



# RINGWOOD AND BURLEY BAND

# NEWSLETTER




## THE RINGWOOD AND BURLEY BAND JUNE 11th 2010

*Front row left to right: Frank Pope, John Rayner, George Wilkinson, Gayle Pipe, Bernard Lawson, Noel Smart, Jonathan Griffin, Tony Mist, Ray Alexander.*

*Middle row left to right: Patrick Foss-Smith, Ron Anthony, Alan Farge, Sue Griffin, Tony Gurd, Martin Pipe, Ray Pickett, Vicky Rayner, Clare Foss-Smith, Vernon Riordan.*

*Back row left to right: John Pipe, John Tamplin, Grahame Fisher-Pearson, Hannah Griffin, Jane Lashmar, Arthur Courtney, Cliff Brock, Matthew Douglass, Peter Harris, Alan Hall.*

*Picture by Mark Tamblin Photography.*



The  
Band  
Supporters  
Club runs a  
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From all the  
members of the  
Ringwood and  
Burley Band to all  
their friends and  
supporters



**WHO IS THIS ?**

**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.

**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 SUMMER ENGAGEMENTS 2010**

Our summer programme started on May 1<sup>st</sup> with an invitation to play at a party to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of

Mr. and Mrs. S. Slatter at the Ringwood Social Club.

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> our first Cruise liner playaway of the season, a warm and sunny afternoon, after all the formalities of going through the security setup we arrived on the quayside to play the cruise liner *Artemis* away from the Mayflower Terminal.

We next travelled to Dorchester on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> for a bandstand appearance in the delightful restored Victorian Borough Gardens where we entertained a large audience, who were mostly sitting on the grass and enjoying a summer day out.

This was quickly followed by a Brass on the Grass evening at Greyfriars, a good sized audience was there, the weather was doubtful but we started the concert on the lawn, unfortunately the rain came down during the interval so the concert was completed in the Ebenezer Hall.

Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> an appearance on the bandstand at Christchurch Quay, an enjoyable venue for the band, a fine sunny day with a good sized audience during our concert.

We participated in a Songs of Praise event in Ringwood Parish Church on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, the weather was unsettled so the event was held in the church.



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July we were once again in Southampton for a cruise liner playaway this time with a difference, the band went on board the liner *Arcadia* to perform a concert on the rear deck, this was followed by a quick dash down to the quayside to play the liner off.

We returned to the Barrington Theatre in Ferndown on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> for a concert which was promoted by the band in conjunction with the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club and the Ringwood Tuesday Club, a most successful event, with a well filled

theatre for which the band put on an excellent performance.



The following Friday we gave a concert in Ringwood Parish Church, this was to mark the retirement of the Rev Canon John Turpin, a good friend and supporter of the band, who was retiring after twenty five years in Ringwood.

It was Ringwood Carnival on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, as usual the band participated in the pre-procession activities, sited outside Greyfriars, entertaining the people waiting for the evening procession.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September the band spent a full day at the Caravan Show at Beaulieu, when we played hour long sessions throughout the day.

A new venue for the band on October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Hall in West Moors, unfortunately in front of a very small audience.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November the Annual Remembrance Day Service in Burley Village

*We invite you  
to our*

**ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER 2010  
7.30 pm  
In  
GREYFRIARS HALL

**ADMISSION**



Picture by Peter Harris

## CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO LIONS CLUB

The treasurer of the Ringwood and Burley Band Mr. Vernon Riordan presenting a cheque for £300 to Mr. Geoff Kay, the President of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions, in appreciation of the help given to the band at their recent Celebration Brass concert at the Barrington. At the presentation, Band Chairman Mr Tony Mist paid tribute to the work put in to the event by the Lions group, and all present looked forward to further co-operation between the two local organisations. Mr Mist also expressed, on behalf of the Band, condolences to the family and friends of Mr Chris Hodgson, who sadly passed away just after the concert, and offered the services of the Band to the Lions group, should they be required.

## MALAYSIAN MEDAL



John Tamplin our Bass Trombonist was presented with the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal by Brigadier General Othman Bin Jamal the Malaysian High Commissioner to London.

The medal was presented to all service personnel who served in Malaysia during the emergency period between 1957 -1963 as a thank you from the Malaysian Government.

John served in Singapore with the Royal Air Force Band between 1956-1959

DECEMBER 2010

## THE DOUBLE B

He sits behind a row of horns  
With bass upon his knee  
Pouring out his troubles  
From a double B.  
No triple-tonguing comes his way  
No solo parts get he,  
He is just a chap who compahs,  
Upon a double B.  
But when the band is on parade,  
There in the front is he,  
Loaded to the Plimsoll  
With a double B.  
And when he steps with measured tread  
His heart is filled with glee,  
As he beefs it out like Bashan's bull  
Upon the double B.  
And as he rips it off in yards  
He lets the whole world see,  
That bands would be quite puny things,  
Without a double B.  
And when his marching days are o'er,  
No Golden harp wants he;  
He's going to join the "Flying Corps"  
And blow the double B.  
(With acknowledgements to Wally Binck  
and the Editor, "New Zealand Mouthpiece")

The above poem was found in a scrapbook compiled by the late Pauline Wareham of the band's activities over many years.



## FRANK POPE THE BAND'S Bb BASS PLAYER

Picture by Mark Tamblin Photography

## OUR WEBSITE

Information on the band can be found on our website designed and sponsored by Seemore Graphics of Ringwood.  
[ringwoodandburleyband.co.uk](http://ringwoodandburleyband.co.uk)

## SUMMER SAILAWAYS



We have been fortunate enough to have been allocated two cruise liner sailaways this last summer, The Artemis and the Arcadia, these engagements are an extremely important source of income for the band

## A NEW EXPERIENCE



Christmas is nearly upon us again, and I would like to tell you of something special I experienced last Christmas.

On 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2009, I was involved in one of the most touching Christmas activities I have ever witnessed.

As Bandmaster, it was my privilege to conduct the Ringwood and Burley Band at the Christmas Eve Community Carol Singing. To work with the members of the Ringwood Rotary, an excellent MC and choir was great, then to turn about and see the number of people who had joined us for this special occasion was really amazing. All of Ringwood and the surrounding area must have been there, Then there was a great clatter of horses hooves, as Father Christmas arrived – no reindeer, but the horses did a fine job.

But the part of the proceedings which really took my breath away was when the local children brought nicely wrapped gifts which they handed to Father Christmas for onward transmission to less fortunate children. What a wonderful idea!

To educate the younger members of our community that Christmas is not all about receiving gifts, but also to think of others less fortunate than themselves has to be very worthwhile. There have been many highlights in my nearly 60 years of being involved with brass bands, but I cannot recall many occasions when I have walked away from a job feeling so satisfied.

This year our friends from the Salvation Army will be playing the carols. But the Ringwood and Burley Band will be back again in 2011. I am really looking forward to that – join us if you can, I am sure you will not be disappointed.

**Noel Smart, Bandmaster,  
The Ringwood and Burley Band**

## DID YOU GUESS ?

The picture is of our bandmaster Noel Smart aged three and a half, as a sort of fun mascot for the Otago Company of the New Zealand Scottish Regiment in 1943.

He was not very good on the bugle then, but he has improved over the years.

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## FIFTY YEARS IN THE BRASS BAND MOVEMENT

There was a full house in the Barrington Theatre in Ferndown for the Ringwood and Burley Bands 130th Anniversary Concert on Saturday, September 4th, during the course of the evening the Mayor of Ringwood, Councillor Christine Ford presented four members of the band with certificates and badges to recognise their 50 years of service to the Brass Band movement, the four recipients seen here with the Mayor and the Mayor's Cadet were the Musical Director Bernard Lawson, Bass Trombone player John Tamplin, Tenor Horn player Arthur Courtney and E flat Bass player Tony Mist who is also the band's Chairman/President. Thanks to Beth Courtney for this picture.

Bernard Lawson started his brass banding career playing with the Salvation Army Junior Band at Stanningley near Leeds when he was seven years old, he joined the senior band when he was eleven, he has been a member of the brass band movement for more than 75 years. Bernard's first conducting appointment was on December 12<sup>th</sup> 1949, so he has been conducting for over 60 years. John Tamplin our Bass Trombone player started playing in 1950 with the Air Training Corps band, he then went on to join the Royal Air Force music services in 1955, he

spent one year at the RAF School of Music Uxbridge and was then sent to the Far East RAF band in Singapore, after nearly three years in the Far East he returned to the UK to join the Western Band of the RAF until 1960. After leaving the RAF he joined the Middlesex Yeomanry Royal Signals Band, in 1969 he joined the British Airways Silver Wing Band until he moved to Ringwood in 1971, in 1972 he joined the Ringwood and Burley Band, John has been a brass player for a total of 60 years.

Arthur Courtney started playing in the Dartmouth Borough Band in 1939. During National Service he joined an Army Band playing a French Horn. In 1950 he obtained employment in Bournemouth area where he played with Christchurch and Highcliffe Band also with Ferndown Concert Brass. As well as playing with Ringwood and Burley he plays with Vintage Brass Tony Mist who is also the Band's President/Chairman began playing with the Salvation Army and joined the band when he was a young man, during this period he has played Solo Cornet and Flugel horn but has for many years been our principal Eb Bass player, uniquely Tony's fifty years of brass playing have been all spent with the Ringwood and Burley Band.

We have several other members of the band who have also been awarded the fifty years service badge and certificate, Noel Smart our Bandmaster and member of our front line Cornet Section,

George Wilkinson the band's Principal Euphonium player, in our Bass section Frank Pope Principal Bb Bass also John Rayner Eb Bass and Alan Farge our Repiano Cornet player.

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## OUR CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENTS

### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Outside Ringwood Meeting House, 10 am.

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Avon Tyrrell (provisional)

### TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Ringwood Conservative Club, 7.30 pm

### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Concert, 7.30 pm

### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER,

Carols at Burley Inn, 8 pm

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## OUR 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will as usual be held towards the end of February, see our website for further details.

## 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

**REMEMBER THE DATE**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2011**

**RINGWOOD AND BURLEY BAND**