

Abergavenny Borough Band

Junior Band News – June 2013

Steam Rally Performance – Well Done!

The youth band did a great job at the steam rally. We had the pick of the weather (just ask the senior band who played on Monday afternoon!) and put on a good show for a relaxed and appreciative audience. A big thank you for giving up some of your bank holiday weekend.

Upcoming Jobs (and Social Event)

We have several jobs coming up over the next few weeks. Please take note of the following and put them in your diary as soon as possible. I will be rounding up attendees by text message in advance of each gig as usual.

Once you have said that you will attend please make every possible effort to be there. We have to decide whether to go ahead based on the number of "yes" replies we receive and if a few don't show up we might be embarrassingly thin on the ground.

So, here they are:

Sunday 23 June – Barbeque at Colin's

Plenty of you said yes to a barbeque. Weather permitting, this will be at 3pm at 1 Alexandra Road, Abergavenny, NP7 5RL. There is a map on the next page. We will sort out the food but would ask that you bring your own choice of drink. I will send out a text asking for confirmation of numbers a couple of days beforehand.

Monday 24 June – Extra Rehearsal at Theatre

This is an extra rehearsal to run through our finale for the concert on 29 June. Please be there in good time to **start at 6.30** prompt. We aim to finish by 7.30. Location is the Corn Exchange at the back of the theatre – use the stairs from the market hall.

Saturday 29 June – Borough Theatre

This is a big evening for us. The band is teaming up with AAODS Juniors and Llanfoist Primary School Choir to present a **Festival of Youth Music** at the Borough Theatre. This is probably the most ambitious event that we have undertaken in quite some time and your help is vital if it is to be the success that we hope for.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are only £5 so please encourage as many people as you can to come along for a great evening of entertainment. If any parents are willing to help by donating raffle prizes or selling raffle tickets or programmes on the night then please let me know.

Saturday 6 July – Skenfrith in the '40s

We will be playing at the *Skenfrith in the '40s* festival in the castle grounds. We are playing two sets: 1.30 - 2.10 and 3.00 - 3.40. If anyone needs a lift please let me know and I will try to arrange.

Saturday 31 August – Llanover Fete

A fair way off, this one, but it crops up during the school holidays and could easily get lost! Time to be confirmed but will be sometime in the afternoon.

Rehearsal Times

After a couple of months running an additional rehearsal on Thursday, we found out that most (or possibly all) of the regular attendees would be able to make Fridays instead. This ties in better with senior band rehearsals so we are now rehearsing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.00 till 7.15. We appreciate that Friday is a difficult evening for many of you, but please come if you can, even if it's only occasionally.

The beginner group runs on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.00. If you know anyone who would like to start playing a brass instrument please let them know that this session is available.

Colin Roberts, 15 June 2013



Barbeque Location: 1 Alexandra Road, Abergavenny NP7 5RL

Please don't park in Priory Road. There is usually plenty of space in Alexandra Road