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The  
newsletter  
of Stannary  
Brass Band

# Stannary Brass



## Our first edition

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Stannary Brass Band. The newsletter will bring you all the latest news on the band, training band, concerts and activities associated with the band.

If you have any news or a personal story that you would like to share please get in touch with a member of the committee.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If you would like to join the committee in any capacity you just need someone to nominate you. Why not give it a go?

### Dates for the diary:

11<sup>th</sup> March – AGM

19<sup>th</sup> April - private function

10<sup>th</sup> May – anniversary concert

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

2020 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stannary Brass Band. A highlight of the year will be a special concert on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May to coincide with the Tavistock Festival. The concert will be held at The Wharf and will feature a specially commissioned piece by David Gray. All Stannary Brass Band players, past and present are invited to play.

A rehearsal will take place in the afternoon followed by a break when food will be available for all players before the concert begins in the evening. For full details check our website which will be updated as the timetable for the day is finalised.

## Poster Competition

A special concert needs a special poster. There will be a prize for the best poster (as voted for by the band) in each of two categories: 1) Those over 16 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2) Those under 16 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May

Entries should be submitted to any member of the committee by 10<sup>th</sup> March

Check the website for full details on how to enter.

## The MD's Message

It has been a very good start to our anniversary year and we are very happy to welcome some new members to the band. We are currently in the process of changing our programme of music and working on new pieces for our anniversary concert. We look forward to including the Training Band in the upcoming anniversary concert both playing independently and together with the senior band.

*Peter Jones*

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# Training Band

Crucial to the future of the band is bringing in new players and encouraging young players to progress and move to the senior band. The Training Band welcomes players of all ages and abilities to come and learn to play.

Two senior band members presently share conducting duties – Zach and Charles. They are currently preparing the Training Band for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert. Our third conductor, Maddy, has stood down due to her current study commitments – she received a ‘Thank You’ card signed by everyone in the Training Band.

Thanks to our generous sponsors we were able to award three £250 bursaries in 2019 to members of the Training Band for personal tuition. Abigail, Isabel and Louise were the recipients. We hope to be able to award more bursaries in 2020.

# Fundraising News



Left: Members of the band accepting a cheque from the Co-op Community Fund at the Co-op's Tavistock branch.

We had an excellent fundraising year in 2019, the highlight being a cheque for over £4,000 from the Co-op Community Fund. We are using the grant money for workshops and towards buying new music and instruments. We also received £1000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards one of our core costs - the hire of our rehearsal room at Mount Kelly.

We are constantly looking for new avenues of funding so if you know of any fundraising opportunities that we could pursue please talk to a committee member.

Do you have any unused gifts or saleable items? Please consider donating them to the band for the raffle at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert or for a Car Boot Sale in the Spring.

Talk to Alison or Judi.

## New Members

Welcome to Ruth (cornet), Claire (flugel) and Apollo (baritone) who joined the band in January.

If you know of anyone interested in joining or learning to play please encourage them to come along on a Wednesday to our Beginners Group, Training Band or to Senior Band.