

## Dates for your diary

Day / Date	Event	Time
Saturday 29th April	'Come and try' workshop and concert, Greenfield Primary, Countesthorpe	PM
Saturday 20th May	Brass on the Grass, Victoria Farm, Lutterworth	All day
Sunday 21st May	'Music from the Movies', UoL Botanic Gardens, Oadby	3pm
Sunday 9th July	Melton Park	2.45pm
Sunday 20th August	Hollycroft Park	TBC
Saturday 11th November	Bedworth Civic Hall	TBC
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Concert	TBC

### Got an event coming up and would like some musical entertainment?

Feel free to contact The Wigston Band to see what we can do for you! With competitive rates, high quality musicians and a wide repertoire of music you are sure not to be disappointed!

Or if you play a brass instrument and would like to join our friendly band, then feel free to give us a ring!

## The Last Word...

"Why does the MD not know there is a hole in your instrument until a day before the Area?" Who knows why Chris didn't know!



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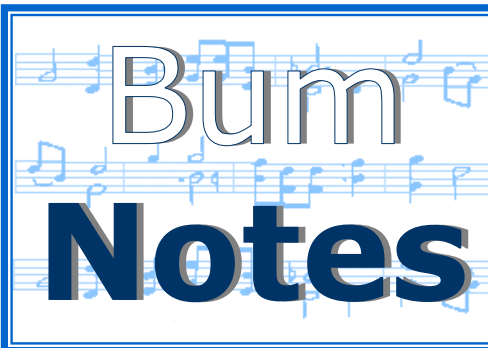
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Saturday 11th of March was a big day for The Wigston Band—it was the first contest without Garry Sleath at the helm and also the first contest with our new MD Chris Small!

He may be young and new to the job, but Chris certainly put us through our paces in the run up to the Area! This year's test piece was 'Aotearoa—Land of the Long White Cloud' by Philip Sparke. The piece aimed at evoking the crashing waves and a towering New Zealand coastline that was a challenge to put into our performance via



The Wigston Band—ready to go with new MD, Chris Small.

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## The Area

semi-quaver runs and intense dynamic changes.

After months of practice, hard work and sleepless nights, the day to travel to Bedworth was upon us. Returning Wigston Band member Rob reminded us that back many years ago when The Area was held at De Mont-

fort Hall in Leicester, many of the youngsters would head into town and would almost miss the contest but thankfully that didn't happen to us this time!

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## First Section Area Results 2017:

Test Piece: 'Land of the Long White Cloud' (Philip Sparke)

Adjudicators: Dr Chris Davis and Kevin Wadsworth

1. Foresters Brass 2000 (John Davis)
2. Rushden Town (Adele Hudson)
3. Hathern (David Newman)
4. Enderby (Simon Greswell)
5. Langley (Cliff Parker)
6. Shirley (David Bishop-Rowe)
7. Carlton Brass (Gary Wyatt)
8. Kibworth (David Holling)
9. Harborough (Brad Turnbull)
10. Shirebrook Miners Welfare (Geoff Benson)
11. Leicestershire Co-operative (Graham Jacklin)
- 12. Wigston (Chris Small)**
13. Oddfellows Brass (Rob Boulter)
14. Ibstock Brick Brass (Simon Willis)
15. Ireland Colliery Chesterfield (Richard Windle)
16. Gresley Colliery (Dave Purkiss)

On the day, we tried our best to put all of the dramatic effects into practice but achieved a 12th position which was a little lower than we were hoping for. Chris was pleased with how the band played and we are positively looking forward to progressing with him in the middle and giving the rest of the first section a run for their money next March! Its certainly onwards and upwards for The Wigston Band!



We are sure Chris wasn't really laying an egg before the Area!



Can you spot our current solo euphonium player?  
Loving the longer hair and checked jacket!

## Notes from the Editor

You may have noticed that Bum Notes has had a bit of a facelift! I decided that with a new conductor and many new faces round the stands, it was time to give Bum Notes a freshen up too! I hope you like it!

In the last issue I announced that I had finally passed my Masters Degree in Teaching and Learning. I wanted to say thank you to the very kind gentleman who found me out and congratulated me at our Christmas Concert—you made my day! Just for this edition (and keeping a promise to the kind gentleman), I have included my graduation photos for you to see! My mum and dad, Wigston Band's very own principal cornet and Bb Bass player were very proud, as you can see!

If you would like to be added to the email list, then please email Abi at: [wigstonbrassband@gmail.com](mailto:wigstonbrassband@gmail.com)



# Raiding the archive!



When finding bits and pieces of band memorabilia for Garry's leaving do, Karen came across a whole box of ancient photos from The Wigson Band's history. There are still a few familiar faces in some of them proving that once you join Wigston, you will most likely stay at Wigston—well, we do think we are a friendly bunch to be with!

Take a look at some of the pictures we unearthed and see if you can recognise anyone!



One of our longstanding members, Phil Spray, here on solo euphonium.



Karen Edwards just will not ever give up her 3rd cornet seat! And Paul Edwards is still awesome at his high notes!

I never would have guessed who was in this one until it was pointed out to me!

I don't think Graham, our Enterprise Band stalwart, has changed much. But, can you guess who the principal cornet player is? I'm sure our chairman would know!



# Goodbye Garry



After his longstanding service with The Wigston Band, putting up with all of the lows but also leading us to great highs too, the band gave Garry Sleath a special leaving party in February.

After a lot of planning, phone calls and emailing around, we managed to gather a group of current and past members to give Garry a send off to remember. We had all managed to keep it a secret and the shocked—thrilled—confused—happy—bewildered expression on Garry's face when he entered the packed room was wonderful to see! There was lots of reminiscing taking place—like the time when a member forgot his

passport when going on tour and basically emptied the whole of his suitcase out in the airport and the times when Garry lost his temper at us, especially the rehearsal before a big contest!



The highlight of the evening for most people was certainly the huge cake that had been baked by Mike Wildman's (our Eb Bass player) wife. It was certainly intriguing to see Garry cut the cake, and expertly avoiding the 'Big W' in the centre of it!

We wish Garry all the best for the future and know we will see him soon—he just can't stay away for long!



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# Music From the Movies

"Take a trip down the Red Carpet and hear a selection of movie classics!"



**Sunday 21st May, 3pm**

**University of Leicester Botanic Gardens,  
Glebe Road, Oadby, LE2 2LD**

Refreshments available (or bring a picnic).  
Free entry with charity donations and raffle.

For further details contact:

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## 200 Club



Here are the results from the recent 200 Club draws. Well done to all of the winners!

To be in with the chance of winning some fantastic cash prizes, email Dave Spray for details about joining the 200 Club:

[wigstonbrassband@gmail.com](mailto:wigstonbrassband@gmail.com)

### 1st Prize

### 2nd Prize

#### December

K Edwards (087)

J Wesson (083)

### Star Prize A Raggett (004)

#### January

S Lewis (121)

A Spray (055)

#### February

D Newman (068)

M Veasey (071)

## Only 112 miles wrong!



When going to a recent contest, one of our MD's decided to book a hotel to make their stay more relaxing. However, they didn't

realise until they had turned up that they had booked a hotel 112 miles away from where the contest was actually situated! Thankfully the hotel had a lovely room with a sea view spare and no money was lost in this hilarious mistake! Oooops! It's a good job that this MD has talents in solo horn playing as geography clearly isn't thier strongest subject!

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## **Sponsor Us?**



As you will know, The Wigston Band is a registered charity and we survive solely on the proceeds we make at our concerts and your very kind donations. As such, it is sometimes a little difficult to make ends meet, purchase new music and ensure our instruments are in fully working order!

Therefore, we need your help! We are looking for companies or individuals who would be happy to sponsor us in order to help keep our historical organisation alive!

You can choose to sponsor an individual—maybe someone you have heard and would like to

hear more of in the future. Or how about offer a monthly donation to your favourite section—being a horn player myself then that would be a good one to go for, knowing how hard we work! Or how about sponsoring our uniforms to make sure we always look our best! It is up to you!

All sponsorship donations are welcome and we will ensure that your company details or name gets published within Bum Notes and in all of our concert programmes. We may also be able to sort out free tickets to concerts and CDs as a special thank you to you for helping with The Wigston Bands survival.

To get yourself involved with this sponsorship opportunity, contact the band on:

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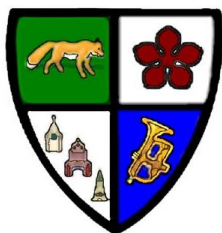
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We thank you in advance for your continued support.

## Enterprise Band

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## Off to the seaside!

Once again, The Enterprise Band enjoyed a wonderful day out in Skegness this January for the Butlin's Mineworkers Championships. Although it was



a rather wet and windy day, there was nothing that would dampen the spirits of our enthusiastic youngsters (and not so youngsters)!

The band put on an extremely commendable performance of Proclaimers hit '500 Miles', '1914 March', 'Be Still' and Phantom of the Opera favourite 'All I Ask of You' under the baton of, to quote 4barsrest,

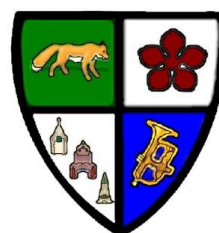
"an ever smiling MD Matthew Davis". The band had a lot to proud of,



showing great quality and joy in thier playing. This helped them to achieve a 2nd place. Well done everyone!

The band is now looking forward to our 'workshop' concert is on 29th April at Greenfield Primary School in Countesthorpe, so feel free to pop along and have a listen and a blow yourself!

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## Horizon Band

### Bum Notes

The Horizon Band would like to give a huge well done to our talented solo cornet player. Emma recently took her grade 2 cornet exam and passed with distinction! Emma has also recently joined Enterprise Band and so is able to push herself further and is making huge progress. Well done Emma!

Emma and other Horizon Band members are now looking forward to the LBBA solo, duet and quartet contest at the beginning of April where we hope to bring back some silverware!

## A huge well done!



If you'd like to join the fun in Enterprise Band or Horizon Band, contact our secretary Jo for more details:

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