day.



The band performed a concert of music with a military connection.

Pieces included

'633 Squadron'

'French Military March'

'In The Mood'

and

'The Army, Navy and Airforce' March

Avelweiss Oompah!



Recently formed - a twenty piece brass and percussion ensemble made up of players from the Aveley and Newham band and other surrounding bands - some of the finest brass players in the South of England!



Avelweiss Oompah! is a completely new show based on the Bavarian Beer Festival in Oktoberfest and provides entertainment with an eclectic mix from traditional Bavarian music right up to arrangements of modern day pop music, all with an intriguing 'brassy' slant. Audience participation is key to the show and there are games galore to keep the crowd on their toes. Forfeits have to be undertaken for the losers with plenty of prizes for the winners too!!! A normal 'show' will last about 3 hours, and musical sets are arranged around food courses or other activities. All evenings so far have been tremendous fun.

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Camping Weekend

The first weekend of the school holidays saw 18 loyal comrades converge onto a campsite in Suffolk, marking the start of our 2nd annual Band Camp.

While most of us struggled for hours with our tents, in extreme sunshine and temperatures, soprano player Steve Hopper (known now as Inspector Gadget!) put his feet up with a cup of tea, having set up his caravan in record time - thanks to a bit of his own "Vorsprung durch Technik"

As the happy campers continued to arrive the band flag was hoisted and the camp fire purloined from various local sources, posh contest secretary Steph Redgate keen that no grass would be harmed - and so built a lovely hearth for the fire to sit on! The communal barbeque was lit and many cans of lemonade (!!!) were shared during the evening, while the children happily toasted their marshmallows around the fire!

The next day was heralded (with not an instrument in sight) by youngest member Imogen (aged 2) ensuring we used every available minute of the day profitably. After waiting several hours for northerner Paddy Sears to cook his full English breakfast we headed off to spend the day on Southwold beach and consumed further lemonades, ice creams and sun cream (not Paddy, who decided to wear all black from head to toe on the hottest day of the year!). Some brave souls spent many hours in the north sea, before retreating to the local tea shop for cakes. A band lives on its cakes!



During the weekend many stories were told, many laughs were had, and many scalps taken on the beach bowls circuit! The children had a water fight; while the adults spent many an hour enjoying Rob Nunnery's enthusiastic marketing and consuming of his gin based products!

Following a day at Aldeburgh, home of Benjamin Britten (did he ever write for brass band?), with more cakes some of our intrepid campers started to return home - preempting the prescribed storms due the next day. More tales were told around the camp fire, the children were set various challenges in order to win marshmallows, test pieces speculated on, player moves considered - before camp was eventually disassembled prior to the rain and the Monday spent in the beautiful village of Thorpeness, with more cake and lemonade.

As the 4 day camp came to a close and Steph managed to persuade another local camper that they really wanted

our camp fire (and hearth!) all that remained was for us to wave goodbye to Mr Hopper, as he still remained sat outside his caravan drinking tea... rumour is he was there till Thursday!



Summer Bandstands



Band stand, Castle Park, Colchester

The band performed on two Bandstands this summer at Folkestone and Colchester.

The programme included:

'The Army, Navy and the Airforce' March

'Old Man River'

'The Wizard of Oz'

'Broadway Spectacular'

'Chicago'

'Firedance'

'West Side Story'

'Mack The Knife'

'French Military March'



Solos and duets performed included:

'Stardust' performed on Trombone by Susan White

'On The Track' performed as a xylophone duet by Richard Scarff and Asako Mochizuki

'Horn Concerto' performed by Dave Howell

'The Nearness of You' performed by Bex Ransom on Flugel Horn

'The Real McCoy' performed by Bob Osborne on Cornet

'Wee Cooper Fife' performed by Ken Bonser-Ward on Euphonium





The band also performed as a ten piece and played at various garden parties and fetes.

Annual band dinner and awards

The annual band dinner and awards this year will be held on the 17th of October at 'The Park Inn by Radisson, Thurrock'.

This event is always popular and all members and associates are very welcome. We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Please contact Jeff Selway or Rolf Jones for more information.



Diary Dates

Event	Date	Time
Crawley (SCABA) contest	28 th September 2014	All Day
Band Dinner	17 th October 2014	Evening
Beer Band At Wickford	18 th October 2014	Evening
Wychavon Contest	1 st November 2014	All Day
Concert with London Central Fellowship Band	8 th November 2014	TBC
Remembrance Sunday	9 th November 2014	Morning
Milton Keynes Contest	30 th November 2014	All Day
Concert Aylesford Church	Sat 6 th December 2014	2.00pm
Les Pascoes Masons dinner at Chigwell Police Club (Small group)	Sat 6 th December 2014	Evening
Concert Aveley Church	13 th December 2014	7.30pm
Concert Rotary Club, Grays	19 th December 2014	7.30pm
Band Christmas Party and Social Evening	20 th December 2014	Evening
Street Carolling	24 th December 2014	Early Afternoon



Christmas Party with the Avelweiss Oompah band

20th December 2014



The band will be holding its Christmas party in the bandroom on the 20th of December. Entertainment will be provided by its very own **Avelweiss Oompah** band and as well as music there will be games and other entertainment and of course festive food and drink.

Everyone is welcome!

More information and tickets sales to follow but if you would like to reserve tickets now to avoid disappointment please send an email to

chairman@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk

Player Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for ;

a Cornet player

anyone who is interested please get in touch

<http://www.aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk/vacancies.html>

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