

# SECRETARY'S REPORT – 2017/18

## PLAYERS

We have welcomed four new players during the past year – Alex Batteson on Ebb Bass, Graham Lunn on trombone, and Phillip Aitken on cornet; Bob Barnes has also joined the main band, along with being a member of the Progress Band. Unfortunately we have had to say farewell to Stephen Wood.

## CONTESTS

The main band is registered with the Brass Band Players Registry for all contests.

The band has taken part in four contests since the 2017 AGM, competing in the:

- SCABA Entertainments, Crawley on Sunday 21 May 2017, being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 bands;
  - Butlin's Mineworkers Contest, Skegness on Saturday 13 January 2018, placed 3 out of 15 bands in the Third Section, playing Henry V by Vaughan Williams;
  - SCABA Spring Contest on Sunday 25 February 2018, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 2 bands in the Third Section, playing, Napoleon on the Alps, Philip Harper;
- and
- London & Southern Counties Regional Contest in Stevenage on Sunday 17 March, placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 14 bands in the Third Section, also playing Napoleon on the Alps, Philip Harper.

The main band's current grading, both Nationally (London & Southern Counties Region) and locally (SCABA) is Third Section, following promotion in January 2018.

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## CONCERTS

The main band has 6 confirmed paying jobs, plus contests and other gigs in aid of charity or community groups.

Please see list below:

Sunday 15 April	NESTA BEAUMONT'S 90 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY, SALTDEAN 3 pm
Sunday 12 May	VICTORIA GARDENS BANDSTAND, BROADSTAIRS, 2.30 – 4 pm
Saturday 2 June	LEAS VILLAGE FETE, LEAS CLIFF, FOLKESTONE, 2.30 pm
Saturday 16 June	CRYSTAL PALACE FESTIVAL, VILLAGE BANDSTAND CP PARK, 5.35 pm
Sunday 8 July	GREENWICH PARK BANDSTAND, 3.00 – 5.00 pm
Sunday 2 September	RUSKIN PARK BANDSTAND, DENMARK HILL, 3 – 5 pm
Sunday 23 September	DEAL MEMORIAL BANDSTAND, 2.30 pm
<i>Sunday 30 September</i>	<i>SCABA AUTUMN CONTEST, THE HAWTH THEATRE, CRAWLEY</i>
<i>Saturday 3 November</i>	<i>WYCHAVON ENTERTAINMENT CONTEST, MALVERN</i>
Sunday 11 November	REMEMBRANCE PARADE, BELMONT, 10 am
Sunday 25 November	LEEDS CASTLE CHRISTMAS MARKET
Thursday 6 December	CAROLS - THE STROKE ASSOCIATION, WATERLOO STATION, 5.30 – 7 pm

Please keep checking the member's area of the website for any diary updates and please complete the Gig list with your availability as soon as possible to let us know in plenty of time if you are unable to be there.

With many thanks for all your help and support over the past year.

**Rachel Bleach**  
**April 2018**