

# The Aveley and Newham Brass Band

## Newsletter



**Welcome** to the first edition of the band's newsletter. The newsletter will be used to keep band members and associates informed of all aspects of the band. The band's concert and contest successes, other band activities, new members, committee meeting decisions, calendar of events, notices and details of social events are all things that you can look forward in this exciting new monthly publication.

If you have something you would like in the newsletter, perhaps some news about yourself, please send in the details to [newsletter@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)

**AGM 2012** On the 29th of March the band held it's annual AGM.

Thanks to Rolf Jones for taking the minutes.

Nigel Taken was voted in as the Musical Director.

The new committee is;

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| • Chairman            | - Richard Scarff  | (chairman@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)  |
| • Secretary           | - Simon Jones     | (secretary@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk) |
| • Treasurer           | - Bob Osborne     | (treasurer@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk) |
| • Assistant Secretary | - Dave Howell     | (contact@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)   |
| • Property Steward    | - Chris Augustine | (property@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)  |
| • Committee Member    | - Robert Domingue | (committee@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk) |
| • Contest Secretary   | - Liz White       | (contest@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)   |

In addition to the above the following, non committee positions are;

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| • Assistant Musical Director | - Simon Jones     |                                       |
| • Concert Promoter and PR    | - Dave Howell     |                                       |
| • Webmaster                  | - Richard Scarff  | (webmaster@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk) |
| • Fundraising Coordinator    | - Bob Osborne     |                                       |
| • Social Events Coordinator  | - Robert Domingue |                                       |
| • Librarian                  | - Chris Augustine |                                       |

The committee will be pleased to receive any comments and suggestions from members of the band and please feel free to approach a member of the committee if you have any concerns regarding any matter.

The committee is dedicated to improving all aspects of the band which include forming a stable membership, taking part in more concerts and engagements, increasing the social activity of the band, improving the internal and external communication and improving the band's finances.

The new committee had it's first committee meeting on the 17th of April.

It was decided that

- We would advertise for a cornet and euphonium player.
- The recommended rate for subs would be left at £15 per month. (If you are currently paying less than this please consider raising your monthly contribution).
- We would have a fixed maximum rate for paying expenses. Here is the band's new rate card which will be effective from 1st June 2012.

Type	Status	Rehearsal subs, expenses and fees		Concert/Contest/Engagement expenses	Overnight accommodation expenses	Notes
		Money received by band (subs)	Money paid out by band (expenses and fees)			
<b>Musical Director</b>	Employee	0	Band pay agreed rate (which will be inclusive of expenses).	Band pay agreed rate (which will be inclusive of expenses).	Band pay agreed rate.	
<b>Regular members</b>	Member	£15 per month.	0	Members fund own expenses.	Members fund own expenses.	Receive priority to play concerts/contests.
<b>Student/low income</b>	Member	£0-15 per month by negotiation.	£0-15 per rehearsal by negotiation with receipts / mileage @ £0.2 per mile.	£0-30 per event by negotiation with receipts / mileage @ £0.2 per mile.	Funded by band after negotiation.	Receive priority to play concerts/contests.
<b>Ad hoc</b>	Non member	0	£0-15 per rehearsal by negotiation when booking.	£0-30 per event by negotiation when booking.	Band arrange and fund.	
<b>Pro</b>	Employee	0	£0-50 by negotiation.	£0-150 per event by negotiation when booking.	Band arrange and fund.	Only used in exceptional circumstances AFTER all other possibilities have been exhausted.

- A monthly newsletter would be produced in order to improve communication.
- We can't buy new music stands at the moment as we don't have sufficient funds available. We will look at this again later in the year.
- Open rehearsals would take place from time to time.

### **Action points for members for this month.**

- If you do not have a photo or profile on the website please could you send them in to [webmaster@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk)
- If you are unable to attend a rehearsal please send an email to [apologies@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk](mailto:apologies@aveleyandnewhamband.co.uk) which will be received by Dave Howell.
- If anyone has any ideas or contacts for potential concerts please let Dave Howell know.
- If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the running of the band e.g. Fundraising, library etc please let Richard Scarff know.

## News

On Saturday the 31st of March, the Aveley and Newham Band made history by becoming the first Brass Band to perform in the Olympic Park. We provided entertainment for the 5000 athletes taking part in the five mile run around the Olympic venue. The event, organised by the National Lottery was the first time members of the public had been allowed into the stadium.

The Band were stationed by the four mile marker and hopefully we gave the athletes that extra motivation to keep going for the final mile! The atmosphere in the venue was fantastic. The band were met with cheers and applause by grateful athletes and in between pieces (and during them in some cases), shouts of encouragement also came from the band!



As well as playing for the runners, it gave us a great chance to check out the preparations for the Olympics and soak up the atmosphere in the Stadium. As the Aveley and Newham Band we carry the name of the London Borough which includes the Olympic site and we were proud to be asked to play at the event.



A group of players from the Aveley and Newham Band took part in the Scaba Ringmer solo and ensemble contest on the 11th of February. Simon Jones, Ed Ashby, Ben Watling, Paul Bosworth and Robert Domingue performed in the open ensemble category and were awarded second place for their performance of the Ewald quintet. Another ensemble consisting of Rhys Cave, Hannah Morton, Simon Jones and Paul Bosworth were awarded second place playing Phillip Sparke's Divertimento. Both ensembles received adjudicator's remarks from Jeremy Wise.



The band also fielded a strong team of soloists in both the Slow Melody contest and the Open Solo. Pieces ranged from traditional brass band favourite Share my Yoke to Faure, the Goedicke Concert Étude and a Faure song. Congratulations should go to Ed Ashby, one of our E flat bass players who came second playing a humorous and skilful Bass in the Ballroom. Lynda Nicholson, adjudicator, said of Ed's performance 'You have formidable technique and musicianship.' Congratulations to all involved.



You are invited to a

# Birthday Party BARBECUE

To celebrate David Howells 40<sup>th</sup>  
and Rhys Cave's 19<sup>h</sup>

When? **SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**2012** Time? **3pm onwards....til**  
**late!**

Where? **Sue's House,**  
**Little Thurrock, Grays.**

Maps, parking info and directions to follow.

(20mins walk from Grays Station. Lifts can be arranged)

Please a bottle or 4, or some bbq food to add to the variety!

RSVP to [scave15@hotmail.com](mailto:scave15@hotmail.com)

Sleeping bags can be accommodated if anyone wants to stay... Let us know!

## Forthcoming events

- Open Rehearsal 7th May
- Grand Shield Contest Blackpool 12th May 2012
- Masters Contest Kettering 27th May 2012
  - 4th/5th June 12pm - 6pm
- 10th June Corpus Christi (small band)
- Concert at Aylesford 29th June 2012
- Aveley Scouts 30th June (small band)
- 21st / 22nd July Newham Show (Olympic Torch arrival)

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The committee would like every member of the band to share in it's enthusiasm and excitement for the continuing future success of the band.