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15th 7:15pm  
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3rd July Welland Church  
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## Welcome

Welcome to the December newsletter from Worcester Concert Brass. This newsletter features: The Bandstand Marathon, The World Half Marathon, Bishampton, Stratford-upon-Avon and Last Night of the Proms concerts. Here we also have information on our Annual Christmas Concert for the Mayor of Worcester.

So spread the word among all your friends, ask them to sign up to WCB updates via the link above and we look forward to seeing you at the next concert.

## Recent Activities

### Stratford Upon Avon

This is always a popular concert at the bandstand opposite the theatre, especially in nice weather. There was a good audience with one man, who claimed to have attended most of the concerts at the bandstand, said, "magnificent, superb and so well turned out!". Another was assuming the band contested, we don't but a tremendous compliment all the same! The band was also pleased with one man who offered to leaflet his area for the following concert in Redditch.

### Redditch Bandstand Marathon



Once again the band had an excellent response to the Village

People number and a man with young children on the opposite side of the road to us, whilst we were playing Eye of the Tiger, was spied sparring to the music! The band also featured in the local press as part of the Redditch festival.

### **World Half Marathon Gig**

The band rose early on a Sunday morning to travel to Bourneville to provide music and moral support to the runners of the world half marathon. Despite having to stand and play for nearly three hours, the fantastic response from the runners as they passed by made it almost worth the rain as well! Some even joined in with the YMCA actions!

A special thank you to our helpers and Keith, who had to hold his Bb Bass for the whole session!

### **Bishampton Concert**

Assistant conductor Edward Holmes took the helm at this concert at Bishampton village hall. Performing with us were the Vale singers who treated us to a varied mix of music and even joined in with the band for "If I ruled the World".

Although the audience was a little small, they were very appreciative. Several people in the audience approached us to say how well the band had played and how much they had enjoyed the programme.

Thanks go to all our guests in particular Paul J for coming from such a distance and to Terry, who stepped in on percussion on only a few hours' notice. A special thanks to Bill and Sue who provided a spectacular supper afterwards for a select few - and band members!

### **Last Night of the Proms Concert**

Everyone attending this concert got a free party popper and flag and all entered into the spirit for Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory and the 1812 overture. Both young and old took great delight in trying to time their "cannon" to go off in the right place in the music. The raffle was particularly successful, if a little embarrassing, as the band members kept winning! A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated a raffle prize.

### **Worcester Victorian Fayre**

There was a good turn out for this concert outside the Guildhall by players and audience alike, despite the cold

weather. The music performed matched the theme with an Euphonium duet "Sounds of Switzerland", "Blue Interlude" and a rendition of "Baby it's Cold Outside" to name a few! An elderly couple said how they liked "Cavatina" and how lovely it was to hear a brass band playing quietly and sensitively. There was also a young security guard who said how much she had enjoyed the band.

### Forthcoming Events



#### **Annual Christmas Mayor of Worcester's Concert**

Friday 4 December 2009 at 7.30 pm

The Guildhall, Worcester

The band will be showcasing pieces arranged for brass band including "Eye of the Tiger", Salvationist March "The Shining star" and "The Wonder of Christmas" as well as Christmas carols for the audience to sing along to. The evening will also feature music from talented cellists Sheila Joynes and Matt Peters.

There will be solos from principal cornet Nick Swarbrick and Eliza Nichol on Tenor Horn. Look out for a romance between the Flugel and Trombone in the second half!

Book your tickets to find out who has won the WCB President's cup this year, voted for by members of the band.

**Tickets are £6** to include tea/coffee and mince pies. The money raised will go to the Mayor's nominated charities: Worcester Leg club and St Richard's Hospice.

### **Strensham Services**

Raising money for band funds and charity, small groups of members will entertain weary travellers on the south side of the M5 this month (December):

Tuesday 15th 7:15pm

Saturday 19th 11am

Sunday 20th 11am

Tuesday 22nd 7:15pm

All are welcome as players or bucket holders. For those who won't be using the M5 to get there (our Malvern members), here are alternative [Directions](#).

### **Gigs 2010**

The first part of the year is quiet for WCB, as the band practice new pieces of music and have a well earned rest from the busy festive period. Look out for information on the band

social in January and as soon as it's finalised there will be a whole new list of concerts for 2010. See the left panel for a taster of the year to come!

### Join in!

Don't forget the band want to play music their listeners will enjoy so please send in your suggestions!

([info@worcesterconcertbrass.org.uk](mailto:info@worcesterconcertbrass.org.uk)) There is a list of our music on our website:

<http://www.worcesterconcertbrass.org.uk/music.html>

### And Finally...

A solution for bands who struggle to get percussion players:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq4\\_JMQ3s0Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq4_JMQ3s0Q)

(Thanks to Steve for this suggestion!)

If you have anything you would like to contribute to this newsletter please email

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