



## Junior Band – Newsletter April 2012

### Welcome to New Members

A big welcome to those members who have joined us during the past few months. We hope you enjoy being members of the band and that you have fun making music with us. Please encourage any brass-playing friends to come along with you. Absolute beginners are also welcome at any time.

We try to produce a newsletter like this one every few months, letting our members and their parents know what is happening with the band and giving plenty of notice of any dates for your diary. Newsletters are given out in hard copy as well as being published on the youth band pages of the band website. [www.abergavennyboroughband.org.uk](http://www.abergavennyboroughband.org.uk)

### Flaming Brass! – Friday 25 May 2012

The Senior Band will be giving an open air concert with a German youth orchestra at Abergavenny Castle, celebrating the arrival of the Olympic Torch in the town. Tickets are available through the Borough Theatre Box Office and the programme will feature fireworks and a rendition of the 1812 Overture. Unfortunately the junior band will not be participating in this one, but we would still love to see you there.

### Solos, Quartets and Ensembles Competition – Saturday 9 June 2012

This takes place at the YMCA, Mendalgief Road, Newport, and is open to players of all ages. The various classes are listed on the attached sheet. Solos will take place in the morning and quartets and other groups in the afternoon.

We would like as many of our beginners as possible to enter Class A – Slow Melody 11 years and under. It's a great opportunity to show off your new skills even if you only play a simple tune. Colin or Lana or your teacher at school will help you to choose a suitable piece. A pianist will be on duty so you can even play with piano accompaniment. Older players can enter both slow melody and air varie classes.

We will also be entering some quartets and larger groups in the competition but we need to know who is available before we assemble them. So, please could all people who would like to play a solo and/or be part of a group complete the slip attached to this letter and return it to Colin **no later than Tuesday 15 May**. Alternatively send a text to 07920 495800.

The band will pay all entry fees for this event.

### Abergavenny Eisteddfod – Saturday 16 June 2012

This is open to all primary and secondary school children. There are classes for instrumental soloists, duets and trios, and groups of between 5 and 20 players.

For the primary school solo and small groups please enter individually or through your school. If enough people are available we will enter a larger group. Please let me know your availability by text or using the slip below. There will be a preliminary heat at Llanfoist School on Monday 11 June (4.30pm) so you need to be available for that as well as the finals (hopefully!) at King Henry School on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Soloists between 11 and 18 years old should also make their own entries, but please let me know if you would be interested in playing in a small group and we will see what we can put together.

For full details visit the Eisteddfod website at [www.abergavennyestdeddfod.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyestdeddfod.co.uk)

There is no charge for entering the Eisteddfod.

### **Glaslyn Court Care Home, Gilwern – Saturday 14 July 2012**

The junior band has been asked to play in the afternoon at a fete at Glaslyn Court Care Home. Please put this date in your diary – details to follow nearer the time.

### **Soroptimists Garden Party – Sunday 15 July 2012**

A busy weekend, this one! We will be providing background music for an afternoon garden party in Crickhowell. Again, please reserve the date – more details nearer the time.

### **Visit by Karlsruhe Youth Wind Band – 30 July 2012**

This 60-piece German wind band is visiting Monmouthshire from 27 July to 2 August and will be playing concerts in Abergavenny, Monmouth and Pontypool. The Abergavenny concert will be at St Michael's Church on Monday 30 July. The young Germans would value the opportunity to meet young local musicians and there will be an informal buffet after the concert. More advanced players who play a wind band instrument (trumpet, baritone/euphonium, trombone, tuba) may be able to sit in with the band for a rehearsal and concert. Please let me know if you are interested.

### **Annual Concert, Borough Theatre – Friday 7 September 2012**

Later in the year than usual, we will be taking part in the senior band's annual concert at the Borough Theatre. This will be very soon after the summer holidays so we will be trying to keep band going as much as possible during the holidays so that we are ready for this one.

Colin Roberts

9 April 2012

Please complete this slip and return to Colin **no later than Tuesday 15 May** if you would like to take part in the Solos and Quartets Competition and/or the ensemble class in the Abergavenny Eisteddfod.

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### Solos, Quartets and Ensembles – Saturday 09 June

Name:.....

Age on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012.....

I would like to play a solo at the competition on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please enter me in the following class(es) (A, B etc – see below).....

I would like to play in a group at the competition on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Yes/No

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### Abergavenny Eisteddfod

I would like to play in a brass ensemble at the eisteddfod and am available for the preliminary round on Monday 11 June (after school) and for the final (if successful) on Saturday 16 June. Yes/No.

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#### Classes for competition on 09 June (age on date of competition)

1	CLASS A	SLOW MELODY	11 YEARS AND UNDER
2	CLASS B	SLOW MELODY	12 & 13 YEARS
3	CLASS C	SLOW MELODY	14 & 15 YEARS
4	CLASS D	AIR VARIE	15 YEARS AND UNDER
5	CLASS F	SLOW MELODY	16 TO 18 YEARS
6	CLASS G	AIR VARIE	16 TO 18 YEARS
7	CLASS H	SLOW MELODY	OPEN
8	CLASS J	AIR VARIE	OPEN
9	CLASS K	QUARTETS	15 YEARS AND UNDER
10	CLASS L	QUARTETS	16 To 18 YEARS
11	CLASS M	QUARTETS	OPEN
12	CLASS N	ENSEMBLE Max12 players	15 YEARS AND UNDER
13	CLASS O	ENSEMBLE Max12 players	16 To 18 YEARS
14	CLASS P	ENSEMBLE Max12 players	OPEN