



RINGWOOD AND BURLEY BAND

NEWSLETTER



Members of the band and staff of The Co-operative Funeralcare at the presentation, John Tamplin, John Haywood, Noel Smart, Ray Chalmers, Tracy Witt, Tony Mist, Peter Harris and Ray Alexander



**The
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A BAND FOR ALL OCCASIONS

A new sponsorship deal was set up in their offices in Ringwood High Street by the Ringwood Branch of the Co-operative Funeralcare with the Ringwood and Burley Band on Tuesday March 29th members of the branch's staff, Funeral Co-ordinator Mr. Yorky Tuke, Funeral Director Mr. Ray Chalmers and Funeral Co-ordinator Ms. Tracy Witt presented Band Chairman Mr. Tony Mist with a cheque for £500, other members of the band at the presentation were John Tamplin, John Haywood, Noel Smart, Ray Alexander, Peter Harris and Band Secretary Mrs. Christine Harris.

When presenting the cheque Mr. Tuke said the sponsorship would be initially for one year but he hoped the arrangement would be ongoing and that their association with the band would be beneficial to both parties by bringing the companies services to the attention of people in the area and would also help the band in a financial way.

Mr. Tuke is also an active member of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club and in this capacity he has helped set up sponsorship of some of the band playing members under the "Sponsor a Player Scheme"

Mr. Mist thanked the company representatives for the cheque and said he looked forward to a long association with them and hoped that there would be ways they could be of service to the company.

Mr. GRAHAM GEORGE

Early in March the band was sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Grahame George, he was a well known figure in Ringwood through his connection with Guys Nursery, also for his years of service as a town councillor and his yearly involvement with Ringwood Carnival

Grahame was an enthusiastic supporter and follower of the band and was for many years one of our vice-presidents, over the years he has been a good friend and helper of the band.

We extend our condolences and sympathy to his wife Sheila and his family.

THE BAND'S SECRETARY

If you need information on the band or updates on engagements contact Christine Harris (01202) 877515.

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PRACTICE EVENINGS

Please feel free to call in and listen to our rehearsal on any Friday evening between 8 and 10 pm in the Ebenezer Hall at Greyfriars in Ringwood. New and prospective members always welcome.

SUMMER SAILAWAYS



We have again been fortunate enough to have been allocated some Cruise Ship playaways this summer, we have three dates on the quayside at Southampton Docks to play the cruise liners *Oceana* and *Ventura* away on their voyages. These engagements are a very important source of income to the band.

JUNE 2011

HONOUR AWARD FOR

Mrs. GILLIAN HABBIN

We offer Congratulations to Mrs. Habbin who was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to the community.

Mrs. Habbin was a founder member of the Ringwood Community Association and was for twenty five years the manager of Greyfriars, she is still very much involved with the association in her capacity as the secretary.

She has also been involved in many other aspects of life in the town, one of them is being a Vice-President of the Band and she has been a great help to the band in many practical ways.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

I joined the Ringwood and Burley Band as a permanent player in July 2010 as I had finally moved home to be with my son and family in Poulner. Having spent a long time in brass bands in South Yorkshire during and after the demise of the coal industry and the loss of many bands due to the closure of mines in general, causing lots of bands to struggle on with a small nucleus of players and so disappearing from the concert and contesting scene, the band I was a member of being one of these. At this time of hardship



many bands amalgamated to keep going but many more disappeared altogether. For me the surprise of moving to the Hampshire/Dorset area and finding the brass band scene going so strongly and being enjoyed by so many diverse people, it was quite something. To be readily welcomed into a band was fortunate for me after the past few years in the north. I am still finding bands in towns and villages that until now I had never heard of which is the reason for my surprise. *John Haywood, (first trombone).*

A DATE TO REMEMBER

OUR AUTUMN CONCERT

SATURDAY 8th October 2011

THE BARRINGTON THEATRE FERNDOWN 7.30 pm

ADMISSION £8

Tickets from
(01425) 473542/477472
Also from Barrington Box
Office and band members

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Peter Harris receiving the Chairman's Cup from Chairman Tony Mist

The Chairman of the Ringwood and Burley Band Mr. Tony Mist welcomed Ringwood Town Mayor, Councillor Christine Ford, Councillor Michael Thierry, representatives of our sponsors The Raymond Brown Group of Companies and The Ringwood Brewery, Vice-Presidents and supporters and members of the band to the 131st Annual General Meeting of the band.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work and also our sponsors, vice presidents and members for their support, he mentioned that he had served the band as chairman for the past 21 years and this had been a very good year, he felt the band was very much a family affair with a hard working, happy and enthusiastic atmosphere, he expressed his thanks to the Ringwood Lions Club and the Tuesday Club of Ringwood for their help in the organisation, publicity and presenting the Barrington Theatre concert in Ferndown and also Mr. John Rayner of Wilton British Legion Band for their assistance during the year.

Treasurer Mr. Vernon Riordan reported an increase in income from engagements also from the sponsorship scheme which was a great help with 25 members of the band being sponsored by individuals and businesses, but he did warn that many of our outgoings were increasing and there was a need for new ideas on fund raising.

Our Supporters Club have been a great help to the band over the year and Mrs. Margaret Mist was thanked for all the work she does in running the club, funds are raised by a weekly draw for members and supporters and they support the band in many practical and financial ways.

Mr. Peter Harris reporting for the Trustees said that the equipment was in good condition with a programme of servicing and cleaning instruments in progress and he thanked his colleague Mr. John Tamplin for all the work he carries out on behalf of the band.

Mr. Bernard Lawson the Musical Director of the band in his address thanked the band for their hard work in what had been a good year of consolidation and felt that a great deal of improvement had been made on the performance side in quality and in the range of our repertoire, the membership of the band had increased to 28 with just a few more needed to complete a full band, he congratulated the young members of the band on the progress they had made over the year, the band had fulfilled a large range of engagements, ranging from bandstand performances, cruise ship playaways, concerts in Ringwood and West Moors, a charity concert at the Mormon Church in Bournemouth in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Fund

and the very successful concert in the Barrington Theatre in Ferndown, we undertook 17 engagements plus a variety of events over the Christmas period. The Chairman's Cup was presented to Mr. Peter Harris and the Lister Cup to Mr. Tony Gurd.

In his report Mr. Noel Smart the Bandmaster and Deputy Conductor reiterated Mr. Lawson's views on the progress of the band and thanked the band for their support he also thanked Mr. John Rayner of the Wilton British Legion.

Officials elected for the coming year were President/Chairman, Tony Mist; Musical Director, Mr. Bernard Lawson; Bandmaster, Mr. Noel Smart; Secretary, Mrs. Christine Harris; Treasurer Mr. Vernon Riordan; Trustees, Mr. John Tamplin and Ms. Denise Meeking; Social Rep., Mrs. Margaret Mist; Committee, Ms. Gayle Pipe, Mr. Ron Anthony, Mr. Peter Harris and Mr. John Haywood; New Vice-Presidents elected were Mr. Geoff Kay, Mr. Eric Lever and Ms. Eileen Withall.

Before the close of the meeting the Mayor addressed the meeting thanking the band for their work on behalf of the town and wished them well for the coming year.



Tony Gurd receiving the Lister Cup from Musical Director Bernard Lawson

COMPANY SUPPORT FOR THE BAND

Ringwood Brewery, Seemore Graphics and the Raymond Brown Group of Companies continue to support the band, our thanks to them.

Our thanks also to Mr. Michael Thierry the publisher of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge News for the support he gives the band.

OUR WEBSITE

Information on the band can be found on our website designed and sponsored by Seemore Graphics of Ringwood.

ringwoodandburleyband.co.uk

BAND MEMBERS' SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Sponsorship Scheme has been a success, the majority of the playing members of the band have been sponsored throughout the past year, Our thanks to the participating sponsors.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR 2011 COMPLETED

After a busy Christmas period comprising concerts and carol playing at various venues we commenced our new year programme with participation in the Annual Ibsley Airfield Society memorial service in Ringwood Parish Church.

Saturday 12th March we performed at an excellent new venue for the band, the Broadstone Methodist Church, a well supported and attended concert

**LONG PLAYING RECORD
PRODUCED TO CELEBRATE
OUR CENTENARY IN 1980**



Photos by Steve Pope, Ringwood

The Ringwood Band was founded in 1879 and the Burley band a couple of years later, in 1980 a long playing record financed by John Rayner was produced to celebrate the Band's centenary, the LP was recorded in St. Birinus Church at Morgans Vale, near Salisbury, Wiltshire by J. H. Hassell Recordings in conjunction with Rayner Promotions of Ringwood, the cover featured our Solo Cornet player Jim Adamson who was a member of the band for over 50 years and Martin Watts who was at the time the youngest member of the band, Jim retired several years ago but lives in Ringwood and still takes an interest in the band. Our Musical Director at the time was Peter Stratton, Peter died a few years ago but there are still some present members of the band who were playing with the band on the LP, Tony Mist our Chairman playing E Flat Bass, Trustee John Tamplin on Trombone, Treasurer Vernon Riordan playing Baritone and B Flat Bass player John Rayner who is now the Musical Director of Wilton British Legion Band but he still finds time to continue playing on our Bass line.

BAND NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is produced twice a year, in the summer and again during the Christmas period. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter we welcome contributions, please send your copy to our Secretary. If you no longer wish to receive it please inform the Band Secretary.

**Come
and
join** Vacancy for B Flat
Bass and
Baritone.
Other instruments
also welcome

Top: Chairman of the band Tony Mist receiving cheque from Mr. Yorky Tuke of Co-Operative Funeralcare.



PRESENTATION OF CO-OP CHEQUE

Below: Tony Mist with Tracy Witt and Ray Chalmers of Co-Operative Funeralcare holding a large facsimile of the cheque



ENGAGEMENTS 2011

- Sat 21 May Greyfriars Pre-School Group, 1.45 pm
- Sat 25 June P&O sailaway (Ventura) Soton docks, time TBC
- Fri 1st July Brass on the Grass, Greyfriars, 7.30 pm start
- Sat 9th July P&O sailaway (Oceana) Soton docks, TBC
- Sat 13th Aug Ellingham Show Ringwood, All day
- Sun 4th Sept Royal British Legion Burley, time TBC
Burley Cricket Ground
- Sat 17th Sept Ringwood Carnival (outside Greyfriars) 6 pm
- Fri 23rd Sept Vice-Presidents and Sponsors Concert, Greyfriars, 8 pm, Entrance by invitation ticket only
- Sun 25th Sept Beaulieu Caravan Show, All day
- Sat 8th Oct Barrinton Theatre Concert. 7.30 pm