

Store keeper's Report - 2009/2010

Not an eventful year. We have purchased no new instruments but I have had to make a few trips to have a number of small repairs to iron out dinks and dents and also to have slides moved. Dinks and dents happen, we all know how easy it is to knock an instrument on something but having stuck slides moved is a waste of time and money when it is so easy to prevent them sticking in the first place. Please could all players make sure that they own a pot of suitable grease for their slides and use it regularly. If there are players who are not sure how to keep their instruments working well and clean inside and out please let me know and I will gladly run over basic maintenance procedures.

I was asked by the insurance company to review the value of the instruments we own that were likely to be worth over £5000 as these have to be itemised on the insurance. I discovered that it added 6 instruments to the existing list. This led me to look at the values of all our other instruments. I won't go into details here but please be careful, the value of your instrument has gone up. Band instruments are adequately insured. If you are playing an instrument belonging to you personally please make sure it too is well insured. Unless you have purchased it very recently I think you may be surprised how much it would cost to replace it now.

On a lighter note the band has sold a euphonium. It was probably purchased by the band in the 1950s and in its day was a lovely instrument but now it is in need of a lot of work on the valves and the metal has become extremely thin in the places where it has been held for many long hours over the years. In short it is worn out. It has gone to a loving home for its retirement. The gentleman that bought it is not only very capable of doing any of the work needed to make it playable again but he is an ex member of the band and it is the instrument he used to play. He is so pleased to be reunited with the euphonium and has expressed a wish to come and join us for a rehearsal at some time in the future for old times sake.

Carol Maher - 12th April 2010
