

Dates for your diary

Day / Date	Event	Time
Thursday 14th December 2017	Christmas Concert, St Thomas Church, South Wigston	7.45pm
Saturday 17th March 2018	Guthlaxton Campus	3pm
Saturday 14th April 2018	Joint Concert with Wigston Male Voice Choir, Venue TBC	TBC
Friday 7th December 2018	Elmesthorpe Village Hall	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!**



Kahlan's Last Word...

Kahlan has inadvertently rewritten the name
of a popular Christmas Carol. The carol in
question will forevermore be known as
'Sweet Chimney Christmas Bells'!



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Contact the Website and Bum Notes:

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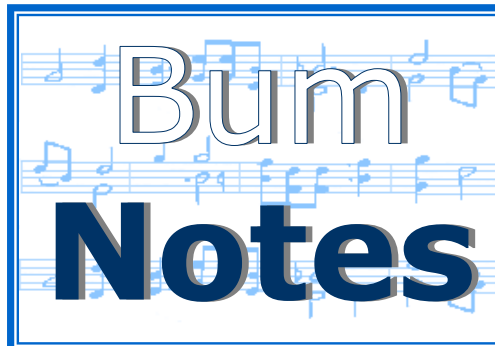
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As always, this November was a
very poignant time for the Senior
Band with our Remembrance
activities.

This began with our regular stint
at Bedworth Civic Hall on the
4th November. Every year this
concert has a theme, this year
commemorating the 100th year



since the Battle of
Passchendaele. This concert was
an exciting event featuring
singing groups, Hinckley Area

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The Wigston Band

Remembrance

Schools Orchestra and soloists.
The Wigston Band played a
selection of pieces including
'Adagio', composed by band
friend Lee Rogers and an
emotional rendition of
'Evening Song'. This was
followed by a celebration of
Britain with a 'Last Night of
the Proms' selection before a
silence and poppy drop.

Following this, on a very chilly
12th of November we all met in
Wigston for the Remembrance

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Sunday parade and Church Service. Due to the growth in popularity of the parade over the last few years, this year it was extended with a march from Bell Street to All Saints Church in Wigston.



When we had all squeezed into the church, we accompanied a range of hymns and Alison Harding once again very ably played the Last Post and reveille.



For the first time, The Wigston Band had a poppy wreath to place on the War Memorial alongside the other organisations. Rhiannon and Abi were honoured to have this important role.



All of this playing, especially in cold conditions certainly has got the band primed for all of their Christmas playing over the coming months!



Taken in the grounds of Bushloe House in 1951.

Back row left to right....H.Thomas, G.Bennett, D.Martin, I.Pratt, F.Mildred, H.Chadwick, A.Spray and H.Smith.

Middle row...B.Bolsover, F.Pearce, T.Simpson, B.Lee, J.Cutting, C.Hutt, G.Whyatt, F.Garner, E.Mewis, A.Gregory.

Front row...H.Garner, J.Anderson, R.Wright, E.Moore, M.Blackburn, Charlie Moore, C.W.Bass, F.Chapman, F.Dunn and George Barnwell.

Notes from the Editor

Christmas is once again upon us—this year seems to have gone so quickly! We hope you have a lovely festive season and manage to see one of our bands at some point! The Wigston Band Organisation would like to thank you for your support through 2017 and wish you a healthy New Year. See you in 2018 for much more music making!

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

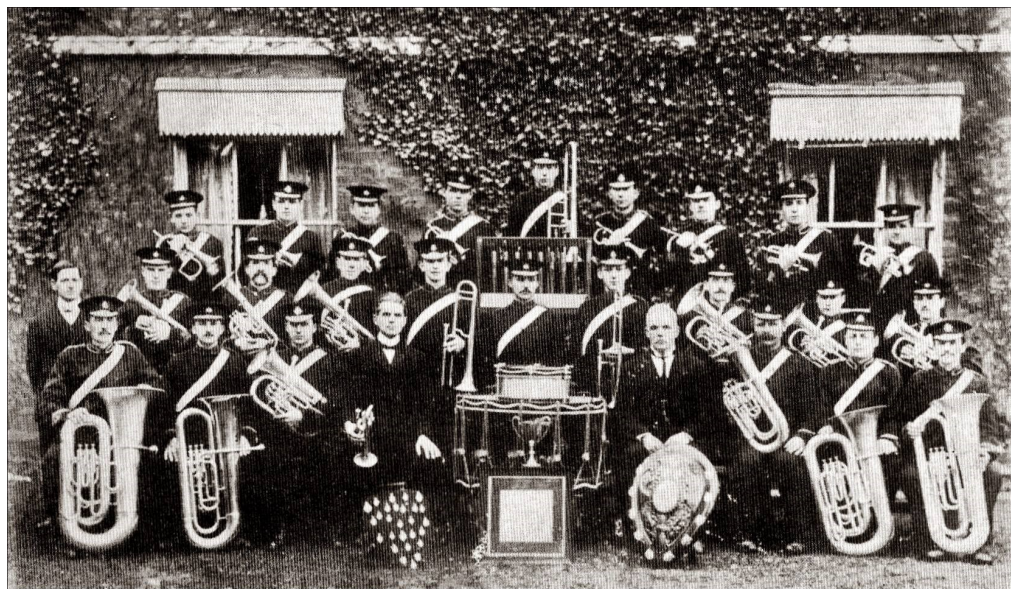
Band History



written by one of the band's founding members Charlie Moore.

Do you know anyone who used to play in The Wigston Band Organisation at any point in our history? If you do then we would love to hear your stories or see any of your photos or other memorabilia. Join in the conversation on The Wigston Band facebook page, email us or give us a call—we would love to hear from you!

Recently, many conversations have been going on via our social media regarding the history of the band and our past playing members. We have received many photos that have turned up in lofts and back of garages and we even unearthed the hymn tune 'Wigston' which was



The Temperance Silver Prize Band.c1905.(Forerunner of The Wigston Band).4th left front row behind the shield is Charles Moore the leader and 4th from the right front row is John.D.Broughton the president.

Christmas Dates



The Senior Band will be out and about a lot this festive season. Check out the dates to see when we will be carolling or playing a festive concert. We would love to see you!

Saturday 2nd December

ASDA, Fosse Park

Sunday 10th December

ASDA, Thurmaston

Thursday 14th December, 7:45pm

Wigston Band Concert, St Thomas Church, South Wigston

Friday 15th December, 8pm

Elmesthorpe Village Hall

Sunday 17th December, 1pm

Dog and Gun, Walton

Sunday 17th December, 6pm

Shearsby Church

Monday 18th December

ASDA, Fosse Park

Tuesday 19th December

ASDA, Fosse Park



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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Email: wigstonbrassband@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

200 Club



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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:

	1st Prize	2nd Prize
August	K. Edwards 054	J. Green 057
September	A. Raggett 098	A. Harding 142
October	P. Edwards. 118	P. Ward 135

Marching for the Masons



Back in October, six members from the Senior Band were honoured to march alongside members from Croft, Forresters and Kibworth Bands through Leicester City Centre for the 300th Anniversary of the

Freemasons in Leicester. This day was also special as it was the first Freemasons march through the town in 100 years. Even though it turned out to be quite a long march from Jubilee Square, past the Clocktower and through to the Cathedral, we all had an enjoyable afternoon. Well done to all.





**THE WIGSTON BAND
ORGANISATION**

Registered Charity
No. 1126781

Christmas Concert

Thursday 14th December, 7:45pm
St Thomas' Church, South Wigston

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www.wigstonbrassband.com

We can also be found on Twitter and Facebook

Well earned retirement



This September was a very special time for one of our members. Our Bb Bass player, Pete Harding was finally retiring after over 40 years service within the NHS. And the Wigston Band were tasked with helping to make his retirement a very special occasion.

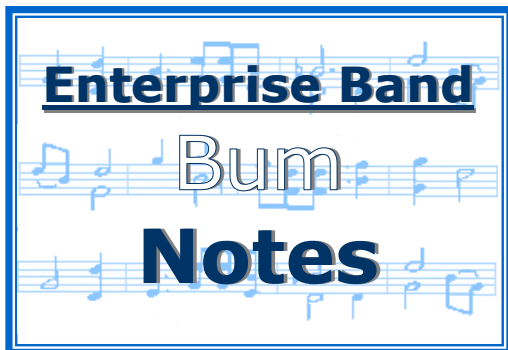


Way back before the summer Pete's daughter Abi, who plays horn, had been approached by his colleagues to put a small group of band members together to play for his retirement do. This then led to a huge secret amongst the members as players were organised and music rehearsed. Even when seeing Pete every week and more in the run up to the Bolsover Contest, everyone kept tight lipped about what preparations were occurring!

Finally the big night arrived and a group involving John, Paul, Jayne, Matt, Abi and Mike set up within the party room at Belmont Hotel in Leicester. Finally when the guest of honour arrived (following a slight hiccup with a taxi) his face was such a wonderful picture when he realised that not only was the music being performed live but was being played by a group of friends from The Wigston Band.

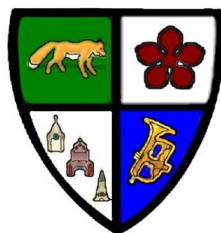
Pete was well and truly honoured by both his LRI colleagues and The Wigston Band with renditions of 'Bare Necessities', 'A Whole New World' and Beatles favourites amongst others. Everyone certainly enjoyed participating in 'For He's A Jolly Good Fellow' which concluded the bands stint at the party and allowed the gorgeous food to be served, speeches to be made and presents to be given.

Pete has always given a lot to The Wigston Band and other bands within the country too, but it the backgrounds of bandsmen that people often don't realise. Pete has for a long time helped to provide care in the treatment of cancer patients as well as training new people and researching to make cancer treatment services much more sophisticated and effective. The Wigston Band would like to wish him a happy and healthy well-earned retirement.



That time of year is almost upon us once again and believe it or not both the Enterprise and Horizon bands have been out carolling since the beginning of November!

THE WIGSTON ENTERPRISE BAND



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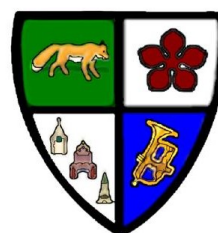
They kicked off their festive season

with a light switch on in Oadby. Playing a mix of festive and other fun tunes, they were very well received and we even managed to time 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' with the celebratory firework display!

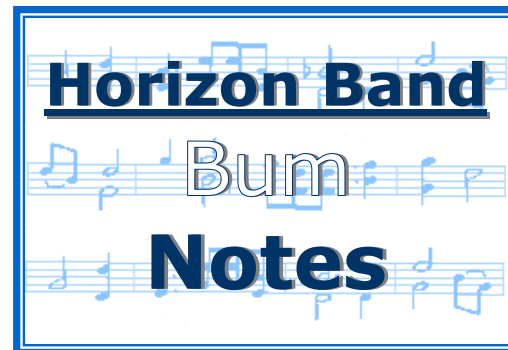
Please check out all of the Enterprise and Horizon dates for when we are out and about. Feel free to come and see us and pop some spare change into our buckets!



THE WIGSTON HORIZON BAND



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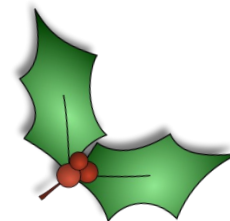


Saturday 2nd December, 4pm

Christmas Capers, South Wigston

Sunday 3rd December, 4pm

Birdland, Desford



Thursday 14th December, 7:45pm

Wigston Band Concert, St Thomas Church, South Wigston

Sunday 17th December, 4pm

Birdland, Desford



Monday 18th December, time TBC

Black Horse, Aylestone

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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