



# Newmount Brass presents The Music Stand

The Voice of Newmount Brass – Edition 13, Summer 2017

## Hello and welcome!

Welcome to the Summer Edition of The Music Stand. In this edition we have all the news of the Band's last six months, an article giving a viewpoint from one of our new members, details of all our upcoming engagements... and a fiendish quiz!! Hope to see you soon.

(Phil, Chairman)

### News from the Band Room

Well, here we are - already almost half way through 2017! As we approach the Summer Banding Season, I thought you would like to know what's been happening at Newmount Brass.



Christmas was a very busy time for the band, with three concerts in Derby and Melbourne, and numerous busking sessions, entertaining busy shoppers at local supermarkets and events. It was decided to have a well-earned rest from rehearsals in early January - the Christmas music was put away for another year and new music selected to entertain our audiences in 2017.

Our first engagement was held at the URC in Melbourne, where our annual Anniversary Service took place. This was well-attended by the church members and friends of the band. As usual, many of our members took part in the service, leading prayers, announcing hymns and reading lessons. Our Chairman, Phil, led the service for us. Afterwards, as is our tradition, we joined with the congregation to celebrate our Anniversary with tea and cake provided by the ladies of the church and our President, Margaret Bucknell.

I am pleased to tell you that we have welcomed several new members to the band: Ruth has joined us on cornet, Lisa on Soprano cornet and Dave on flugelhorn. They have settled into the band well and have really enhanced our sound.

We held our Annual General Meeting in March, where a few new members joined our committee. Our thanks go to all the members of the band who help with the organising and running of the rehearsals and events.

In April, we held our Band Meal - this year a Fish 'n' chip Supper in the rehearsal room at Newmount Methodist Church. A jolly time was had by all, with lots of laughter and fun. Following the meal, our MD, Tim, announced and presented the Annual Awards, which were as follows: The David Scott-Savage Cup, awarded to Dan, our Principal Cornet player; the Bob Harris Memorial Shield went to Russ, on Bb Bass; the Alan Salmon Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player to Liz, who plays euphonium; and the Attendance Award went once more to Christine! Tim awarded the MD Medal to Keith, for always keeping us entertained and I was surprised and delighted to be awarded the Bandsman of the Year Award by my fellow players!



(Cath, Tenor Horn)

**New member: Ruth Plant**

Let me introduce myself, I'm Ruth Plant, I'm 48 years old, I live in Mickleover with my Husband Peter, 16 year old Son William and Lily the Dog. I'm an Occupational Therapist at The Royal Derby Hospital.

When I was 12 my school were doing a scheme where you could borrow an instrument and have a 20 minute music lesson at lunchtime for free. I went along, picked up a Cornet and fell in love! Sadly at the end of term it was someone else's turn and I had to give the instrument back and the lessons ended. However, I promised myself that when I was a grown up I would buy a Cornet of my own, have lessons and join a band. Well, 35 years later I did it !

I started having a lesson once a week in January 2016 and passed my Grade 3 exam in July that year. I'd listened to brass band music for years and was desperate to join a band but kept putting it off convinced I wasn't good enough. My teacher encouraged me to look around at bands and have a go at joining one. I knew about Newmount Brass through David Scott Savage. David was an Honorary Life Member of 'Good Companions Stage Society' an amateur Musical Theatre company that I have been performing with since I was 16. So I went along to a Newmount Christmas concert in December and thought they sounded and looked great. I contacted Rachel Salmon to ask about joining the band and she encouraged me to come along and have a play. I went to my first rehearsal In January this year, very nervous and not sure what to expect. However, I needn't have worried, everyone was so welcoming and friendly. I was given the Third Cornet music pack, was told where to sit and that Christine, Vicky and Paul would look after me on the back row and we were off playing the first warm up hymn!

For the first few rehearsals I wanted to shout "STOP! Wait for me - it's all too fast and there are too many black dots on the paper!!", but there was always someone to help me and point me in the right direction. As time goes on I'm getting less lost and it's getting easier. If the odd strange note (or 10 !) come from my direction nobody minds, they just say "that's what we're here for, to practice". The rehearsals are really productive and hard work, but they are fun too and we have a laugh. I love the fact that while I'm there playing with the band that is all I'm thinking about, no matter what else has been going on that day.

I'm really enjoying my time with the band and it is a real thrill for me to be playing the music I've loved listening to for years with a real band. I'm taking my Grade 5 Exam this July so fingers crossed for that. Eventually it's my dream to sound as good as the other players and know what I'm doing all the time! I just wish I'd not left it so long, but at least I'm doing it now.

Thank you to everyone at Newmount Brass for your support and for making me so welcome.

(Ruth, Cornet)

**Quiz time: Can you guess these well-known brass band pieces?**



We would love to see you at one of our upcoming events (details of which are below). We're particularly excited to be holding our own concert at Winshill Methodist Church for the first time on Friday 23rd June - tickets are just £5 and can be booked by emailing [newmounttickets@googlegroups.com](mailto:newmounttickets@googlegroups.com) or speaking to a member of the band.

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

Upcoming Engagements

- Friday 23rd June, 19.30 Concert at Winshill Methodist Church
- Sunday 16th July, 12.30 Performing at Crich Tramway Museum
- Saturday 16th Dec, 19.30 Newmount Methodist Church Christmas Concert

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Join us for a special evening of brass band marches, hymn arrangements & film/TV themes!

*Friday 23rd June, 2017*

Winshill Methodist Church (DE15 0HU), 7.30pm

Tickets £5 - for more information or to book your tickets, please email [newmounttickets@googlegroups.com](mailto:newmounttickets@googlegroups.com) or speak to a member of the band

