

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH BANDS NEWSLETTER

March 2020



Welcome to a new half-termly newsletter brought to you by the HCYB Association. It is designed to keep members and their families up to date with all HCYBA matters, and to complement more detailed information available from:

- The HCYB Association Website <http://www.hcyb.org.uk/>
- Email communications chairmanhcyba@gmail.com
- Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HampshireCountyYouthBand/>

A reminder of how it all works

Hampshire Music Service (part of Hampshire County Council) pays for staff and the rehearsal venues at Perins School, using the termly fees of £38 paid to them by ensemble members.

Ticket sales from HCYB concerts are paid to Hampshire Music Service which pays for our concert venues.

Everything else is paid for by the **HCYB Association (HCYBA)**.

The funding for HCYBA comes from:

- Voluntary Contributions to HCYBA of £50 p.a. per family
- Fundraising - Please see section below for highlights.

The following are employees of **Hampshire Music Service (HMS)**:

- Jock McKenzie - HCYB Musical Director and County Band Conductor
- Emma Davis - HMS Administrator
- Jon Cranston - Training Band Conductor
- Matt Watling and Jo Johnson - Junior Band Conductors
- Adam Denman - Endangered Species Project Tutor
- Mark Streater - Percussion tutor

The HCYB Association is a registered charity (No 297707), set up to advance the musical education of the HCYB and to support the work of Hampshire Music Service. The Association has its own constitution and rules, and the committee meet half-termly, with an AGM in November. The committee is made up of unpaid volunteers, and one of its duties is to consider all requests for HCYB spend. Current members are:

- Brian Stoker - Chair
- Lorna Leather - Vice Chair
- Cathi McKenzie - Secretary
- Lee Farley - Treasurer
- Other members - Pip Armitage, Joanne Gill, Heather McLeod, Gwen Provost, Yvonne Martin, Ian McDonald, Melanie McDonald, Jo Douthwaite, Mary Bithell.

Fundraising highlights include

- The Training Band and Junior Band raised **£317.42** at the Buttercross, Winchester on December 14th
- The raffle held at the St Swithun's Christmas concert on December 15th raised **£669**
- The County Band and past members raised **£932** on 21st December and Christmas Eve at the Buttercross.

Thank you to everybody for their fundraising efforts - All fund raising ideas are very welcome - please contact chairmanhcyba@gmail.com

Information on Easyfundraising (through on line shopping with over 4,000 retailers), which has so far raised over **£1,600** for HCYB can be found at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hcyba/>

Funds can also be raised through Amazon Smile. If you shop at Amazon you can now generate donations for your chosen charity by placing orders via smile.amazon.co.uk. Once you have selected Amazon Smile you can search for Hampshire County Youth Band Association and then select it to receive donations when you shop. To raise funds in this way please visit: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Where funds have been (and will be) spent

2019

- Tours, Fairthorne Residential, Endangered Species Project
- Purchase and repair of instruments and equipment
- Purchase of music.

2020

- Endangered Species Project
- Hampshire Festival of Brass
- Junior Band Isle of Wight weekend
- Fairthorne Residential - sectional tutors and professional players
- Training Band summer tour to Austria
- A New PA system
- Purchase of music
- Purchase and repair of instruments and equipment.

Volunteer helpers

All our volunteer helpers are vital, and preferences where people feel they can give assistance are recorded on the HCYB Family Form.

Further information is on HCYBA website, under “Hands for the Bands”

<http://www.hcyb.org.uk/>

Please contact chairmanhcyba@gmail.com if you are able to help in any way.

News from the Bands

The next edition will contain updates from our Conductors

County Band -

Training Band -

Junior Band -

Endangered Species -

After an exceptionally successful 2019 which saw all its members join the Junior Band in September - the Endangered Species Project led by Adam Denman has been relaunched after the February half-term break.

Other HCYB News

We hope to welcome back **Jo Johnson** to Saturday rehearsals at Perins during April.

Important Dates for your Diary

March 15th and 16th
Hampshire Festival of Brass

May 15th to 17th
Junior Band Isle of Wight weekend

Sunday July 12th
End of term concert at St Swithun's

July 22nd to 29th
Training Band summer tour to Austria

September 18th to 20th
Fairthorne Residential

December - to be confirmed
Buttercross performances, Winchester

December - to be confirmed
St Swithun's Concert

Plus thinking ahead - HCYB will celebrate our **60th anniversary in 2023** -
details to follow!

