



Newmount Brass presents The Music Stand

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Hello and welcome!

Thank you for your continued support of Newmount Brass - we really do appreciate it! Here's an update on everything that's been going on...

News from the Band Room!

There has been quite a lot happening over the last few months at Newmount Brass!

We are pleased to welcome new members Russ (Bb Bass) and Fred (Tenor Horn), both of whom already know many members of the band! They both have added to our sound and settled into our group really well.

We regularly see Dan on Cornet and Rod on Trombone, and this year Bass Trombone player George has come back to us for Christmas! (I think you will be able to hear him!)

Liam, another of our Trombone players (you may remember the Turkey Hat, last year!), has left us for a while due to a work commitment in Germany. He is an actor with a group of players performing over there until next Summer. We, of course, wish him all the best and are looking forward to hearing all about his adventures!

I am delighted to tell you that over the Summer, Tim our MD, got married to Olivia on a beautiful day in August! A group of his university pals came to play for him; the sight of a brass group on a narrowboat was quite something!



We are all delighted for Tim and Olivia and wish them a lifetime of happiness!

Also we are really pleased for Charlea (Flugelhorn) and Scott who have recently welcomed into the world Xander, their lovely baby boy - congratulations to them!

(Cath, Tenor Horn)

From the chairman

I am delighted to be able to send you warm greetings as Chairman of Newmount Brass. I took up this position last year, after my predecessor, Greg Lunn, had fled to Dubai! (I made sure to ascertain beforehand that this departure was due to a temporary work contract, rather than a desperate measure to escape the rigours and responsibilities of being Band Chairman!)

Our family has been associated with the band for the past seven years, being variously responsible for sounds emanating from the cornet, tenor horn, euphonium and percussion sections, and, latterly, for the wielding of the Conductor's baton (Tim).

I confess to being a 'non-player' myself, though have recently succumbed to much pressure and have been attempting to get to grips with the Mysteries of the Trombone. Sadly, its slide still has a mind of its own and the tone it emits attracts curious elephants!

Someone once said, 'What do you call a chap who knows how to pay the trombone and doesn't?' Answer: 'A Gentleman!' I hasten to clarify that the 'someone' wasn't me!

However, my 'debut-date' has yet to be arranged!

As you can see from the rest of the Newsletter, much has happened within the band in recent months. Newmount Brass remains a friendly, close and enthusiastic group of musicians, with much laughter on the way and, so far in its history, no head injuries from flying instruments during rehearsals!

Alan Salmon, who founded the Band in 2005 and who, with his characteristic enthusiasm and passion, gave so much to it in so many ways, would, I feel, be very happy at its current 'state of health'. Long may it blow! And long may it give so much enjoyment to so many!

It is a great pleasure to be its Chairman and to be able to thank you now for your continuing interest in, and support for, the band and its members.

We very much hope to see you at one of our forthcoming events.

Oh, and if you can play a brass instrument and would like to consider being a part of our number, do make yourself known to us... even if it's a trombone!

With very best wishes for Christmas and 2017. Phil Robinson.

Recent Engagements



On the 16th of May 2016, the band hosted a concert in memory of Alan Salmon, the former musical director of the band, who died in November 2015 after a 2 year battle with mesothelioma. It was Alan's wish that this concert went ahead in order to raise money for two charities that were very close to his heart: the Nightingale Macmillan Fund 14001 and the Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team (DAST). The band played some of Alan's favourite pieces (including a lot of marches!) and they performed admirably on what was an emotional, but enjoyable, night. Overall, the band raised £1,101.06, money which was gratefully received by both charities. Alan's family would like to thank all who attended and donated and the band for making it an evening that Alan would have been thoroughly proud of.

(Rachel, Euphonium.)

Following on from the success of Alan's memorial concert, we had a productive few months learning lots of new music and performing at the beautiful Hall Leys Park in July.

We started preparing for our Christmas concerts in October, and are looking forward to performing some new pieces, alongside a few Christmas classics. We started our Christmas season by performing at Swarkestone Craft Fair in November.

Our main Christmas concerts will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mickleover, Melbourne URC and Newmount Methodist Church. We will also be doing some busking in Burton in the week leading up to Christmas at Tesco and the Market Place.

(Tim, Conductor.)

Thanks once again for your continued support - from all at Newmount Brass.

Upcoming Engagements

Friday 9th Dec, 19.30	Patrons' Concert - Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover
Monday 12th Dec, 19.30	Melbourne URC Christmas Concert
Saturday 17th Dec, 19.30	Newmount Methodist Christmas Concert
Wednesday 21st Dec, 10.30 and 13.00	Small Ensemble: Busking in Burton (Tesco)
Thursday 22nd Dec, 10.30	Small Ensemble: Busking in Burton (Market Place)
Wednesday 21st Dec, 14.00	Small Ensemble: Busking in Burton (Market Place)

