

## Property Master's Report

This year we have bought another portable drum kit as our old one is on it's last legs. It hasn't been out and about as yet but when the jobs start in the summer doubtless it will become useful. We have also purchased six cornets for the Progress band and they are making good use of these.

The van was very useful last season. It meant that the larger instruments and percussion could be transported safely without people having to carry and load them into their own cars which can cause a certain amount of wear and tear on both to cars and instruments. It also means that for some jobs we can transport smaller instruments and jackets meaning that people can use public transport with greater ease.

### **Jackets.**

Our jackets are expensive items. I am finding it increasingly difficult to purchase good quality jacket covers that are also light enough to be carried about. So once again I ask please don't carry your jacket to and from gigs without it being in it's cover, don't lose the cover provided and don't lose the good metal hangers that are in some of the covers, they can't be replaced.

### **Store**

The instrument store is not the best. Beggars can't be choosers and the place is mouldy and damp. But however quickly you may want to get in and out of it please don't just dump stuff in the middle and don't damage the shelves by just tugging at items that may be tightly wedged. We have sustained some damage to the shelving and it is also dangerous as the shelves can't be fixed to the walls and they could well topple over. Equally could we refrain from storing crates of music or other heavy items high up as this is also unsafe.

Finally I would like to say a big Thank you to those who regularly stay and help to heft all the gear back in to the store each Wednesday and to anyone who has helped us to carry gear too and from the van, your efforts are much appreciated.