

## **B Band Report April 2005**

Another mixed year for the B Band

As you know, Stanley died. He had been one of our stalwarts. His executors have given the band his music tutor books (lots of them), trumpets, cornet and clarinet.

We managed two jobs last Summer. I was pleased with the standard of performance at both. Thanks are also due to those members of the main band who helped out. We have been asked back to both venues this year. I was also pleased at the band's performance in our section of the carol concert at Wesley Hall. It was nice to be involved in that again, and also to play with the main band in two of the carols. I would like to see the B Band do a few more jobs each year, but, as I reported last year, this still depends (as well as being asked) on help from the main band being available.

The standard of playing has generally improved again. We still suffer from lack of middle/bottom end players. This has a big effect on the music that can be attempted. Some new players have come in. Some have left. There is still a problem with attendance. I understand the problems of getting here for 7 p.m. and also the reasons why some cannot come every week, but, from the Band's point of view, it would help if more of the players could attend more regularly

I have been very pleased at the success of the experiment of B Band members joining with the Main Band most Wednesdays until 9 p.m. and would like to thank Mike, the Committee and the players for their part in arranging and facilitating this.

Special thanks are due to:-

Adam for opening up

Margaret and Joe for all the work they do, including efforts to advertise

Clare for the advertising in which she has included the B Band

All those main band players who have come and sat in at the B Band rehearsals, particularly to Steven who is there most weeks for the whole hour

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