

Dates for your diary

Day / Date	Event	Time
Saturday 14th April	Wigston College (Guthlaxton) with Wigston and District Male Voice Choir.	Contact 01455 614235 for details.
Saturday 19th May	Brass on the Grass, Victoria Farm, Near Lutterworth	All Day
Saturday 7th July	Verdonbury, Newbold Verdon	From 1:30pm
Sunday 19th August	Hollycroft Park, Hinckley	3pm
Thursday 20th December or Friday 21st December (TBC)	Christmas Concert, St Thomas Church, South Wigston	7:45pm

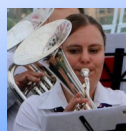
Got an event coming up and would like some musical entertainment?

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!

Notes from the Editor

We had a record number of people signing up for Bum Notes at our recent concert in Wigston. I very much hope you enjoy this edition and pass it on to all of your friends! If you know someone who would like to be added to the email list, then please email Abi at: wigstonbrassband@gmail.com



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Bum Notes

One of the main aims of the Wigston Band Organisation is to teach youngsters from the local community, helping them to progress and showing them how to become a successful musician. The concert on 17th of March was a memorable occasion for us as Jamie Green became the first



Jamie looking very smart in his Senior Band jacket.

member who had progressed through every band in our organisation.

Jamie began his banding career back in around 2011 when he started as a near beginner with Horizon Band. After a few years hon-

ing his basic skills he progressed up to Enterprise Band where he continued to thrive. As well as putting his wonderful percussion skills to the test with solo slots including 'Fascinating Drums' and prize winning at the LBBA solo contest, Jamie has also been a valued mentor for the younger

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News and events from
The Wigston Band



Progressing Percussionist!



Winning prizes back in 2013.

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Jamie enjoyed his time in Enterprise Band, sharing his passion and knowledge with Yasmin.

percussionists who he supports and teaches both within Horizon and Enterprise.

Finally, Jamie impressed Senior Band MD Chris Small and was invited to come along to senior band rehearsal. He immediately made a huge impact and performed his first concert with the band at a joint concert with

South Wigston's Community Choir.

Jamie did a wonderful job and we very much hope that he will continue to progress within the Senior Band. Make sure you see him at one of upcoming concerts very soon!



We are sure he will bring a little bit of his cheeky spark with him to the Senior Band!



A much smaller Jamie back when he first joined the Wigston Band Organisation with The Horizon Band



I wonder what Jamie is about to play that would create this reaction from him?!

Dave Giblin



It is with great sadness that The Wigston Band announces the passing of one of recent members. Dave Giblin played with the senior band over the past couple of years before moving on to play with another band. Dave also helped out with our Horizon and Enterprise

Band during his time with the Wigston Band Organisation.

He was well known and will be missed throughout the banding community, especially for being one of the best 2nd seat solo cornet of recent times. Part of this fame came from his time at Desford Band when they were extremely renowned and prize winning.



Small sum up thoughts and feelings from the 2018 Area contest pretty well. "Lots of people have spoken to me to say how well we played and how unlucky they felt Wigston were. [I] can't fault the effort, commitment and passion shown by Wigston. We may have been unfortunate but...onwards and upwards and congratulations to those promoted and/or on their way to Cheltenham."

The Wigston Band has got lots

to look forward to in the future and we are sure to have many successes with the enthusiastic Chris Small at the helm.

Midlands Area Results 2018

1. Staffordshire (Leigh Baker)*
2. Foresters Brass (John Davis)*
3. Enderby (Simon Gresswell)*
4. Rushden Town (Adele Hudson)
5. Oddfellows Brass (Rob Boulter)
6. Bedworth Brass (David Maplestone)
7. Burbage Buxton (Steve Critchlow)
8. Kibworth (John Hudson)
9. Bilton Silver (Rugby) (David Stowell)
10. Carlton Brass (Gary Wyatt)
11. Shirebrook MW Unison (Colum O'Shea)
12. Ibstock Brick Brass (Simon Willis)
13. Leicestershire Co-op (Graham Jacklin)
14. Gresley Colliery (David Purkiss)
15. Glossop Old (Duncan Beckley)
16. Harborough (Brad Turnbull)
17. Wigston (Chris Small)
18. Shirley (David Hirst)

The Area



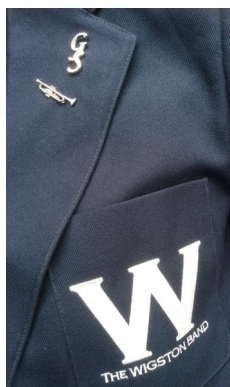
players. But we put in as much hard work as we could so we could put a good show on when the time came for our trip to Bedworth.

On the day the band were presented with a new pin badge each to wear on our walking out jackets from our proud supporters G Seller & Co Ltd. We made our way to Bedworth and after a short rehearsal and lunch break we were sat on stage ready to do our best. And that is what the members truly did, playing with good dynamics, togetherness and control.

Unfortunately the results didn't go our way on the day and a poor result has meant that we will be contesting within the Second Section from 2019.

Thoughts from our MD Chris

Since November the senior band had been putting their talents to the test during rehearsals on Brass Metamorphosis by James Curnow ready for the Midlands Area contest in March. Brass Metamorphosis as the title suggests is a set of variations based on an original theme. Each of the five variations is in a different style with the first being a lively rondo, the second slow and intense, the third an agile scherzando, the fourth slow and expressive and the fifth full of majesty as it brings the piece to a triumphal close. The piece proved to be deceptively difficult and in places quite exposed, especially for our flugel, solo horn, soprano and euphonium



Enderby Youth Reunion!



The recent Area contest was pretty much an Enderby Youth Band reunion with many members who had once played with Enderby Youth Band playing with Wigston Band on contest day. Abi (1st horn), Jenny (rep), Will (solo cornet), Spencer

(trombone) and our MD Chris had all played at Enderby Youth during some very successful years back in 2004. They achieved much success during that time winning the youth contest in Folkestone for 3 years in a row and producing high results at the Wychavon. In addition to this the number of ex-Enderby Youth players could have been increased to 6 with the addition of Lauren on back row who is currently taking time out after the birth of her baby.



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THE WIGSTON BAND
Player Vacancies
Front Row Cornet
Trombones

We are a very friendly band based in Wigston, Leicestershire. The Wigston Band boasts a thriving family orientated scene with two other bands in its organisation. We enjoy a sensible mixture of concerts and contests and would look to welcome some new musicians within our organisation.

If to you are interested in giving us a try please contact MD Chris Small on 07533022362 for an informal chat. Strictest confidence is assured.



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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:

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Star Prize : D Spray (116)

1st Prize

2nd Prize

December

R Allcoat (141)

A Spray (074)

January

D Spray (112)

J Collins (107)

February

D Spray (033)

G Veasey (007)

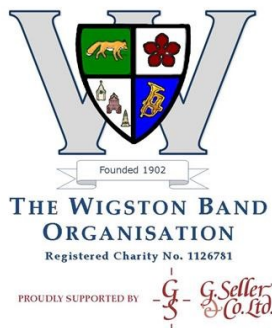
Dazzed off!



Clough took to entertaining everyone by reciting word for word the famous banding based film 'Brassed Off'.

With his own spin on the dialogue, our solo horn Matt, named this one man performance 'Dazzed Off!' Be sure to catch it during a Wigston Band rehearsal soon!

To reduce the downtime boredom of our recent rehearsals our Eb Bass Daz



The Wigston Band Organisation

Cake and Plant Sale!

**Saturday 12th May,
10:30am**

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Sponsorship News



The Wigston Band is proud to announce a new sponsorship deal with funeral directors G.Seller & Co. Ltd.

After attending a number of concerts, the company's director contacted the band regarding sponsorship. This new partnership will make a massive difference to the bands ability to coach youngsters and provide better opportunities for all members of the organisation.

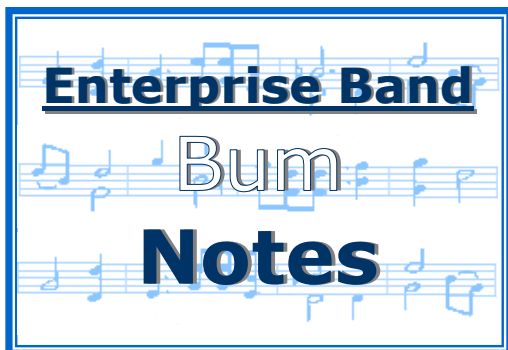
Joseph Barsby, Director at G. Seller & Co. and Winners of the 2017 Leicester Mercury Business Award for Contribution to the Community is a personal friend of Musical Director Chris Small and with an office in Glen Parva serving the community of Leicester, jumped at the opportunity to offer his support. "Music is a great medium and provides great joy and entertainment and there is something truly special about a brass band. For

generations, brass bands have been at the very heart of communities across Britain and we are thrilled to be able to help out the Wigston Brass Band as they prepare for their 2018 calendar of events."

Joseph continues by saying, "This is a community band that embraces players of all abilities and there is a clear fit with the values and traditions of our firm. I am delighted to be able to support the band and look forward to hearing them play in the near future."

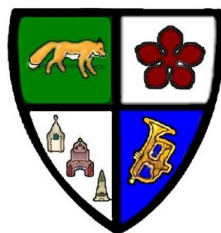
Chris Small, MD, added "This partnership is extremely exciting and the organisation are really looking forward to the opportunities that it will open up for both players and for people within the local community. This is a hugely exciting time to be part of this hard working organisation and we're hugely grateful to Joseph and his team for their support."





January in Skegness is never a particularly pleasant experience, with freezing cold temperatures and splashing grey sea. However, Butlins was thriving with the annual Mineworkers

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Brass Band Championships.

This year the Enterprise Band (with many Horizon and Senior band players helping out) took to the stage to show what they could do.

Under the baton of Matt Davis, the band began their programme with a rousing rendition of 'Magnificent Seven' from the famous film of the same name. They then calmed



the pace with 'Be Still' before introducing their soloists for the day. Alex, Josh and Ellie put in a wonderful performance of 'Mr Sandman', ably accompanied by the rest of the band and

particularly the percussion section who had an interesting vibraphone part! The band then played 'Softly Awakes my Heart' and closed with an upbeat performance of 'Birdland'.

After the performance it was off to the pool to enjoy the watery fun or to the crazy golf. MD

Matt enjoyed scoring a hole in 1 which means he earned himself a free pass to play the golf again next year!

The band were extremely pleased with their efforts and of their result when it was announced (as it happens by very proud The Wigston Band chairman Mick Veasey) that they had come 2nd. As well as



this the adjudicator especially mentioned how he enjoyed seeing how the band had progress from year to year and was sure they would progress even more in the future. Maybe The Enterprise Band will be on track for a 1st place position next year then! Well done to the band members for their wonderful contesting result! Keep up the hard work!

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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